

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

June 13, 2021



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Important Reminders:

Turn off all cellular devices during the worship service.

Do not bring food or drink into the sanctuary.

Maintain at least 6 feet between yourself and others.

*How great is the love the Father has lavished on us,
that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!*

1 John 3:1a

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 23

Pastor: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall lack nothing.

People: **He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul.**

Pastor: He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

People: **Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

Pastor: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

People: **You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

Pastor: Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,

People: **And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

** those who are able please stand*

Q. Christian, what do you believe about your adoption as a child of God?

A. We believe that all those who are justified,
God graciously guarantees to make partakers of the grace of adoption,
in and for his only Son, Jesus Christ.

By this act we are taken into the number of God's children
and enjoy the liberties and privileges of that relationship:
we are given His name;
we receive the Spirit of adoption;
we have access to the throne of grace with boldness;
and we are enabled to cry, "Abba, Father."

Like a father, God has compassion on us, protects us,
provides for us, and chastens us;
yet, we will never be cast off,
but are sealed to the day of redemption,
and will inherit the promises as heirs of everlasting salvation.

*The Westminster Confession of Faith expresses the teachings of the Bible in summary form.
It was comprised at the Westminster Assembly in London (1643-1648), and it sets forth the doctrinal
standards of North Macon Presbyterian Church and our denomination, the Presbyterian Church in America.*

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Psalm 23 paraphrase by Isaac Watts



My Shep-herd will sup - ply my need; Je - ho - vah is his name;
When I walk through the shades of death, Your pre-sence is my stay;
 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;



In pas - tures fresh He makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.
One word of Your sup-port-ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
 O may Your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.



He brings my wan-dering spir - it back when I for-sake His ways;
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;
 There would I find a set - tled rest, While oth - ers go and come;



And leads me, for His mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
My cup with bless-ings o - ver flows, Your oil a - noints my head.
 No more a stran - ger, nor a guest, But like a child at home.

Used by Permission. CCLI License #202766

Receiving of New Members

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Caroline Bowers, David Carter, David Drummond, Carly Godwin,
Lydia Johnson, Betty Luce, Dick & Sandy Manwaring, and Molly Smith*

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope except in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and depend upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes a follower of Jesus Christ?
4. Do you promise to serve Christ in His Church by supporting and participating in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to further its purity and peace?

Right Hand of Fellowship

NMPC Elders

Call to Prayer

Luke 11:9-13

So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Rev. Josh Garrett

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offertory

Please fill out the information sheet beside your bulletin. Also, we encourage those watching online to 'make a comment' so that we can record your presence with us.

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 43:1-5a

*Hymn of Preparation

Isaiah 43

Isaiah 43

1. When you pass through the wa-ters, I will be with you. And the
2. When you walk through the fire, you'll not be burned. And the

waves will not ov-er- come you. Do not fear for I have re-
flames will not con - sume you. Do not fear for I have re-

deemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine.
deemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine.

Women: I am the Lord your God.
Men: For I am the Lord your God. I am the Lord your

God. I am the Ho-ly One of Is- ra-el, your Sa - vior. I am the Lord.
Do not
fear. Do not fear. Do not fear. Do not fear.
I am the Lord. I am the Lord. I am the Lord.

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

Children of God
Galatians 3:26-4:7

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Hymn of Response

#701 - *Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It!*

*Benediction

Revelation 1:5b-6

Now to Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his precious blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to Him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

*Doxology

#731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Postlude

Visitors: Welcome! Please feel free to speak with one of the pastors or elders after the service. They would be glad to answer any questions you may have and would enjoy meeting you. *If you desire to receive email communications from the church, please email Monni Parrish at monni@nmpc.net and she will add you to the distribution list.*

•The Preached Word•

Title: *Children of God*

Text: Galatians 3:26-4:7

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 944 in your pew Bible

Romans 8:30

And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

Belgic Confession, Article 20

We believe that—all Adam’s descendants, having thus fallen into damnation and ruin by the sin of Adam—God showed Himself to be as He is: merciful and just.

God is merciful in delivering and saving from this damnation those who,
in the eternal and unchangeable divine counsel,
have been elected and chosen in Jesus Christ our Lord,
by His pure goodness,
without any consideration of their works.

God is just in leaving the others in their ruin and damnation into which they plunged themselves.

WSC Q. 31. *What is effectual calling?*

Effectual calling is the work of God’s Spirit, whereby,
convincing us of our sin and misery,
enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ,
and renewing our wills,
He doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ,
freely offered in the gospel.

WSC Q. 86. *What is faith in Jesus Christ?*

Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace,
whereby we receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation,
as He is offered to us in the gospel.

WSC Q. 87. *What is repentance unto life?*

Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner,
out of a true sense of his sin,
and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ,
does, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God,
with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.

WSC Q. 33. *What is justification?*

Justification is an act of God's free grace,
wherein He pardons all our sins,
and accepts us as righteous in His sight,
only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us,
and received by faith alone.

WSC Q. 34. *What is adoption?*

Adoption is an act of God's free grace,
whereby we are received into the number,
and have a right to all the privileges of the sons of God.

Ephesians 1:4-6

For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. *In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ*, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

Ephesians 2:1-3

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when *you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient*. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.

John 8:44-47

You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me! Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe me? He who belongs to God hears what God says. *The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God*.

John 20:17

Jesus said, Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, I am returning to *my Father and your Father, to my God and your God*.

Galatians 3:26

You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 4:4-7

But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.

Romans 8:15-17

For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

1 John 3:1

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

Matthew 3:16-17

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Zephaniah 3:17

The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing.

Psalms 103:13

As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

Isaiah 40:11

He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

Deuteronomy 32:10-11

In a desert land he found him, in a barren and howling waste. He shielded him and cared for him; he guarded him as the apple of his eye, like an eagle that stirs up its nest and hovers over its young, that spreads its wings to catch them and carries them on its pinions.

Matthew 6:26-32

Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, What shall we eat? or What shall we drink? or What shall we wear? For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

Philippians 4:19-20

And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Hebrews 12:5-8

And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: *My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son.* Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons.

Hebrews 4:14-16

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. *Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.* (See also Luke 11:9-13 in the Call to Prayer)

2 Corinthians 1:20

For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.

Ephesians 1:13-14

And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. *Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.*

Pray for Our Members:

Howard Gordon
Becky Gorman
Jim Grier
Adam, Joanna, Sam, Breck & Ruthie Griffin

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month:

Jonas and Christina Davison are part of a church planting team in Japan where they use the arts to build bridges for evangelism & discipleship.

Pray for Those in Need:

Expecting: Melissa Newell (6/14), Bonnie Barnes Andree (6/22), Katie Singleton (6/25), Molly Prestwood (7/19) & Allie Monsted (7/28)

Newborns: Betsy Lambert, Smith Dozier, Mary Louise Cathey, Ford Anderson, Genevieve Moran, Hayley Taylor, Summer Robinson, Charlie Cantrell.

Members Caring for Loved Ones: Becky Gorman (Randy); Steve Smith (dad); Amelia Smith (mom); Howard Gordon (mom); Tricia Barton (mom); Monni Parrish (dad).

Recovering/Sick: Sally Lee (hip); Kathy Stanley (Parkinson's); John LaPish (knee); Jennifer Burch (back)

Bereaved: Joe Timberlake (Peggy); Liz Ream & the McKelveys (Buck); Tricia Barton (dad); Charles Baker (sister); Charlie Parrish (mom); Amy Self (mom); Chris Wilson (dad); Kathy Kersey (brother); Cathy Crumbley (mom); Cindy Voss (Ed); Justin & Haynes Studstill (Tyler); Jim Grier (Melanie); John Timms (brother); Cathie Dondes (David); Jill Bloodworth (mom); Margaret Shelton (grandfather); Monni Parrish (mom); Cheryl Willis (sister); Jennifer Hornick (step-dad).

Our Leaders: the Session, Diaconate, Women's Ministry Committee, and Staff; our local, state and federal governmental officials.

• Discipleship Opportunities •

Summer Sunday School Classes

Adults: Discussing *Gentle & Lowly* in the Fellowship Hall

Youth: Discussing *Gentle & Lowly* in the Youth Room

3rd-6th Grade: *Listening to Jesus*—taught by Duncan Cantrell in Room 122

K4-2nd Grade: *Living Together: the Faithfulness of God in the Families of the Patriarchs*—taught by Jill Bloodworth, Caleb & Hannah Henning & Kelly Smith in Room 121.

Summer Fellowships on Wednesday Nights

6:00 Dinner

6:45 Singing

6:55 Hebrews 11:5-6 Hero - Enoch

7:10 Dessert & Fellowship

Dinner menu this week: Hamburger Stroganoff, Green Beans, Salad, Garlic Bread and Dessert.

Small Groups

If you are interested in joining a Small Group, please contact Josh or Payton.

• Financial Update •

as of June 6, 2021

General Operations

2021 Receipts: \$ 641,368
2021 Expenses: \$ 466,883

Faith Promise for Missions

2021 Receipts: \$ 43,075
Needed by June 30: \$ 24,725
to support our 20 missionaries

Building Loan Balance

May 31, 2021: \$ 536,962

• Announcements •

Monday Morning Prayer - We will gather for Monday Morning Prayer from 9:00 - 10:00 AM. If you have a prayer request, please let one of the pastors know.

2021 High School Graduates - Would you help us put together a “book of encouragement” for each high school graduate by scanning the QR code or leaving a handwritten note in the front office? Thank you!



Summer Playground Hangouts: On the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of June and July (6/10, 6/24, 7/8 & 7/22) there will be snacks and drinks set out by the playground at 10am. Bring a chair and some friends, and come play on the playground!

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Billy Adams birthday by his wife Beverly, their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.



NORTH MACON

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Mission

To glorify and enjoy God, love and equip His people for the work of His ministry, and make disciples of all nations.

	Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
Session	Cleve Cunningham Neal Ham Dan Strawn* Jeff Thompson*	Jason Churchwell Tommy James	Ed Grimsley* Paul McCommon Rob Morton Howard Reed

	Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
Diaconate	Dwayne Benson Matt Cathey* Patrick Hoye Brandon Youmans	Lee Burch Hays Fyke Grant Nicholson Shane Self	Silas Peed* Wes Seay*

**indicates the officer is at the end of a 2nd term and will roll off*

Staff	Every Member, <i>Ministers</i>	Anna Smith, <i>Youth Assistant</i>
	Hunter Stevenson, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	Kathy Pye, <i>Church Secretary</i>
	Josh Garrett, <i>Associate Pastor</i>	Monni Parrish, <i>Administrator,</i>
	Duncan Cantrell, <i>Assistant Pastor</i>	<i>Financial Director & Pianist</i>
	Payton Churchwell, <i>Women's Ministry Coordinator</i>	Melanie Buckner, <i>Music Director</i>
Mark Ballard, <i>Youth Director</i>	Debbie McCommon, <i>North Macon Preschool Director</i>	

5707 Rivoli Drive, Macon, GA 31210 | Phone: 478.477.7777 | Website: www.nmpc.net

North Macon belongs to the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), a denomination seeking to be Faithful to the Scriptures, True to the Reformed Faith, and Obedient to the Great Commission.