

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

June 27, 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.

*So I say, live by the Spirit,
and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.
Galatians 5:26*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Revelation 5:6, 9-14

Pastor: Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. And they sang a new song:

People: **You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.**

Pastor: Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they sang:

People: **Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and praise!**

Pastor: Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing:

People: **To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor, glory and power, for ever and ever!**

Pastor: The four living creatures said, 'Amen!', and the elders fell down and worshiped.

*Praise Hymn

#101 - Come, Thou Almighty King

*Invocation

Rev. Duncan Cantrell

*Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Question 35
Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 13.2-3

Pastor: Christian, what is sanctification?

People: Sanctification is the work of God's free grace,
whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God,
and are enabled more and more to die unto sin,
and live unto righteousness.

This sanctification, although imperfect in this life,
affects every part of man's nature.
Some remnants of corruption still persist in every part,
and so there arises a continual and irreconcilable war—
the flesh warring against the Spirit,
and the Spirit against the flesh.

Although in this war the remaining corruption
may strongly prevail for a time,
yet, through the continual supply of strength
from the sanctifying Spirit of Christ,
the regenerate nature overcomes,
and so the saints grow in grace,
perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

*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.*

* those who are able please stand

Come Thou Fount

Robinson/Brown



Come thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;
O that day, when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy love - ly face;

streams of mer - cy ne - ver ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee.
cloth - ed then in blood washed lin - en, how I'll sing Thy sov - 'reign grace.

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:
 Prone to wan - der — Lord, I feel it — prone to leave the God I love:
Come, my Lord, no long - er tar - ry, take my ran - somed soul a - way;

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
send Thine an - gels now to car - ry me to realms of end - less day.

Call to Prayer

Romans 8:28-31

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Rev. Duncan Cantrell

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

Romans 7:14-25
page 915 in the pew Bible

*Hymn of Preparation

Jesus, I Come
printed on page 5

Jesus, I Come

William Sleeper and Greg Thompson



Out of my bond - age, sor - row and night, Je - sus, I come; Je - sus, I come.
Out of my shame - ful fail - ure and loss, Je - sus, I come; Je - sus, I come.
 Out of un - rest and ar - ro-gant pride, Je - sus, I come; Je - sus, I come.
Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Je - sus, I come; Je - sus, I come.



In - to Thy free - dom, glad-ness, and light Je - sus, I come to Thee.
In - to the glo - rious gain of Thy cross, Je - sus, I come to Thee.
 In - to Thy bless - ed will to a - bide, Je - sus, I come to Thee.
In - to the joy and light of Thy home, Je - sus, I come to Thee.



Out of my sick-ness__ in - to Thy health, Out of my want-ing and in - to Thy wealth,
Out of earth's sor - rows__ in - to Thy balm, Out of life's storms__ and in - to Thy calm,
 Out of my self__ to dwell in Thy love, Out of de-spair in - to rap-tures a - bove,
Out of the depths__ of ru - in un-told, In - to the peace of Thy shelt-er-ing fold,



Out of my sin__ and in - to Thy - self, Je - sus, I come to Thee.
Out of dis - tress in - to ju - bi - lant psalm, Je - sus, I come to Thee.
 Up - ward for - ev - er on wings like a dove, Je - sus, I come to Thee.
Ev - er Thy glo - ri - ous face to be - hold, Je - sus I come to Thee.

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Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

Living by the Spirit
 Romans 8:1-17

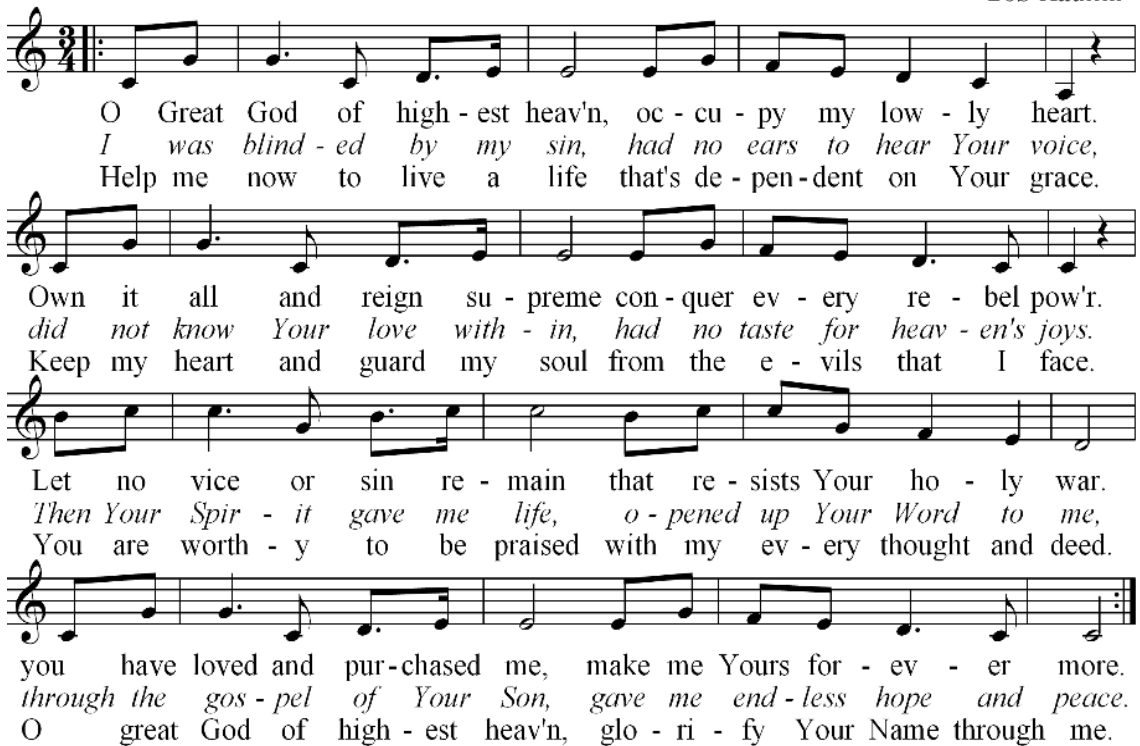
Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Hymn of Response

O Great God

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Bob Kauflin



O Great God of high - est heav'n, oc - cu - py my low - ly heart.
I was blind - ed by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,
Help me now to live a life that's de - pen - dent on Your grace.

Own it all and reign su - preme con - quer ev - ery re - bel pow'r.
did not know Your love with - in, had no taste for heav - en's joys.
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the e - vils that I face.

Let no vice or sin re - main that re - sists Your ho - ly war.
Then Your Spir - it gave me life, o - pened up Your Word to me,
You are worth - y to be praised with my ev - ery thought and deed.

you have loved and pur - chased me, make me Yours for - ev - er more.
through the gos - pel of Your Son, gave me end - less hope and peace.
O great God of high - est heav'n, glo - ri - fy Your Name through me.

*Benediction

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word. Amen.

*Doxology

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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

•The Preached Word•

Title: *Living by the Spirit*

Text: Romans 8:1-17

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 916 in your pew Bible

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

Belgic Confession, Article 16: *The Doctrine of Election*

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. 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. 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. 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.

WSC Q. 35. *What is sanctification?*

Sanctification is the work of God's free grace,
whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God,
and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

WSC Q. 36. *What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?*

The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from
justification, adoption, and sanctification, are,
assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Spirit,
increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.

WSC Q. 37. *What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?*

The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness,
and do immediately pass into glory;
and their bodies, being still united to Christ,
do rest in their graves till the resurrection.

WSC Q. 38. *What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?*

At the resurrection, believers being raised up in glory,
shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment,
and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

2 Corinthians 3:18

And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, *are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory*, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

2 Thessalonians 2:13-14

But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning *God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit* and through belief in the truth. He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 6:5, 10

If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. *...count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.*

Galatians 5:16-17

So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. *For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want.*

Matthew 11:28-29

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

John 6:37

...whoever comes to Me I will never drive away.

Mark 2:17

It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.

The Spirit-dependent Path for Progress in Sanctification

1. I must obey.
2. I cannot obey.
3. Do I want to obey or not?
4. I cast myself upon the Spirit.
5. I obey.

North Macon Presbyterian Church

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

More specifically, NMPC seeks to glorify God and make disciples by...

Providing a Home

- Warm & welcoming
- Connected & caring for one another
- Vulnerable & gracious

Proclaiming the Gospel

- Christ-centered worship & expository preaching
- Classes to educate, encourage & equip
- Small Groups to disciple & deepen relationships

Partnering with Ministries

- North Macon Preschool
- *RUF, STF, CCS, EE, CC and OOD*
- 20 Missionaries & 2 short-term Mission Trips
- Central GA Presbytery & General Assembly

*Local Ministries

RUF – Reformed University Fellowship (Mercer, Wesleyan & Valdosta State)

STF – Strong Tower Fellowship

CCS – Covenant Care Services

EE – Evangelism Explosion

CC – Campus Clubs

OOD – Out of Darkness

Pray for Our Members:

Jason, Allison, Benjamin & Patton Hawkins
Caleb & Hannah Henning
Ron & Robin Henning
Tabitha, Ella & Zander Hinson

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

Newborns: Lakelyn Newell, 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); 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); Cathe 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 & other rooms

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 Heroes of the Faith

7:10 Dessert & Fellowship

Dinner menu this week: **Barbecritos**

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 •

General Assembly - The 48th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America will be held in St. Louis this week. General Assembly is the largest annual gathering of our denomination, and it represents in one body all 1,927 churches of the PCA. Our Teaching Elders (Pastors), Duncan, Hunter & Josh, and one of our Ruling Elders, Rob Morton, will represent NMPC. Please pray for the General Assembly and for our elders who will attend.

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.

Barberitos this Wednesday Night - Barberitos will be catering our dinner this Wednesday evening. Kathy Pye will send out an email tomorrow to get a head count so we will know how much food to order. Come and join us!

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!



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Mission

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

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

Diaconate	Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
	Dwayne Benson Matt Cathey* Patrick Hoyer 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</i>	Melanie Buckner, <i>Music Director</i>
	<i>Ministry Coordinator</i>	Debbie McCommon, <i>North Macon</i>
	Mark Ballard, <i>Youth Director</i>	<i>Preschool Director</i>

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