

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

July 11, 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.

Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits
Psalm 103:2

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-8

Pastor: Praise the LORD, O my soul! All my inmost being, praise his holy name!

People: Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits!

Pastor: He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases. He redeems my life from the pit and crowns me with love and compassion.

People: He satisfies my desires with good things, so that my youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Pastor: The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:

People: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY/Henry Van Dyke

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and joyful, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words in italics. The lyrics are: Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love; All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays, Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest, Mor - tals join the might - y cho - rus, which the morn - ing stars be - gan; Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, open - ing to the sun a - bove. Stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cent - er of un - bro - ken praise; Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest! Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us, broth - er love binds man to man. Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way. Field and for - est, vale and mount - ain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea, Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine; Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife; Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day. Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee. Teach us how to love each oth - er; lift us to the joy di - vine. Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

Pastor: Christian, what is justification?

People: 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.

Pastor: What is adoption?

People: 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.

Pastor: 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.

Pastor: What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from
justification, adoption, and sanctification?

People: 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. Amen.

*The Westminster Shorter Catechism expresses the truths 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 our church and our denomination, the Presbyterian Church in America.*

My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness

Townend and Getty



My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who bore my pain;
My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who walks be - side;
 My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who reigns a - bove;



Who plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and gave me life a - gain;
Who floods my weak-ness - es with strength and caus-es — fears to fly.
 Whose wis - dom is my per-fect peace, whose ev - 'ry — thought is love.



Who crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness and clothed me — with his light
Whose ev - 'ry pro - mise is e - nough for ev - 'ry step I take.
 For ev - 'ry day I have on earth is giv - en by the King.



and wrote his law of right-eous - ness with pow'r up - on my heart.
Sus - tain - ing me with arms of love and crown - ing me with grace.
 So I will give my life, my all, to love and fol - low Him.

Summer Elizabeth Robinson

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?
4. Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

Congregational Prayer

Take My Life and Let It Be

*Take her life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take her moments and her days; let them flow in ceaseless praise;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

Call to Prayer

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the LORD always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The LORD is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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

*Hymn of Preparation

#699 - Like a River Glorious

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

Forget Not All His Benefits
Romans 5:1-11

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*Hymn of Response

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*Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace, both now and forevermore. 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

In Christ Alone

Getty and Townend



1. In Christ a-lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
2. *In Christ a-lone, who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help-less babe!*
3. There in the ground His bod-y lay, Light of the world by dark-ness slain;
4. *No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;*



This Cor-ner-stone, this sol-id ground, firm through the fierc-est drought and storm.
This gift of love and right-eous-ness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
Then burst-ing forth in glo-rious day, up from the grave He rose a-gain!
From life's first cry to fin-al breath, Je-sus com-mands my des-ti-ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-ings cease.
'Til on that cross as Je-sus died the wrath of God was sat-is-fied.
And as He stands in vic-to-ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev-er pluck me from His hand;



My Com-for-ter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
For ev'-ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the prec-ious blood of Christ.
'Til He re-tURNS or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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•The Preached Word•

Title: *Forget Not All His Benefits*

Text: Romans 5:1-11

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 914 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 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.

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:

Tommy & Lolly James
Pat Jenkins
Glen & Helen Johnson
Lydia Johnson

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month:

Jeff and Jamie are church planters in India. Jeff teaches rural pastors in a seminary.

Pray for Those in Need:

Expecting: Molly Prestwood (7/19) & Allie Monsted (7/28)

Newborns: Noah Andree, Eli Singleton, 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: Grilled Chicken, Broccoli Casserole, Grilled Carrots, Salad & 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.

Summer Fellowship - We will resume our Summer Fellowships on Wednesday Nights this week. Dinner will be served at 6 PM, followed by singing and a lesson from our Youth Summer Intern, John Fussell.



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 |
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| 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*

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| 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> | |

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