

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

July 18, 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.

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
John 3:16*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Duncan Cantrell

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-4, 9

Pastor: Sing to the LORD a new song! Sing to the LORD, all the earth!

People: Sing to the LORD! Praise his name! Proclaim his salvation
day after day!

Pastor: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds
among all peoples!

People: For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise! He is to be
feared above all gods.

Pastor: Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him,
all the earth.

*Praise Hymn

#55 - To God Be the Glory

** those who are able please stand*

*Confession of Faith

Belgic Confession, Article 20

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe?

People: We believe that God
—who is perfectly merciful and also very just—
sent his Son to assume the nature
in which the disobedience had been committed,
in order to bear in it the punishment of sin
by his most bitter passion and death.
So God made known his justice toward his Son,
who was charged with our sin,
and he poured out his goodness and mercy on us,
who are guilty, and worthy of damnation,
giving to us his Son to die,
by a most perfect love,
and raising him to life,
for our justification,
in order that by him
we might have immortality and eternal life. Amen.

The Belgic Confession was composed in 1561 by Guido de Brés. It was adopted at the Synod of Dordt in 1619 as one of the doctrinal standards to which all office bearers in the Reformed churches were required to subscribe. The confession stands as one of the best symbolical statements of Reformed doctrine.

The Power of The Cross

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1. Oh, to see the dawn of the dark - est day;
2. Oh, to see the pain writ - ten on Your face,
3. Now the day - light flees, now the ground be - neath
4. Oh, to see my name writ - ten in the wounds,



Christ on the road to Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men,
 bear - ing the awe - some weight of sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought,
 quakes as its Mak - er bows His head. Cur - tain torn in two,
 for through your suf - f'ring I am free. Death is crushed to death;



torn and beat - en, then nailed to a cross of wood.
 ev - 'ry e - vil deed, crown - ing Your blood - stained brow.
 dead are raised to life. "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry.
 life is mine to live, won through your self - less love!



Chorus 1 - 3: This the pow'r of the cross: Christ be - came sin for us.
 4: This the pow'r of the cross: Son of God slain for us.



Took the blame, bore the wrath. We stand for giv - en at the cross.
 What a love, what a cost! We stand for - giv - en at the cross. (repeat final chorus)

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Dr. David Todd

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

Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "Sovereign Lord, you alone know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.' " So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.' " So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army. Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' Therefore prophecy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord.' "

He Will Hold Me Fast

Habershon(1906)/M. Merker(2013)

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
 2. *Those He saves are His de-light, Christ will hold me fast;*
 3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;

When the tempt - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.
Pre - cious in his ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.
 Just - ice has been sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast.

I could nev - er keep my hold through life's fear - ful path;
He'll not let my soul be lost; His prom - is - es shall last;
 Raised with Him to end - less life, He will hold me fast

For my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me fast.
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
 'till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
 For my Sa - vior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

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Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Duncan Cantrell

Sermon

Nicodemus' Great Salvation
John 2:23-3:15

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*Hymn of Response

455 - *And Can It Be That I Should Gain*
vs. 1, 3, 4, 5

*Benediction

Jude 24:25

To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy - to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! 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

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: *Nicodemus' Great Salvation*

Text: John 2:23-3:15

Pastor: Rev. Duncan Cantrell

pg. 861 in your pew Bible

Pray for Our Members:

Paul Johnson
Kathryn Jones
Pearson Kelly
Phillip & Kathy Kersey

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month:

Jeff & 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 Cathcy, 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); Cathc 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 Sweat Fest Report

7:10 Dessert & Fellowship

Dinner menu this week: Pizza, Salad & Dessert

Small Groups

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

• Financial Update •

as of June 30, 2021

General Operations

2021 Receipts: \$ 782,796
2021 Expenses: \$ 573,130

Building Loan Balance

May 31, 2021: \$ 531,527

Faith Promise for Missions

Paid out June 30: \$ 26,742
to support our 20 missionaries
for the first half of 2021

Needed by Dec. 30: \$ 25,075

Cash available: \$ 17,974

• 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.

SweatFest - Please pray for our 30 students and 4 leaders as they participate in SweatFest this week. SweatFest is a week long, in town, service project for the purpose of transforming things from chaos to order.

Mark Ballard, Ben Barton, Ann Drew Boland, Olivia Bryant, Emory Churchwell, Packy Churchwell, Haden Churchwell, Spencer Danner, Sophie Faour, Sara-Rhett Farmer, John Fussell, Austin Garcia, Caroline Garretson, Carly Godwin, Ann Elizabeth Howard, Wade Howard, Abigail Montgomery, Noah Montgomery, Charlie Morris, Lewis Peed, Harvey Roddenberry, Colby Self, Dalton Self, Lucy Shepley, Simon Shepley, Anna Smith, Lily Smith, Hunt Stevenson, Stone Stevenson, Amelia Tripp, Caleb Tripp, Ella Vinson, Knox Vinson, Adelle Vinson.

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of John & Beth McSween's 50th wedding anniversary by John McSween.



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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> |
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| | 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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