

THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

July 4, 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.

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*And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.  
Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.  
I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God  
so that you may know that you have eternal life.  
1 John 5:11-13*

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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

from Psalm 46

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble.

People: **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.**

Pastor: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.

People: **God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.**

Pastor: Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; He lifts his voice, the earth melts.

People: **The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Pastor: Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in all the earth.

People: **The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

\*Praise Hymn

#710 - *God of Our Fathers*

\*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

\*Confession of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism 80 & 81

Pastor: Can true believers be rightly confident that they are in the state of grace and that they will persevere in it until their salvation?

People: Those who truly believe in Christ,  
and who endeavor to walk in all good conscience before him,  
may be rightly confident that they are in the state of grace  
and that they will persevere in that state until their salvation.  
They can know this without extraordinary revelation,  
by faith grounded on the truth of God's promises  
and by the Spirit enabling them to discern in themselves  
those graces to which the promises of life are made,  
bearing witness with their spirits that they are the children of God.

Pastor: Are all true believers at all times confident of their being in the state of grace and that they will be saved?

People: Because confidence of grace and salvation are not the essence of faith,  
true believers may wait a long time before they obtain it,  
and after the enjoyment of it  
they may have it weakened and discontinued  
through many types of disorders, sins, temptations,  
and times of feeling deserted by God.  
Yet they are never left without such presence and support  
of the Spirit of God as keeps them from sinking into utter despair.

*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

\*Hymn

#94 - *How Firm a Foundation*  
vs. 1, 2, 3 & 6

Receiving of New Members

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Collier, Meredith, West & Harrison McKenzie*

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

1 John 5:14-15

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of 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

\*Hymn of Preparation

*Jesus I am Resting, Resting*

# Jesus I Am Resting, Resting

David Hampton



1. Je - sus, I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the joy of what Thou art.
2. *Oh, how great Thy lov - ing kind - ness, vast - er, broad - er than the sea.*
3. Sim - ply trust - ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, I be - hold Thee as Thou art.
4. *Ev - er lift Thy face up - on me as I work and wait for Thee.*



I am find - ing out the great - ness of Thy lov - ing heart.  
*Oh, how mar - vel - ous Thy good - ness lav - ished all on me.*  
And Thy love so pure, so change - less sat - is - fies my heart,  
*Rest - ing 'neath Thy smile Lord Je - sus, earth's dark shad - ows flee.*



Thou hast bid me gaze up - on Thee, and Thy beau - ty fills my soul  
*Yes, I rest in Thee, Be - lov - ed, know what wealth of grace is Thine,*  
sat - is - fies its deep - est long - ings, meets, sup - plies its ev - 'ry need,  
*Bright - ness of my Fa - ther's glo - ry, sun - shine of my Fa - ther's face;*



for by Thy trans - form - ing pow - er, Thou hast made me whole.  
*know Thy cer - tain - ty of prom - ise and have made it mine.*  
com - pass - eth me 'round with bless - ings, Thine is love in - deed.  
*keep me ev - er trust - ing, rest - ing, fill me with Thy grace.*



Je - sus, I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the joy of what Thou art. —



I am find - ing out the great - ness of Thy lov - ing heart. —

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

*Assurance of Salvation*  
1 John 3:11-24

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

### The Sacrament of Communion

*All those who have placed their faith and trust in Christ alone for their salvation, are baptized, and are members in good standing of a Bible-believing, evangelical church are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper this morning. All others, please allow the elements to pass, as you consider your relationship with Christ and His Church.*

\*Hymn of Response

#691 - *It Is Well With My Soul*

\*Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 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](mailto:monni@nmpc.net) and she will add you to the distribution list.*

# •The Preached Word•

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**Title:** *Assurance of Salvation*

**Text:** 1 John 3:11-24

**Pastor:** Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 987 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.

**Pray for Our Members:**

Lyn & Aaron Hogg  
Eric, Jennifer & Anderson Hornick; Nicholas & Abigail McCullough  
Patrick, Ashely, Hodges, Annie Beyer & Isabel Hoye  
Charles & Patricia Hughes

**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);  
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.

# • Financial Update •

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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 •

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**Monday Morning Prayer** - We will **not** gather for Monday Morning Prayer tomorrow morning.

**Church Office** - The church office will be closed Monday - Wednesday, July 5 - 7.

**Summer Playground Hangouts:** On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Communion** - The center sections will come down the center aisle to receive the elements and then return to their seats via the interior aisles. The outside sections will come down the outside aisles and return via the interior aisles. Please hold the elements until everyone has been served so that we can partake together.

**Congratulations** - Congratulations to Jon and Bonnie Barnes Andree on the birth of their son, Noah Sullivan Andree. Noah weighed 8lbs, 5oz and was 21 inches long and to Chase and Katie Singleton on the birth of their son, Eli James Singleton. Eli weighed 7 lbs, 6.7 oz and was 20 inches long.

**Flowers** - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jamie McCallum Jackson by Diane McCallum.



# 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 &amp; 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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