

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

August 15, 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.

*In a loud voice they were saying:
Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom
and strength and honor and glory and praise!
Revelation 5:12*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Only a Holy God

Call to Worship

Psalm 63:1-5

Pastor: O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you.

People: **My soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**

Pastor: I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.

People: **Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.**

Pastor: I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.

People: **My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you.**

*Praise Hymn

#165 - Ye Servants of God

** those who are able please stand*

*Confession of Faith

Philippians 2:5-11

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe?

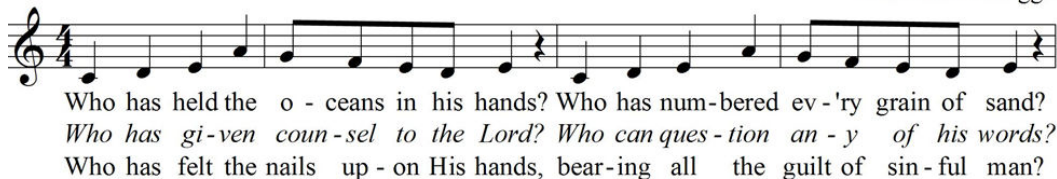
We believe that our attitude should be the same
as that of Christ Jesus,
who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God
something to be grasped,
but made himself nothing,
taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

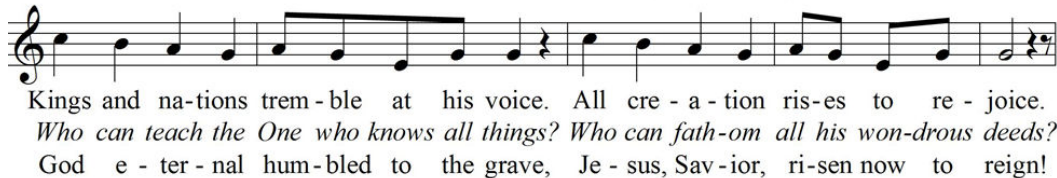
Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Behold Our God

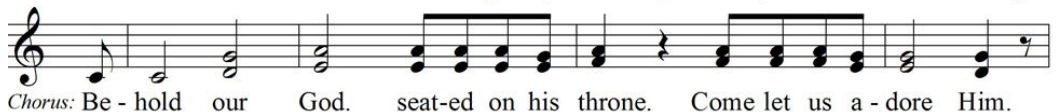
Baird and Altrogge



Who has held the oceans in his hands? Who has numbered ev-'ry grain of sand?
Who has gi-ven coun-sel to the Lord? Who can ques-tion an-y of his words?
 Who has felt the nails up - on His hands, bear-ing all the guilt of sin-ful man?



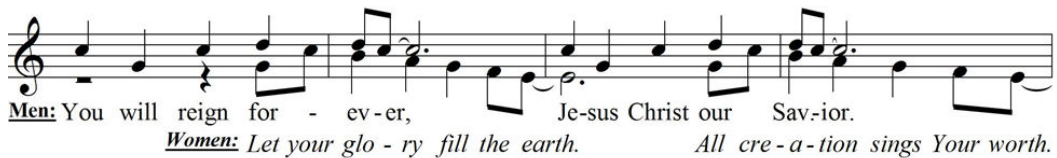
Kings and na-tions trem-ble at his voice. All cre - a - tion ris-es to re - joice.
Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fath-om all his won-drous deeds?
 God e - ter - nal hum-bled to the grave, Je - sus, Sav-ior, ri-sen now to reign!



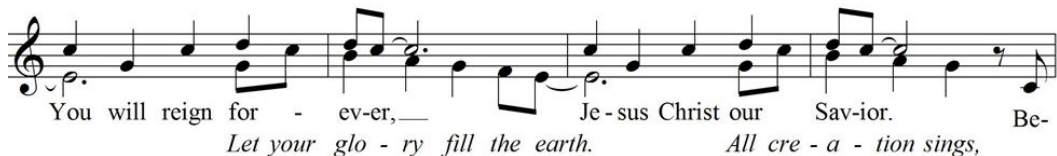
Chorus: Be - hold our God. seat-ed on his throne. Come let us a - dore Him.



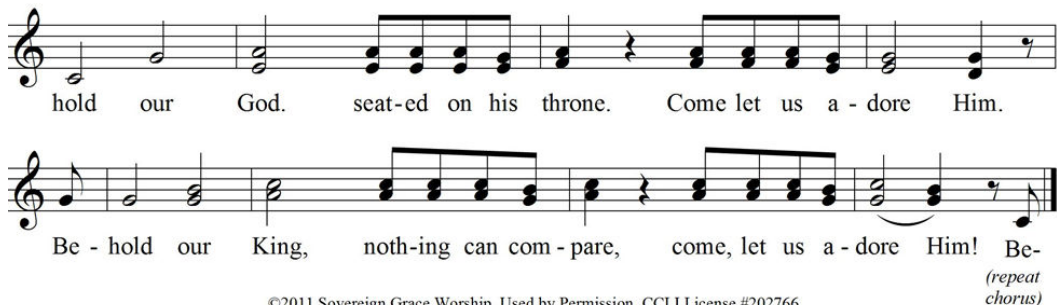
Be-hold our King, noth-ing can com-pare, come, let us a - dore Him!



Men: You will reign for - ev-er, Je-sus Christ our Sav-ior.
Women: *Let your glo - ry fill the earth. All cre - a - tion sings Your worth.*



You will reign for - ev-er, Je - sus Christ our Sav-ior. Be-
Let your glo - ry fill the earth. All cre - a - tion sings,
 hold our God. seat-ed on his throne. Come let us a - dore Him.



Be - hold our King, noth-ing can com - pare, come, let us a - dore Him! Be-
 hold our God. seat-ed on his throne. Come let us a - dore Him.

He who conceals his sins does not prosper,
but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

Corporate Confession

Most Merciful God, as those who have been delivered from the wrath to come through the blood of Jesus Christ, we come now to confess our sins, and to seek the grace and mercy that can only be found in you, our God and Savior. You have called us to be people of faith, hope and love, but we are guilty of unbelief, hopelessness, and hatred. When we should have delighted in Jesus Christ, we have sought refuge in created things. When we should have endured trials with patience and hope, we have grumbled against you. When we should have loved you with all of our heart, and our neighbor as ourselves, we have been self-absorbed. Have mercy on us, O God, and bear fruit in us by your Word. Turn our faces and our hearts upward to heaven, so that we will live as those who await the glorious appearing of our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Micah 7:18-19

*Who is a God like you,
who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance?
You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.
You will again have compassion on us;
you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.*

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.

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Chorus

Words and Music by Matt Redman and Jonas Myrin

Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh my soul. Wor-ship His ho - ly name.

Sing like ne-ver be-fore, oh my soul. I wor-ship Your ho - ly name.

The sun comes up. It's a new day dawn - ing
 You're rich in love and You're slow to an - ger
 And on that day when my strength is fail - ing

It's time to sing Your song a - gain. What -
 Your name is great and Your heart is kind. For
 the end draws near and my time has come,

ev - er may pass and what - ev - er lies be - fore me,
 all Your goodness I will keep on sing - ing
 Still my soul will sing Your praise un-end - ing

let me be sing - ing when the ev'n - ing comes.
 ten thou - sand rea - sons for my heart to find.
 ten thou - sand years and then for - ev - er more. **To Chorus**

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

I Want to Know Christ
Philippians 3:1-4:1

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*Hymn of Response

#642 - *Be Thou My Vision*

*Benediction

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, 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: *I Want to Know Christ*

Text: Philippians 3:1-4:1

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 952 in the pew Bible

Pray for Our Members:

Collier, Meredith, West & Harrison McKenzie
Beth McSween
John & Joyce Meadows
Matt, Allie, Neva, Bowen & Annie Monsted

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month:

Rich & Chrissy Greete have a counseling ministry to Mission to the World missionaries here in the states and on mission fields in other parts of the world.

Pray for Those in Need:

Expecting Mothers: Kathlyn Wohlrabe & Mary Lou Cantrell (1/31)

Newborns: Annie Monsted, Amelia Prestwood, Noah Andree, Eli Singleton, Lakelyn Newell, Betsy Lambert, Smith Dozier, Mary Louise Cathey and Ford Anderson.

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: Kathy Stanley (Parkinson's); Jennifer Burch (back); John LaPish (surgery); Paul Kanode (cancer)

Bereaved: Joe Timberlake (Peggy); Liz Ream & the McKelveys (Buck); Chris Wilson (dad); Cathy Crumbley (mom); Cindy Voss (Ed); Jim Grier (Melanie); Cathie Dondes (David); Jill Bloodworth (mom); Monni Parrish (mom); Cheryl Willis (sister); Jennifer Hornick (step-dad); Susanna, Sarah Jane & Oscar Sandefur (Chris); Beth McSween (John)

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.

Small Groups

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

• Financial Update •

as of July 31, 2021

General Operations

2021 Receipts: \$ 864,839
2021 Expenses: \$ 682,004

Building Loan Balance
July 31, 2021: \$ 498,954

Faith Promise for Missions

Paid out June 30: \$ 26,742
to support our 19 missionaries
for the first half of 2021

Needed by Dec. 30: \$ 25,675
Cash available: \$ 45,245

• 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.

Youth Discipleship Group Leaders - The Youth Ministry is looking for adults who are willing and available to lead (or co-lead) a youth discipleship group this year.

Host Families - First Presbyterian Day School is looking for Host Families to house International students. Would you be interested in learning more about this opportunity?

Pictorial Directory - Anna Smith will be taking pictures for our Pictorial Directory the next 2 Sundays (August 22 & 29) before Sunday School and before and after worship.



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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.

	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>	

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