

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

August 29, 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.

*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.
Hebrews 10:24*

Preclude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 84:1-2, 10-12

Pastor: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD Almighty!

People: My soul yearns, even faints for the courts of the LORD. My heart
and my flesh cry out for the living God.

Pastor: Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere.

People: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell
in the tents of the wicked.

Pastor: For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and
honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is
blameless.

People: O LORD Almighty, blessed is the man who trusts in you.

*Praise Hymn

#302 - *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

* those who are able please stand

*Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 26.1-2

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe concerning the communion of saints?

People: All saints—

 who are united to Jesus Christ their head
 by his Spirit and by faith—
have fellowship with Him
 in his graces, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory.

And, being united to one another in love,
 they participate in each other's gifts and graces
 and are obligated to perform those public and private duties
 which lead to their mutual good,
 both inwardly and outwardly.

It is the duty of professing saints
 to maintain a holy fellowship and communion
 in the worship of God
 and in performing such other spiritual services
 as help them to edify one another.

It is their duty also
 to come to the aid of one another in material things
 according to their various abilities and necessities.

As God affords opportunity,
 this communion is to be extended to all those in every place
 who call on the name of the Lord Jesus.

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 our church and our denomination, the Presbyterian Church in America.

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY/Henry Van Dyke



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.

Call to Prayer

Philippians 1:9-11

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

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

Scripture Reading

Romans 12:1-21
page 920 in the pew Bible

*Hymn of Preparation

#585 - *Take My Life and Let it Be*
vs. 1, 2, 3, 4

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

Works of Service
Ephesians 4:1-16

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Hymn of Response

#347 - *The Church's One Foundation*
vs. 1, 2, 5, 6

*Benediction

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory 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: *Works of Service*

Text: Ephesians 4:1-16

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 948 in your pew Bible

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:

Rana Munna & Joseph Egloff
Kim & Austin Murray
Clark Myers
Dustin, Melissa, Emerson & Lakelyn Newell; Harley Langford

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 (1/29) & 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); Susana, 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.

Providing a Home ♦ Proclaiming the Gospel ♦ Partnering with Ministries

• Discipleship Opportunities •

Sunday School Classes

Adults: Discussing *Gentle & Lowly* in the Fellowship Hall

Youth: Discussing *Gentle & Lowly* in the Youth Room

3rd-6th Grade: Communicants Class taught by Duncan Cantrell in Room 142

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.

Wednesday Night Activities

Dinner begins at 5:45 PM (\$5.00/adult/teen, \$2.00/child, family max \$15.00).

At 6:30 PM classes are offered for all ages:

Nursery (0-3 year old)

Children's Class (K4 - 6th grade)

Youth Group (7th - 12th grade)

Adult Bible Study: 2 Samuel

The menu for Wed, September 1st is Chicken w/Lemon Butter Mushroom Sauce, Rice, Buttered Carrots, Salad, Rolls & Ice Cream

Small Groups

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

• 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.

Ladies' Friday Morning Bible Study - The Ladies' Friday Morning Bible Study will begin on Friday, September 10th at 10:00 AM in the new conference room. They will be reading "Free of Me" by Sharon Hodde Miller. The books will be available for \$5 at the first meeting.

Ladies' Wednesday Bible Study - The Ladies' Wednesday Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, September 15th at 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM. Both groups will be reading "What's She Doing Here" by Susan Tynner. Please sign up on Realm.

Covenant Care Banquet - The 32nd Anniversary banquet for Covenant Care Services is Monday, Sept. 20th at Mabel White Baptist Church. Heavy hors d'oeuvres begin at 5:45 PM and the program begins at 7:00 PM. Dr. Alveda King, the niece of MLK Jr., and longtime advocate for the unborn, is the speaker. Attendance is free. Sign up through Covenant Care's website or contact Duncan if you need assistance.

Grief Share - NMPC will begin hosting a Grief Share Group on Tues, Sept 14th at 6:00 PM. This 13-week study is open to anyone and will focus on how to navigate through the loss of a loved one. Grief Share is a wonderful, safe place where you can not only share your pain but also face these challenges and move forward toward rebuilding your life. You'll find others who can empathize with your pain, learn helpful & practical information that will help you move forward, and become a part of a group that will walk with you through the process. For more information, pick up a brochure on the coffee bar in the narthex or contact Payton Churchwell.

New Members Class - If you are interested in learning more about NMPC or joining our membership, you are invited to attend the New Members Class, which is comprised of two Sunday night meetings on Sept 19th & Oct 3rd from 5:30 - 8:00 PM (dinner & childcare are provided). Please email Pastor Hunter (hunter@nmpc.net) to sign up or for more information. (We provide make-up sessions if you cannot attend one evening.)

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in appreciation to Lonnie & Donna Dye by their church family.



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 & 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>	

5707 Rivoli Drive, Macon, GA 31210 | Phone: 478.477.7777 | Website: www.nmpc.net

North Macon belongs to the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), a denomination seeking to be Faithful to the Scriptures, True to the Reformed Faith, and Obedient to the Great Commission.