

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

September 12, 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.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.
Acts 1:8

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Isaiah 41:8-13

Pastor: But you, O Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, you descendants of Abraham my friend, I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said, 'You are my servant'; I have chosen you and have not rejected you.

People: **So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.**

Pastor: All who rage against you will surely be ashamed and disgraced; those who oppose you will be as nothing and perish. Though you search for your enemies, you will not find them. Those who wage war against you will be as nothing at all.

People: **For I am the LORD your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.**

** those who are able please stand*

*Praise Hymn

#92 - *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

*Invocation

Rev. Duncan Cantrell

*Confession of Faith

Colossians 1:15-20

Pastor: Christian, who is Jesus Christ?

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn over all creation.

For by him all things were created:

things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,
whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities;
all things were created by him and for him.

He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

And he is the head of the body, the church;

He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead,
so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether things on earth or things in heaven,

by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Amen.

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

J. Newton/L. Taylor



1. Let us love and sing and won - der, let us praise the Sav - ior's name.
2. *Let us love the Lord who bought us, pit - ied us when en - e - mies,*
3. Let us sing though fierce temp - ta - tion, threat - ens hard to bear us down,
4. *Let us won - der grace and just - ice, join and point to mer - cy's store.*
5. Let us praise and join the chor - us of the saints en - throned on high;



He has hushed the law's loud thun - der; He has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame.
called us by his grace and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes.
 • for the Lord our strong sal - va - tion holds in view the conq - u'ror's crown.
When through grace in Christ our trust is just - ice smiles and asks no more.
 here they trust - ed him be - fore us, now their prais - es fill the sky.



He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,
 • He who washed us with His blood, He who washed us with His blood,
He who washed us with His blood, He who washed us with His blood,
 You have washed us with Your blood, You have washed us with Your blood,



He has washed us with His blood, He has brought us nigh to God.
He has washed us with His blood, He pre - sents our souls to God.
 • He who washed us with His blood soon will bring us home to God.
He who washed us with His blood has se - cured our way to God.
 You have washed us with Your blood, You are worth - y Lamb of God.

Phillip Decker, Matt Mason & James Roache

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

Philemon 4-7

I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people.

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.

Offertory

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-47

*Hymn of Preparation

He Will Hold Me Fast

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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 - rior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

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Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

The Revelation of Jesus Christ
Revelation 1:1-3

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*Hymn of Response

#691 - *It is Well with My Soul*

*Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on 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

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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: *The Revelation of Jesus Christ*

Text: Revelation 1:1-3

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 991 in your pew Bible

Pray for Our Members:

Seth, Amy, Henry, Lewis & Caroline Peed
Silas, Jill, Si, Bo & Hank Peed
Will, Molly, Noah, Annie & Amelia Prestwood
Charlie & Kathy Pyc

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month:

Dr. Victor & Nosizo Nakah are serving in Africa where Dr. Nakah is the international director of missions for Sub-Sahara Africa.

Pray for Those in Need:

Expecting Mothers: Kathlyn Wohlrabe (1/29) & Mary Lou Cantrell (1/31)
Newborns: Annie Monsted, Amelia Prestwood, Noah Andrec, 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); Seth Daniels (leg); Cathe Dondes (clbow)
Bereaved: Liz Ream & the McKelveys (Buck); Chris Wilson (dad); Cathy Crumbley (mom); Cindy Voss (Ed); Jim Grier (Melanie); Cathe Dondes (David); Jill Bloodworth (mom); Monni Parrish (mom); Cheryl Willis (sister); Jennifer Hornick (step-dad); Susana, Sarah Jane & Oscar Sandefur (Chris); Beth McSween (John); Pam Kanode (Paul); Vicki Anderson (Matthew)
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: *How to Study the Bible* taught by Josh Garrett in the Fellowship Hall
Sr. High: Philippians taught by Mark Ballard & Anna Smith in the Youth Room
Jr. High: Philippians taught by Matt Shepley in Room 144 (behind the sanctuary)
2 & 3 Year - Beginners Gospel Story Bible taught by Jill Bloodworth & Megan Cathcy
4K- 5K - Serving the Savior taught by Anna Barnes & Jill Peed
1st & 2nd Grade - Growing in God taught by Kelly Smith, Caleb & Hannah Henning,
Patrick & Andrea Goff
3rd-5th Grade: Trusting God taught by Liz Ream & Tricia Barton

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 15th is Chicken Pot Pic, Rice, Salad, Rolls and Lemon
Cake with Frosting.*

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

Ministry Interest Survey - Please scan the QR Code to fill out the Ministry Interest Survey. There are hard copies at the coffee bar.



Grief Share - NMPC will begin hosting a Grief Share Group this 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. For more information, pick up a brochure on the coffee bar in the narthex or contact Payton Churchwell. Sign ups are opened now.

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@nmpe.net) to sign up or for more information. (We provide make-up sessions if you cannot attend one evening.)

Junior High Fall Retreat - 6th – 8th grade students are invited to attend our Fall Retreat at Camp Kalco near Forsyth, GA, Oct 1 – 3. Sign up today through Realm! Cost is \$100. Contact Mark or Anna if you have questions. **Deadline to sign up is Sep. 24 at 5:00 p.m.**

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Walter Leggett and in joyful gratitude for the safe return of Joey Leggett by Mary Jane Leggett.



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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 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>
	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>
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