

THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

September 19, 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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*You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God,  
and they will reign on the earth.  
Revelation 5:10*

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### Prelude

### Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

### Introit

### Call to Worship

Revelation 5:6, 9-14

**Pastor:** Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. And they sang a new song:

**People:** **You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.**

**Pastor:** Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they sang:

**People:** **Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and praise!**

**Pastor:** Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing:

**People:** **To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor, glory and power, for ever and ever!**

**Pastor:** The four living creatures said, 'Amen!', and the elders fell down and worshiped.

*\* those who are able please stand*

\*Praise Hymn

#295 - *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

\*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

\*Confession of Faith

Philippians 2:5-11

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe?

We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the only Savior for sinners,  
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.

\*Hymn

#164 - *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*  
vs. 1-4

Call to Prayer

Exodus 19:3-6

Then Moses went up the mountain to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel:

“You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.”

These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.

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

Isaiah 11:1-9

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD—and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.

Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist. The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child put his hand into the viper's nest. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

*#529 - Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

**Prayer for Covenant Children**

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

**Sermon**

*A Kingdom of Priests*  
Revelation 1:4-8

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**\*Hymn of Response**

*Turn Your Eyes*  
*printed on page 5*

**\*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**

# Turn Your Eyes

Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus look full in His won-der-ful  
 Turn your eyes to the hill - side where jus - tice and mer - cy em -  
 Turn your eyes to the morn - ing and see Christ the li - on a -  
 Turn your eyes to the hea - vens, our King will re - turn for His  
 face. and the things of earth will grow strange - ly dim, in the  
 brace. There the Son of God gave His life for us, and our  
 wake. What a glo - rious dawn, fear of death is gone, for we  
 own. Ev - ery knee will bow, ev - ery tongue will shout "All the  
 light of His glo - ry and grace. (to 2nd vs.) Je - sus to You we lift our  
 mea - sure - less debt was e - rased.  
 car - ry His life in our veins.  
 glo - ry to Je - sus a - lone!"  
 eyes. Je - sus our glo - ry and our prize. We a - dore You be -  
 hold You our Sav - ior ev - er true. Oh Je - sus we turn our eyes to You.

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## Old Testament Eschatology

Old Age

New Age

Messiah's Coming

## New Testament Eschatology

Old Age

New Age

Jesus' 1st Coming

Jesus' 2nd Coming

# •The Preached Word•

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**Title:** *A Kingdom of Priests*

**Text:** Revelation 1:4-8

**Pastor:** Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 991 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:

Jack, Sara, Maggie & Katie Pyles  
Liz Ream  
Howard, Debi & Ashby Reed  
Chip & Cathy Ridley

## 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); John LaPish (cancer in hip)  
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 •

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## 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 22nd is Baked Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Rolls & Ice Cream.*

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

# • Financial Update •

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as of August 31

## General Operations

2021 Receipts:           \$ 992,400  
2021 Expenses:          \$ 773,107

## Building Loan Balance

September 13:         \$ 461,385

## 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:         \$ 26,195

# • Announcements •

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**New Members Class** - The New Members Class is comprised of two Sunday night meetings, this evening (Sept 19) & Oct 3rd from 5:30 - 8:00 PM (dinner & childcare are provided). Please pick up a notebook on the buffet beside Pastor Hunter's office.

**Disaster Relief & RUF Wesleyan** - Through your generous giving, NMPC was able to send \$22,000 to MNA Disaster Relief for Hurricane Ida, \$6000 to support RUF Wesleyan, and \$650 in gift cards for Amanda DeYoung to meet with students. Thank you!

**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.

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

**Youth Day of Zip-Lining** = Join us flying through the trees like Tarzan and Jane! On Tuesday, October 12 the youth will be at Historic Banning Mills for a day of Zip Lining. The cost is \$100. Sign up by Monday, Sept 27 on Realm.

**Flowers** - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Bobby & Barbara Freemans 65th wedding anniversary.



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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 &amp; 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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