

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

September 26, 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.

*Let your light shine before men,
so that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.
Matthew 5:16*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 67:1-4, 7

Pastor: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.

People: **May the peoples praise you, God! May all the peoples praise you!**

Pastor: May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth.

People: **May God bless us, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him!**

** those who are able please stand*

May the Peoples Praise You

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1. [You have called us out of dark - est night, in - to Your glo - rious
May our ev - 'ry breath re - tell the grace that broke in - to our
2. [All the earth is Yours and all with - in, each harv - est is your
May the seeds of mer - cy grow in us for those who have not
3. This our ho - ly priv - 'lege to de - clare Your prais - es and Your



[light, that we may sing the won - ders of the ris - en Christ.
 [*strife with bound - less love and deep - est joy, with end - less life.*
 [own, and from Your hand we give to You, to make Christ known.
 [*heard, may songs of praise build lives of grace to spread Your Word.*
 Name to ev - 'ry na - tion, tribe, and tongue Your church pro - claim.



Chorus May the peo - ples praise You, let the na - tions be - glad!



All Your bless - ing comes that we may praise, may praise the Name of Je - sus.
after v. 3 to Bridge



Bridge Ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord Al - might - y. Wor - thy, wor - thy



is the Lamb who was slain. Ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord Al - might - y.



All cre - a - tion praise Your glo - ri - ous Name. May the

to Chorus

Q. Christian, what is your only comfort in life and death?

A. That I am not my own,
but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.
He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven;
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.
Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.

The Heidelberg Catechism was composed in Heidelberg, Germany in 1563.

*It has been translated into many European, Asian, and African languages
and is the most widely used and most warmly praised catechism of the Reformation period.*

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death



What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a-
What truth can calm the trou-bled soul? God is good, God is
 Un - to the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He



lone. What is our on - ly con - fi - dence? That our souls to Him be -
good. Where is His grace and good-ness known? In our great Re-deem-er's
 lives!" And what re - ward will heav - en bring? Ev - er - last - ing life with



long. Who holds our days with - in His hand? What comes, a -
blood. Who holds our faith when fears a - rise? Who stands a -
 Him. There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and



part from His com - mand? And what will keep us to the
bove the storm - y trial? Who sends the waves that bring us
 death will be de - stroyed, And we will feast in end - less



end? The love of Christ, in which we stand. —
nigh un - to the shore, the rock of Christ — O sing ha - le-
 joy, When Christ is ours for - ev - er - more. —



lu - jah! Our hope springs e - ter - nal; O sing ha - le - lu - jah! Now and



ev - er we con - fess Christ our hope in life and death.

Call to Prayer

John 8:12; Matthew 5:14-16

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Jesus also said to His disciples: "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

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.

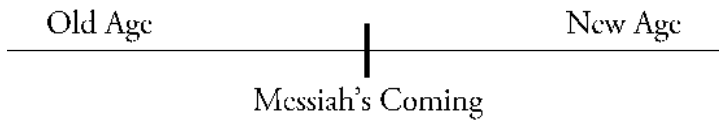
Offertory

Scripture Reading

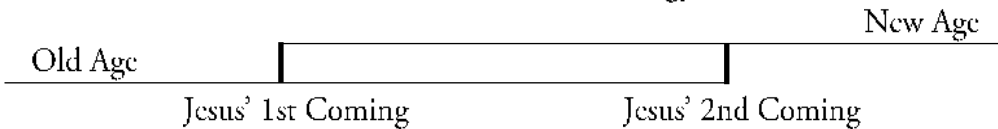
Selected Scriptures

Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and that day that is coming will set them on fire, says the LORD Almighty. Not a root or a branch will be left to them. But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall. Then you will trample down the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I do these things, says the LORD Almighty (Malachi 4:1-3).

Old Testament Eschatology



New Testament Eschatology



Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree." He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit (Galatians 3:13-14).

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 2:4-7).

But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. ...Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him (Hebrews 9:26-28).

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness (2 Peter 3:10-13).

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts



Je - sus, Thou joy of lov - ing hearts, Thou fount of
 Thy truth un - changed hath ev - er stood, Thou sav - est
 We taste of Thee, O liv - ing bread and long to
 Our rest - less spi - rits yearn for Thee, where' - er our
 O Je - sus ev - er with us stay, make all our



life, Thou light of men From the best bliss that earth im -
those that on Thee call. To them that seek Thee Thou art
 feast u - pon Thee still. We drink of Thee the foun - tain -
change - ful lot is cast. Glad when Thy gra - cious smile we
 mo - ments calm and bright. Chase the dark night of sin a -



parts, we turn un - filled to Thee a - gain.
good, to them that find Thee all in all.
 head and thirst our souls from Thee to fill.
see, blessed when our faith can hold Thee fast.
 way, shed over the world Thy ho - ly light.

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Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

The Light of the World
Revelation 1:9-13

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*Hymn of Response

#644 - *May the Mind of Christ My Savior*

*Benediction

Romans 15:5-6

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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 Light of the World*

Text: Revelation 1:9-13

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 991 in your pew Bible

Pray for Our Members:

James Roache
Susan Robertson
Elliot, Lily, Charlotte, Samantha, Ben & Summer Robinson
David, Martha, Harvey & Seaborn Roddenberry

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 Andre, Eli Singleton, Lakclyn 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 (elbow); 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

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

A Further Explanation

Providing a Home

We believe “Providing a Home” meets one of the unique needs for those living in North Macon. We tend to be isolated and lonely. We tend to live fragmented and disconnected lives, and advances in technology seem to be making matters worse. We tend to pride ourselves on “having it all together” and giving the appearance that we do not need anyone or anything.

We desperately need a place where we can take off our masks, admit our sin and failures, and be received and accepted. We long for a genuine community where we can be loved as we really are, and, in turn, love others as they really are. NMPC is committed to be that place—a home—where folks are welcomed, embraced, and loved.

Proclaiming the Gospel

NMPC’s primary task is to “Proclaim the Gospel”, for the Gospel is the power of God for salvation. To spell it out more particularly, we are committed to preach the good news of Jesus Christ, in the whole counsel of Scripture, by the power of the Holy Spirit, with Reformed theological convictions, in a caring and gracious community, so that we might present everyone perfect in Christ. Therefore, in every worship service, every Sunday school class, every small group, and every ministry of the church, we are committed to proclaim the Gospel as of chief importance for the transformation of lives.

Partnering with Ministries

NMPC is also committed to carrying the good news of the Gospel—in word and deed—into our community and around the world. We seek to do so through strategic partnerships with *ministries* in our community and *missionaries* around the globe. We are committed to **pray** for, **partner** with, and **participate** in these ministries so that we might make disciples of Jesus Christ of all nations.

• Discipleship Opportunities •

Sunday School Classes

2 & 3 Year - Beginners Gospel Story Bible taught by Jill Bloodworth & Megan Cathey
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
Jr. High: Philippians taught by Matt Shepley in Room 144 (behind the sanctuary)
Sr. High: Philippians taught by Mark Ballard & Anna Smith in the Youth Room
Adult Elective: *The History & Trustworthiness of the Bible* taught by Pastor Duncan
Adult Elective: *Marriage Enrichment* taught by Pastor Hunter

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 29th is Grilled Chicken, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls & Peach Cobbler.

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

• Financial Update •

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 •

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 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 on Realm.

Christmas Ensemble Practice - If you love to sing, please join us today in the Fellowship Hall from 5:00-6:00 PM for our first rehearsal!

Sunday School Electives:

October: *A Marriage Refresher* taught by Hunter Stevenson in the Sanctuary and *The History & Trustworthiness of the Bible* taught by Pastor Duncan in the Fellowship Hall.

November: *A Marriage Refresher* taught by Hunter Stevenson in the Sanctuary and *The Stories Behind Our Favorite Verses* taught by Josh Garrett in the Fellowship Hall.



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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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