

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

October 10, 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.

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul
and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.
Matthew 22:37-38*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalms 103:1-8

Pastor: Praise the LORD, O my soul! All my inmost being, praise his holy name!

People: Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits!

Pastor: He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases. He redeems my life from the pit and crowns me with love and compassion.

People: He satisfies my desires with good things, so that my youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Pastor: The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:

People: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

** those who are able please stand*

Come Thou Fount

Robinson/Brown

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the fourth line.

Come thou fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Here I raise my Eb-en - e - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;

streams of mer - cy ne - ver ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee.

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove;
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:
Prone to wan - der Lord, I feel it prone to leave the God I love:

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed His pre - cious blood.
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

1. Q. Who made you?
A. **God.**
2. Q. What else did God make?
A. **God made all things.**
3. Q. Why did God make you and all things?
A. **For his own glory.**
4. Q. How can you glorify God?
A. **By loving him and doing what he commands.**
5. Q. Why are you to glorify God?
A. **Because he made me and takes care of me.**
6. Q. Is there more than one true God?
A. **No. There is only one true God.**
7. Q. In how many Persons does this one God exist?
A. **In three Persons.**
8. Q. Name these three persons.
A. **The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.**
9. Q. What is God?
A. **God is a Spirit and does not have a body like men.**
10. Q. Where is God?
A. **God is everywhere.**
11. Q. Can you see God?
A. **No. I cannot see God, but he always sees me.**
12. Q. Does God know all things?
A. **Yes. Nothing can be hidden from God.**
13. Q. Can God do all things?
A. **Yes. God can do all his holy will.**

*Hymn

#4 - All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above
vs. 1-4

Call to Prayer

Zechariah 1:3

This is what the LORD Almighty says: Return to me, declares the LORD Almighty, and I will return to you, says the LORD Almighty.

Corporate Confession

Heavenly Father, if where our treasure is, there our heart is also, then we stand condemned as those whose hearts are far from you. We have treasured the approval of men more than the approval of our Savior, the health of our sports teams more than the health of your church, the size of our savings more than the stewardship of your gifts, the fleeting comforts of sin more than the eternal riches of Christ. We have clung to what we should have released, grasped what we should have cast aside, loved what we should have hated, and, while attempting to serve two masters, we have rejected you. But while our hearts are far from you, your heart is not far from us. Instead, you have called us your treasured possession, a people ransomed not with perishable things like silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ. Our sin is great, but your love is deeper. In your mercy, make everything else taste bitter, that you would be the sweeter!

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Psalms 103:10-12

*He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.*

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

Jeremiah 2:1-19
on page 613 in the pew Bible

*Hymn of Preparation

His Mercy Is More
printed on page 6

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

Our Top Priority
Revelation 2:1-7

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His Mercy Is More

1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om -
 2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What
 3. What rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us. His

ni - scient, all know - ing, He counts not their sum. Thrown
 Fa - ther, so ten - der, is call - ing us home? He
 blood was the pay - ment; His life was the cost. We

in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore, our
 wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor. Our
 stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford. Our

CHORUS

sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more. (to vs. 2) *Praise the*
sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.
 sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.

¹²
 Lord, His mer - cy is more. Strong - er than dark - ness,
 new ev - 'ry morn. Our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.

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He Will Hold Me Fast

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

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Now to him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and dominion, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, 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.

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: *Our Top Priority*

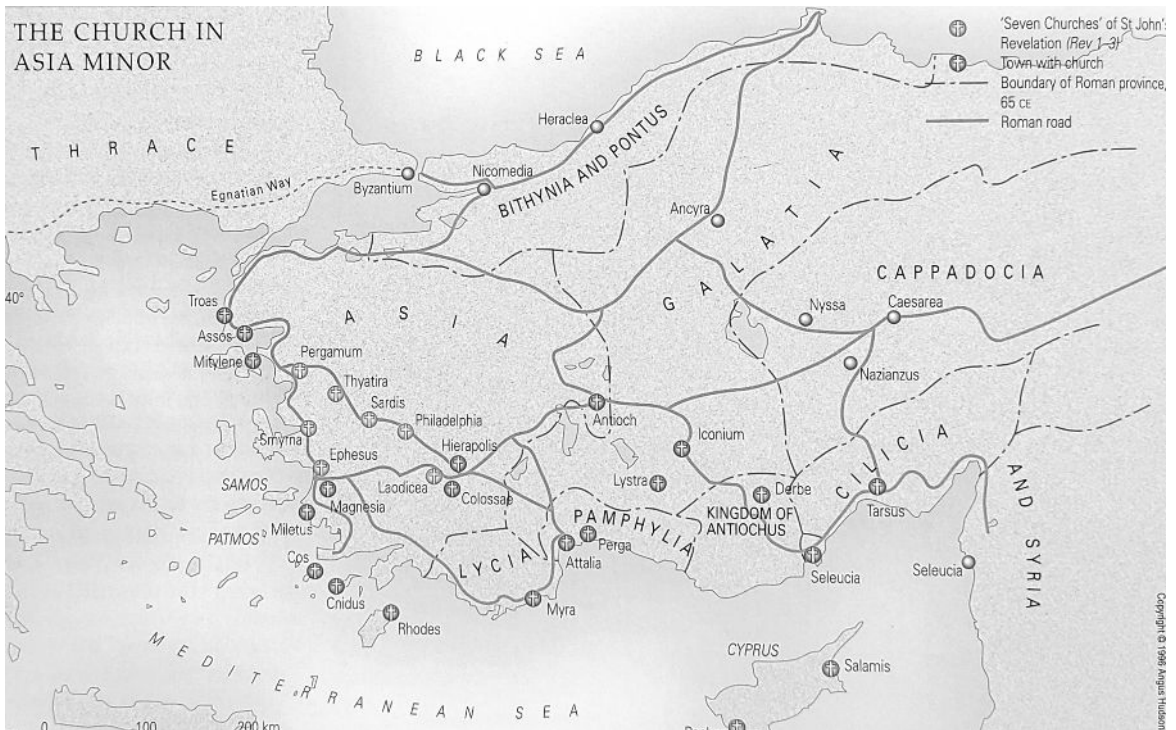
Text: Revelation 2:1-7

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 991 in your pew Bible



THE CHURCH IN ASIA MINOR



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:

Shane, Amy, Dalton & Colby Self
 Matt, Holly, Lucy, Simon, Luke & Clifton Jake Shepley
 Mike & Cheryl Simmons
 Chase, Katie & Eli Singleton

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month:

Jim & Mary Alice Patterson have been working with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Australia and Malaysia on Vernacular Media Services, a project which helps produce and edit God's Word in audio format for people groups who can then hear the Scriptures in their own language.

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); Seth Daniels (leg); Cathe Dondes (elbow); John LaPish (cancer in hip)
 Bereaved: Liz Ream & the McKelveys (Buck); 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); Bobby Freeman (brother); Claire Chastain (brother); Dustin Newell (dad)
 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

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, October 13th is Chicken Pot Pie, Rice, Salad and Cup Cakes.

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

• Financial Update •

as of October 3, 2021

General Operations

2021 Receipts: \$ 1,087,872
2021 Expenses: \$ 886,249

Building Loan Balance

September 30: \$ 455,740

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: \$ 29,933

• 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.

Mission Report - Two of our missionaries, Rodney & Jana Davila and Stan & Connie Beasley, will give reports this Wed, Oct 13th at 6:30 PM. Make plans to join us!

Pictorial Directory - Anna Smith will be taking pictures one last time for the new pictorial directory on Sunday, October 17.

Strong Tower Banquet - NMPC will host the Strong Tower Fundraising Banquet on Thur, Oct 21 at 6:30 PM. Please contact Duncan for details.

Campus Clubs Golf Fundraiser - On Fri, Oct. 22 at 9 AM Campus Clubs will be hosting a golf fundraiser at Healy Point Country Club. Please contact Duncan for details.

Reformation Day Festival: On Sun, Oct 24 from 5 - 7 PM we will have a church wide Reformation Day Festival. Please sign up in Realm or contact Monni!

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Daniel Strawn & Holly Hanse yesterday, October 9.



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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.

Session	Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
	Cleve Cunningham Neal Ham Dan Strawn* Jeff Thompson*	Jason Churchwell Tommy James	Ed Grimsley* Paul McCommon Rob Morton Howard Reed

Diaconate	Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
	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> Hunter Stevenson, <i>Senior Pastor</i> Josh Garrett, <i>Associate Pastor</i> Duncan Cantrell, <i>Assistant Pastor</i> Payton Churchwell, <i>Women's Ministry Coordinator</i> Mark Ballard, <i>Youth Director</i>	Anna Smith, <i>Youth Assistant</i> Kathy Pye, <i>Church Secretary</i> Monni Parrish, <i>Administrator, Financial Director & Pianist</i> Melanie Buckner, <i>Music Director</i> Debbie McCommon, <i>North Macon Preschool Director</i>
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