

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

October 17, 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.

*It has been granted to you on behalf of Jesus Christ
not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him.
Philippians 1:29*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 97:1-6

- Pastor: The LORD reigns! Let the earth be glad! Let the distant shores rejoice!
People: **Clouds and thick darkness surround him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**
- Pastor: Fire goes before him and consumes his foes on every side.
People: **His lightening lights up the world; the earth sees and trembles.**
- Pastor: The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth.
People: **The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God



1. I sing the might - y pow'r of God that made the mount - ains rise,
2. *I sing the good - ness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;*
3. There's not a plant or flow'r be - low but makes Thy glo - ries known;



that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y skies.
He formed the crea - tures with His word and then pro - nounced them good.
And clouds a - rise and tem - pests blow by or - der from Thy throne;



I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
Lord, how Thy won - ders are dis - played wher - e'er I turn my eye,
While all that bor - rows life from Thee is ev - er in Thy care,



the moon shines full at His com - mand and all the stars o - bey.
if I sur - vey the ground I tread or gaze up - on the sky!
and ev - 'ry - where that man can be, Thou God, are pres - ent there.

Q. Christian, what do you understand by the providence of God?

A. Providence is the almighty and ever present power of God,
by which he upholds—as with his hand—
heaven and earth and all creatures;
and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought,
fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness,
prosperity and poverty—all things, in fact,
come to us not by chance, but from his fatherly hand.

Q. How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

A. We can be patient when things go against us,
thankful when things go well,
and for the future we can have good confidence
in our faithful God and Father,
that nothing will separate us from his love.
All creatures are so completely in his hand,
that without his will, they can neither move nor be moved.

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.*

Blessed Be Your Name

Matt Redman and Beth Redman



1. [Bless - ed be Your name in the land that is plen - ti - ful,
 Bless - ed be Your name when I'm found in the des - ert place,
 2. [Bless - ed be Your name when the sun's shin - ing down on me,
 Bless - ed be Your name on the road marked with suf - fer - ing,



where Your streams of a - bund - dance flow, bless - ed be Your name.
 though I walk through the wil - der - ness, bless - ed be Your name.
 when the world's all as it should be, bless - ed be Your name.
 though there's pain in the of - fer - ing, bless - ed be Your name.



Ev - 'ry bless - ing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.



When the dark - ness clos - es in, Lord, still I will say,



Chorus "Bless-ed be the name of the Lord bless-ed be Your name.

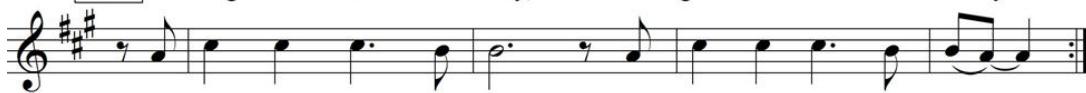


Bless - ed be the name of the Lord, bless - ed be Your glo - ri - ous name."

*1x to v.2
2x to Bridge*



Bridge You give and take a - way, You give and take a - way.



My heart will choose to say, "Lord, bless - ed be Your name."

Receiving Communicant Members

Rev. Duncan Cantrell

Luke Benson, Joshua Daniels, Mark Paul Ferland and Maddie Smith

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?

The Sacrament of Baptism

Mark Paul Ferland

Rev. Duncan Cantrell

The Right Hand of Fellowship

NMPC Elders

Call to Prayer

Matthew 10:28-31

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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

1 Peter 1:1-9; 2:18-25; 4:1-5, 12-19

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God's elect, strangers in the world, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. **In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.** These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

...if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because he who has suffered in his body is done with sin. As a result, he does not live the rest of his earthly life for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God. For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do—living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry. They think it strange that you do not plunge with them into the same flood of dissipation, and they heap abuse on you. But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name. For it is time for judgment to begin with the family of God; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And, "If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.

*Hymn of Preparation

#94 - *How Firm a Foundation*
vs. 1, 2, 4 & 6

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

The Fellowship of Sharing in Christ's Sufferings
Revelation 2:8-11

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*Hymn of Response

For All the Saints

Benediction

1 Peter 5:10-11

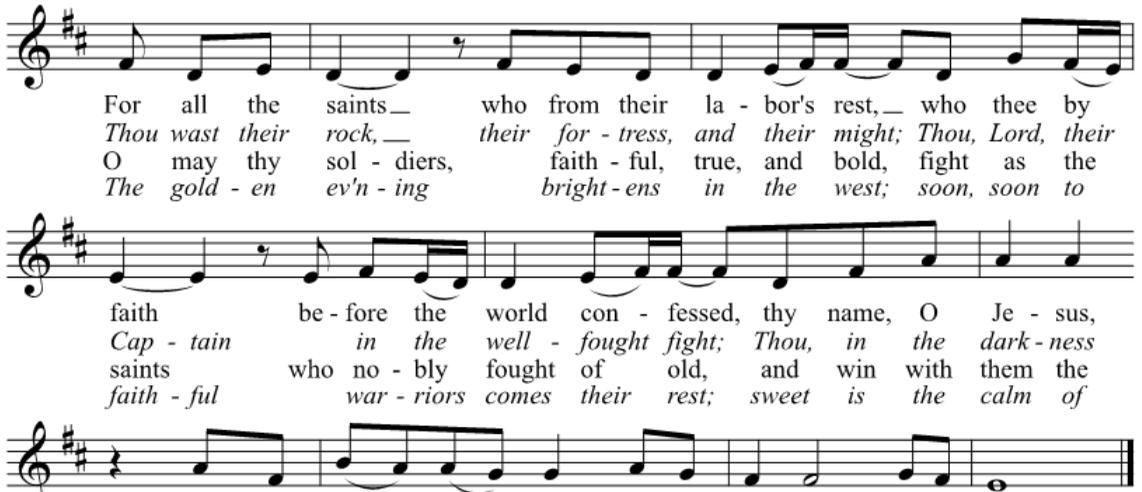
And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

*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.

For All the Saints



For all the saints — who from their la - bor's rest, — who thee by
 Thou wast their rock, — their for - tress, and their might; Thou, Lord, their
 O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold, fight as the
 The gold - en ev'n - ing bright - ens in the west; soon, soon to

faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy name, O Je - sus,
 Cap - tain in the well - fought fight; Thou, in the dark - ness
 saints who no - bly fought of old, and win with them the
 faith - ful war - riors comes their rest; sweet is the calm of

be for - ev - er — blessed. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu.
 drear, their one true light. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu.
 vic - tor's crown of gold. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu.
 par - a - dise the blest, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu.

5. But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;
 The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
 The King of glory passes on his way, Alleluia, Allelu.

6. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast
 Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
 Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, Allelu.

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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@nmipc.net and she will add you to the distribution list.*

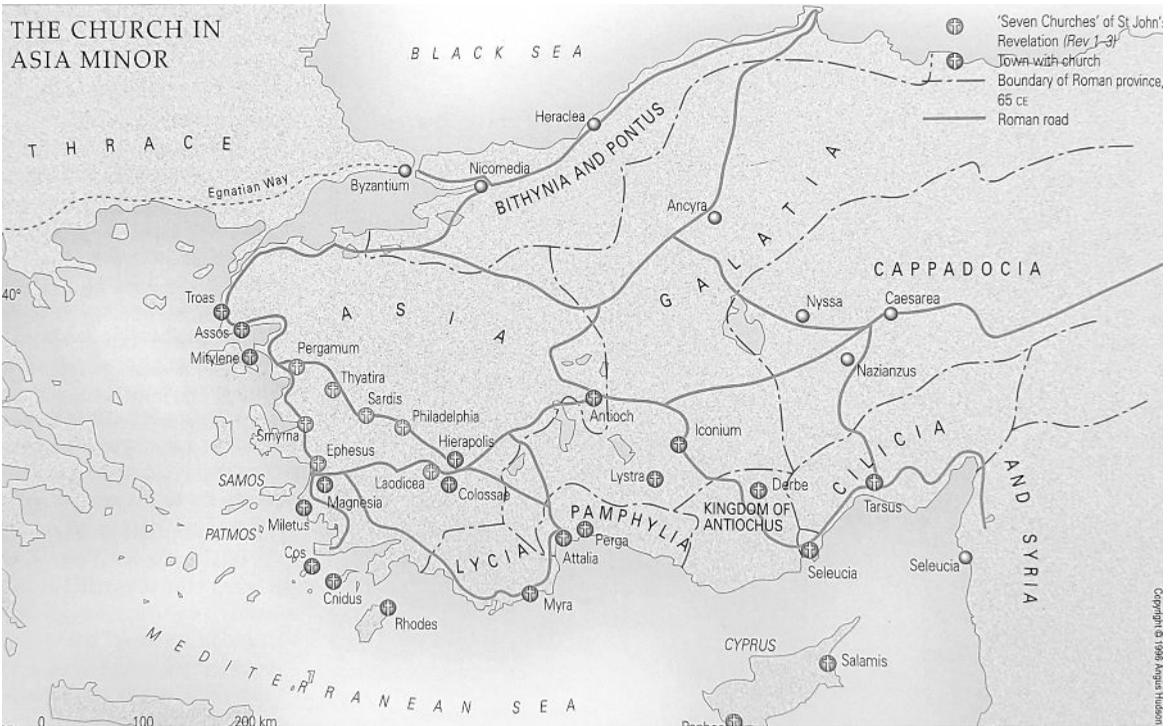
• The Preached Word •

Title: *The Fellowship of Sharing in Christ's Sufferings*

Text: Revelation 2:8-11

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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A Timeline of God's Goodness

- Feb 2013 The Session decides to *expand NMPC's facilities to meet the needs of a 450 member congregation, with future growth through planting new churches.*
- Easter 2014 Phase 1 Renovations completed (parking lot repaved & expanded; detention pond is built; playgrounds renovated & expanded; bathrooms renovated; kitchen renovated). The cost was \$500,000 and we paid cash!
- Dec 3, 2014 Catch the Vision—a New Sanctuary (Phase 2)
 - \$4,000,000 price tag; we desire \$2,750,000 before we break ground
 - We must walk by faith; the task is greater than we can accomplish!
- Jan/Feb 2015 Shape the Vision
- Mar 4, 2015 Contribute to the Vision—Campaign Kickoff
- Oct 25, 2015 Experience the Vision** (outside worship service)
- Apr 2, 2017 Service of Thanksgiving & Prayer during the SS hour
(Celebrate \$2,000,000 in cash and pledges & seek the Lord in prayer)
Meeting with 12 businessmen that evening, which led to the May Match
- Apr 30, 2017 Complete the Vision—May Match
(\$200,000 Matching gift...yields \$700,000)
- July 30, 2017 Congregation votes unanimously to break ground
- Oct 15, 2017 Breaking Ground Ceremony & Celebration Service**
- Oct 21, 2018 First Worship Service in the New Sanctuary**
- Nov 11, 2018 Dedication of the Sanctuary with Lunch on the Grounds
- Oct 17, 2021 Final Cost of Phase 2: \$ 4,339,248
 Loan Balance: \$ 455,740
 Pledges Outstanding: \$ 80,000

Phase 3: Christian Education wing & renovations to Fellowship Hall & Youth Room

Pray for Our Members:

Anna Smith
Bryan, Vanessa, Dallas, Caleb & Aiden Smith
Gregg, Kelly, Molly & Lily Smith
Matt, Ashlee, Maddie & Reid Smith

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 (clbow); 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 20th is Taco Salad and Brownies.

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.

Pictorial Directory - Anna Smith will be taking pictures one last time for the new pictorial directory today. Meet her under the portico after the service.

Strong Tower Banquet - NMPC will host the Strong Tower Fundraising Banquet on Thursday, 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 let Kathy (kathy@nmnpc.net) know if you plan to attend and what kind of side or dessert you will bring.

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of NMPC's 3rd anniversary of worshipping in the new sanctuary (see pg. 11).



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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 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</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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