

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

October 24, 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.

*I am the bread of life.
Whoever comes to me will never go hungry,
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.
John 6:35*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

His Mercy is More

Call to Worship

Psalm 36:5-9

Pastor: Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies.

People: **Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the great deep.**

Pastor: O LORD, you preserve both man and beast! How priceless is your unfailing love!

People: **Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights.**

Pastor: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

*Praise Hymn

#32 - Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

*Confession of Faith

Belgic Confession, Article 20

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe?

People: We believe that God
—who is perfectly merciful and also very just—
sent his Son to assume the nature
in which the disobedience had been committed,
in order to bear in it the punishment of sin
by his most bitter passion and death.
So God made known his justice toward his Son,
who was charged with our sin,
and he poured out his goodness and mercy on us,
who are guilty, and worthy of damnation,
giving to us his Son to die,
by a most perfect love,
and raising him to life,
for our justification,
in order that by him
we might have immortality and eternal life.

The Belgic Confession was composed in 1561 by Guido de Brés. It was adopted at the Synod of Dordt in 1619 as one of the doctrinal standards to which all office bearers in the Reformed churches were required to subscribe. The confession stands as one of the best symbolical statements of Reformed doctrine.

* those who are able please stand

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.
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 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.

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"—and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Corporate Confession

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge before you our sinful nature and our many offenses. We are prone to do evil and slow to do good. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your way, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Lord, we are ashamed and sorry for all the ways that we have displeased you. Father, teach us to hate our rebellious acts, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of your Son. Help us to love you with all our heart and mind and strength. And give us the power of your Holy Spirit so that we may walk in your ways and serve you all our days. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Isaiah 44:22

*I have swept away your offenses like a cloud,
your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you.*

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

John 6:1-40
on page 865 in the pew Bible

*Hymn of Preparation

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

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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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Sermon

Hold Fast to the Truth
Revelation 2:12-17

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Hymn of Response

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

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Sandra McCracken

We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our
 hearts re - stored. He has done great things, we will say to - geth-er; We will feast
 and weep no more. We will not be burned _____ by the fire, He
In the dark of night be-fore the dawn my
 Ev - 'ry vow we've bro - ken and be - trayed; You
 is the Lord our God. We are not con - sumed _____ by the
soul be not a - fraid; for the prom - ised morn - ing, oh how
 are the faith - ful One. And _____ from the gar - den to the
 flood; Up - held, pro - tect - ed, gath - ered up.
long? O God of Ja - cob be my strength.
 grave bind us to - geth - er bring sha - lom.

• The Preached Word •

Title: *Hold Fast to the Truth*

Text: Revelation 2:12-17

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 992 in your pew Bible

Pray for Our Members:

Steve, Amelia & Brooks Smith
Dwight Snuffer
Joe & Kathy Stanley
Hunter, Heather, Mary Rachel, Mia, Stone & Hunt Stevenson

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); Charlie Morris (hand); Terry Rohn (shoulder)
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.

• 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 Stories Behind Your Favorite Verses* taught by Pastor Josh
in the Fellowship Hall (4 weeks: Oct 31, Nov 7, 14 & 21)

Adult Elective: *Marriage Enrichment* taught by Pastor Hunter
in the Sanctuary (3 weeks: November 7, 14 & 21)

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 27th is Pizza, Salad and Dessert.

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.

Reformation Day Festival: This afternoon from 5:00 - 7:00 PM we will have a church wide Reformation Day Festival.

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Charles & Myra Bakers 40th wedding anniversary by Charles Baker.