

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

October 31, 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.

*Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith;
be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love.
1 Corinthians 16:13-14*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Josh Garrett

Introit

Call to Worship

from Psalm 46

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble.

People: **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.**

Pastor: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.

People: **God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.**

Pastor: The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

People: **Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.**

Pastor: The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

*Praise Hymn

#92 - *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

* *those who are able please stand*

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

PASTOR: Christian, what do you believe?

ALL: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

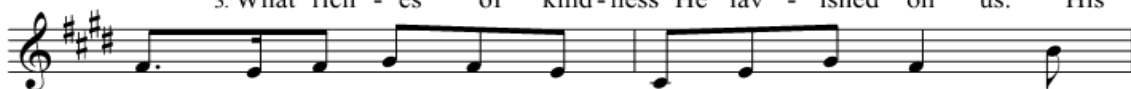
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*The Apostles' Creed was not written by the apostles but is a summary of their teachings.
It dates back to the 4th century and has been used by the church to identify believers,
instruct new converts, and provide a confession of faith for worship.*

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.



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.

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Corporate Confession

Loving King, our thoughts and motives cannot be hidden from your sight. Our self-pity and pride, our idolatry and sloth, our anger and envy are laid bare before your eyes. Forgive us for remaining silent and for shrinking back in fear when we should be speaking up for righteousness and truth. Forgive us for the times we have denied our Eternal Savior because we were afraid of men. Forgive us for the times we have gone along with the crowd because we were afraid of what standing for Christ would cost us. We humble ourselves before you and ask that you cover us in the blood of Christ and grant us courage to proudly identify ourselves as followers of Jesus. Renew us in the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit for the honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Isaiah 43:25

*I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions,
for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.*

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

Acts 5:12-42

*Hymn of Preparation

Isaiah 43

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1. When you pass through the wa-ters, I will be with you. And the
2. When you walk through the fire, you'll not be burned. And the



waves will not ov-er-come you. Do not fear for I have re-
flames will not con - sume you. Do not fear for I have re-



deemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine.
deemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine.



Women: I am the Lord your God.

Men: For I am the Lord your God. I am the Lord your



God. I am the Ho-ly One of Is-ra-el, your Sa - vior. I am the Lord.



fear. Do not fear. Do not fear. Do not fear.

I am the Lord. I am the Lord. I am the Lord.

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Josh Garrett

Sermon

Recovering Courage
Zechariah 8

Rev. Brett Barbee

*Hymn of Response

#672 - *Trust and Obedience*
vs. 1, 3, 4, 5

Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 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: *Recovering Courage*

Text: Zechariah 8

Pastor: Rev. Brett Barbee

pg. 773 in your pew Bible

Pray for Our Members:

Steve & Julie Strange
Dan & Connie Strawn
Dan, Holly, Ellic Grace, Annabelle & Hayley Taylor
Jeff, Madeline & Will Thompson

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month:

Jim & Mary Alice Patterson worked 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 so that people groups can hear the Bible 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); 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, November 3rd is Poppy Seed Chicken, Corn Soufflé, Fresh Broccoli,
Salad, Rolls & Ice Cream*

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

• Financial Update •

as of October 3, 2021

General Operations		Faith Promise for Missions	
2021 Receipts:	\$ 1,087,872	Paid out June 30:	\$ 26,742
2021 Expenses:	\$ 886,249	to support our 19 missionaries for the first half of 2021	
Building Loan Balance		Needed by Dec. 30:	\$ 25,675
September 30:	\$ 455,740	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.

Rev. Brett Barbee - We are delighted to have Rev. Brett Barbee, the pastor of Strong Tower Fellowship, preaching God's Word to us today!

Adult Sunday School Electives - Pastor Josh is teaching a 4 week class (Oct 31, Nov 7, 14 & 21) on *The Stories Behind Your Favorite Verses* in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Hunter will begin a 3 week Marriage Enrichment class next week (Nov 7, 14 & 21). This class is not only for married couples who want to enrich their marriages, but also for college students and singles who want to learn about and prepare themselves for marriage.



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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</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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