

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

December 19, 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.

*The true light that gives light to every man
was coming into the world
John 1:9*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-4, 9

Pastor: Sing to the LORD a new song! Sing to the LORD, all the earth!

People: **Sing to the LORD! Praise his name! Proclaim his salvation day after day!**

Pastor: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

People: **For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise! He is to be feared above all gods.**

Pastor: Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness! Tremble before him, all the earth.

***Praise Hymn**

#214 - *Angels We Have Heard on High*

** those who are able please stand*

*Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism, 21-22

Q. 21. Christian, who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

A. The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ,
who being the eternal Son of God,
became man, and so was, and continues to be,
God and man in two distinct natures,
and one person, forever.

Q. 22. How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

A. Christ, the Son of God, became man,
by taking to himself a true body,
and a reasoning soul,
being conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
in the womb of the Virgin Mary,
and born of her,
yet without sin. Amen.

*The Westminster Shorter Catechism expresses the truths of the Bible in summary form.
It was comprised at the Westminster Assembly in London (1643-1648), and it sets forth the
doctrinal standards of our church and our denomination, the Presbyterian Church in America*

Once in Royal David's City

C. Alexander/J. Brown (v. 3)

1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
 2. *He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all,*
 3. He was giv'n to pay our ran - som, by his blood we are set free.
 4. *And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing - love;*
 5. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by,

where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:
and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall:
 Suf - ered he for our trans - gres - sions, Lamb of God u - pon the tree.
for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove.
 we shall see him, but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;

Mar - y was the moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
with the poor, and mean, and low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 Then he rose up from the grave; ris - en King with pow'r to save.
And he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.
 when like stars his chil - dren crowned all in white shall wait a - round.

Call to Prayer

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Rev. Duncan Cantrell

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

Joy to the World

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:3-5; Malachi 4:5-6;
Luke 1:13-17, 76-79; John 1:19-34

*Hymn of Preparation

#211 - God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

The Light of the World
John 1:6-13

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*Hymn of Response

#216 - Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

***Benediction**

Revelation 1:5b-6

Now to him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

***Doxology**

#731

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: John 1:6-13

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 860 in your pew Bible

• Christmas Poinsettias •

To the Glory of God and in Memory of:

Dr. John Richards
Dr. James Baird
Dr. Allen Fleece

Billy & Beverly Adams

Albert & Betty Barnes

Naomi Barnes

Jim Bealle

The Barton Family

Collin Breed

Larry & LuAnn Breed

Donnie Wayne Churchwell
John McSween

Jason, Payton, Jay, Emory & Packy Churchwell

Bub & Connie Hogan
Ed Hogan
Bob Cunningham

Cleve & Kathy Cunningham

James "Danny" Hughes, Sr.

Robby, Katy, Marshall, Hughes & Spencer Danner

Josh, Virginia & Malcolm Davies
Trevor, Jr., Agnes & Trevor Chatfield, III

Phil & Tina Davies

Sturkie Dawson
Larry Laurens

Carol Dawson

Dan Gibson

Barbara Gibson & Family

Melanie Grier
Emily P. & James G. Grier, Sr.
Bill & Mary Irby

Jim Grier

Kamron Elijah Wood

The Adam Griffin Family

John & Faye Lee
John & Elizabeth Grimsley

Ed & Peggy Grimsley

Larry Laurens
Sturkie Dawson

Charlotte Laurens

Peggy Timberlake

George & Sally Lee

Walter E. Leggett, Jr.
Walter E. (Billy) Leggett, Sr.

Mary Jane & Jocy Leggett

George Watt
Connie Manwaring

Dick & Sandy Manwaring

Jimmy McCallum

Diane McCallum

Willard Boyett
Vivian Anderson

Nicholas & Abigail McCullough

Buck Ream

Boo & Rebecca McKelvey

Don Moore

Kathy Moore

David Dondes
Melanie Grier
Paul Kanode
John McSween
Chris Sandefur
Ed Voss

NMPC Family

Papa V, Grammy & Nonni

Andrei & Nicole Parrish

Major & Mrs. W. Ed Norwood

The Jack Pyles Family

Buck Ream

Liz Ream

Pauline M. Stevenson
Martha G. Trupia

Hunter & Heather Stevenson

Jude William Taylor (our beautiful son)

The Taylor Family

Albert & Doris Timms; Mike Timms;
Harry & Lola Hatfield; Ronnie Hatfield;
Lester Westbrooks

John & Ann Timms

Ed Voss

Cindy Voss

Jerry Willis

Cheryl Willis

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To the Glory of God and in Honor of:

Bert, Anna, Bo & Hatch Barnes
Jon, Bonnie & Noah Andree

Naomi Barnes

Janice Bealle

The Barton Family

Mark, Kara & Aliya Ruth Preethi

Jason, Payton, Jay, Emory & Packy Churchwell

Anabel Cunningham

Cleve & Kathy Cunningham

Lydia Johnson

D Group

David Carter

D Group

Clark Myers

D Group

Marshall, Hughes & Spencer Danner

Robby & Katy Danner

Holly Garretson

Cal, Caroline & Camp Garretson

Her Grandchildren - James Grace, Everett & Hudson Gibson

Barbara Gibson

Church Staff

Betty Luce

Liz Ream

Boo & Rebecca McKelvey

Our Pastors & Staff

Rob & Anne Morton

Granddaddy, John & Ann Timms

Andrei & Nicole Parrish

To the glory of God

Liz Ream

Jane Brooks
The Wildman Family

The Scay Family

Pat Jenkins

Lucy, Simon, Luke & Clifton Jake Shepley

NMPC Pre-School Teachers
Debbie McCommon
Special Needs ministry Buddy Volunteers

The Bryan Smith Family

Liz Ream

Hunter, Heather, Mary Rachel, Mia, Stone & Hunt Stevenson

Heather Stevenson

Hunter Stevenson

Liz Ream & Tricia Barton

Their Sunday School Class

The Garrett Family
The Stevenson Family
Hodges, Annie Beyer & Isabel Hoye
Their 10 grandchildren - Mary Blue, Sallie, Morris & Ben Butler;
David, Anna Caroline & Eleanor Todd; Sam, Breck & Ruthie Griffin

David & Murray Todd

Church Staff
Elders & Deacons

Chuck & Jackie Wachob

• World Missions •

Thanks be to God for His incredible goodness and blessings to our church in the area of world missions! This year, because of your generous giving, we were able not only to support our 21 missionaries but also to give the following gifts:

- 1) Mike & Eli Sabin, who serve in Guam with Transworld Radio, were given a \$10,000 gift for an upgrade and repairs to their radio towers.
- 2) Joshua Tsavatewa, who ministers at Sacred Road in Washington State, was given a \$5000 gift for a down payment on his first home with his new wife.
- 3) Jeff and Jamie Garrett in South Asia were given a \$10,000 gift for a capital campaign for the renovation of a school and training center for pastors.
- 4) Jim and Mary Alice Patterson in North Carolina were given a \$2,000 gift to purchase a new log splitter which they use to provide firewood for the widows and the elderly in their ministry.
- 5) Teresa Webber, who is church planting in Bangkok, Thailand, was given a \$2000 gift toward the support she needed to get on the field.

In addition, we have been able to take on 4 new missionaries:

- 1) Stan and Connie Beasley work with 18.26 Network where they train and equip Christians to turn their vocations into opportunities for world missions.
- 2) Tomo Ito is working with Sacred Road Ministries to establish a similar work with the tribes of Native Americans in Warm Springs, Oregon.
- 3) Brian and Megan Moore are involved in evangelism and church planting in Neurenburg am Rhein, Germany.
- 4) Teresa Weber is part of a church planting team in Bangkok, Thailand.

Pray for Our Members:

Billy & Beverly Adams
Jon, Morgan & Kennedy Adams
Rebecca Anaya
Vicki Anderson

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month:

Mike and Eli Sabin help spread the gospel throughout Southeast Asia by means of Trans World Radio in Guam.

Pray for Those in Need:

Expecting Mothers: Kathlyn Wohlrabe (1/29), Mary Lou Cantrell (1/31) & Jennifer Hornick (6/18)

Newborns: Annie Monsted, Amelia Prestwood, Noah Andree, Eli Singleton, Lakelyn Newell, 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); Joseph Egloff (mom); Rana Munna (mom); Seth Peed (dad)

Recovering/Sick: Kathy Stanley (Parkinson's); Seth Daniels (leg); Cathe Dondes (elbow); John LaPish (cancer); Terry Rohn (shoulder); Debbie Yetter (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.

• Discipleship Opportunities •

Sunday School Schedule

Sunday, December 26: no classes

Sunday, January 2: no classes

Sunday, January 9: Community Based SS classes begin

Wednesday Night Activities

We will resume Wednesday Night Dinner & Activities on January 12th, 2022.

• Financial Update •

as of November 30, 2021

General Operations		Faith Promise for Missions	
2021 Receipts:	\$ 1,374,574	Paid out June 30:	\$ 26,742
2021 Expenses:	\$ 1,111,567	to support our 19 missionaries for the first half of 2021	
Building Loan Balance		Needed by Dec. 30:	\$ 25,675
November 30:	\$ 444,222	Cash available:	\$ 34,199

• 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.

Campus Club Children - THANK YOU for donating money, going shopping, and providing gifts for the 6 children we told you about last week! The extra money was given to Robin Crosby, the Director of Campus Clubs, to distribute to other families in need.

Christmas Eve Service - We will have a Candlelight Christmas Eve Service on Friday, December 24th at 5:00 PM. A nursery for 0-3 year olds will be provided. We will take up a special offering for the PCA Ministerial Relief Fund, which is used for financial assistance for the widows and orphans of PCA ministers & missionaries. If you would like to make a donation, please put "PCA Relief Fund" on the memo line of your check.

Mission Trip to Sacred Road - NMPC will send a team of short-term missionaries to Washington State the week of June 4-11, 2022 to assist Sacred Road Ministries as they minister to the Yakama Tribe of Native Americans. If would you like more information, please contact Mark Ballard or Duncan Cantrell.

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of the marriage of Chris Baker and Jessica Vanderploeg on December 21, 2021.



NORTH MACON

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 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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