

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

December 26, 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.

*From the fullness of his grace
we have all received one blessing after another.
John 1:16*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Luke 1:68-75

Pastor: Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come, and has redeemed his people!

People: **He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, just as he said through his holy prophets of long ago,**

Pastor: Salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us—

People: **To show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath he swore to our father Abraham:**

Pastor: To rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness, before him all our days.

*Praise Hymn

#208 - *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

*Invocation

Rev. Duncan Cantrell

** those who are able please stand*

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe about the liberty Christ has purchased for you?

People: The liberty which Christ has purchased for believers under the gospel consists in our freedom from
the guilt of sin,
the condemning wrath of God,
and the curse of the moral law;

and in our being delivered from
this present evil world,
bondage to Satan,
dominion of sin,
the evil of afflictions,
the sting of death,
the victory of the grave,
and everlasting damnation;

and also in our free access to God,
and our yielding obedience unto him, not out of slavish fear,
but a child-like love, and willing mind.

All which were common also to believers under the law;
but under the New Testament,
the liberty of Christians is further enlarged
in our freedom from the yoke of slavery to the ceremonial law,
to which the Jewish Church was subjected,
and in greater boldness of access to the throne of grace,
and in fuller communications with the Spirit of God,
than believers under the law did ordinarily partake.

The Westminster Confession of Faith expresses the teachings 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.

Receiving New Members

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Mark & Meg Baxter; Will, Ember & Holland Bentley; Jon, Bonnie & Noah Andree

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?

Right Hand of Fellowship

NMPC Elders

The Sacrament of Baptism

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Noah Sullivan Andree

Baptismal Vows

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?
4. Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

Congregational Prayer

Take My Life and Let It Be

*Take his life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee
Take his moments and his days; let them flow in ceaseless praise
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

Call to Prayer

Psalm 103:1-12

Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name! Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; 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

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

*Hymn of Preparation

#200 - It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

One Blessing After Another
John 1:14-18

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*Hymn of Response

#226 - *As with Gladness Men of Old*

*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.

Please greet the new members in the narthex after the service;
also, please take home a poinsettia or two.

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

• The Preached Word •

Title: *One Blessing After Another*

Text: John 1:14-18

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 Davics

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 Ward

The 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

• Christmas Poinsettias •

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

Please take home a poinsettia or two after the service today!

• 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.

Year End Giving - The church office will be open Monday & Tuesday this week if you would like to drop off a year end gift. You can also mail a check or give online on Realm; just be sure your gift is postmarked by December 31.

Sunday School Schedule

January 2: No classes

January 9: Community Based Sunday School classes begin

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.

Poinsettias - Please take home a poinsettia or two after the service!

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jerry Willis on his birthday.