

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

December 5, 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.

*With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
Isaiah 12:3*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Isaiah 25:6-9

Pastor: On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples,

People: **A banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines.**

Pastor: On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations:

People: **He will swallow up death forever!**

Pastor: The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth.

People: **The LORD has spoken!**

Pastor: In that day they will say:

People: **Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us! This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation!**

***Praise Hymn**

#195 - *Joy to the World! The Lord is Come*

***Invocation**

Rev. Duncan Cantrell

***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*

Call to Prayer

Isaiah 55:1-3a

Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live.

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

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

*The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks,
When beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakes.*

*The King shall come when morning dawns and earth's dark night is past,
O haste the rising of that morn, the day that ever shall last.*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

*The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty brings.
Hail Christ the Lord! Your people pray: come quickly King of kings!*

***Hymn of Preparation**

*#194 - O Come, O Come Emmanuel
vs. 1, 3, 4 & 5*

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

Come! Buy From Me!
Revelation 3:14-22

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

The Sacrament of Communion

All those who have placed their faith and trust in Christ alone for their salvation, are baptized, and are members in good standing of a Bible-believing, evangelical church are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper this morning. All others, please allow the elements to pass, as you consider your relationship with Christ and His Church.

***Hymn of Response**

#213 - What Child is This?

Benediction

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our LORD Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

***Doxology**

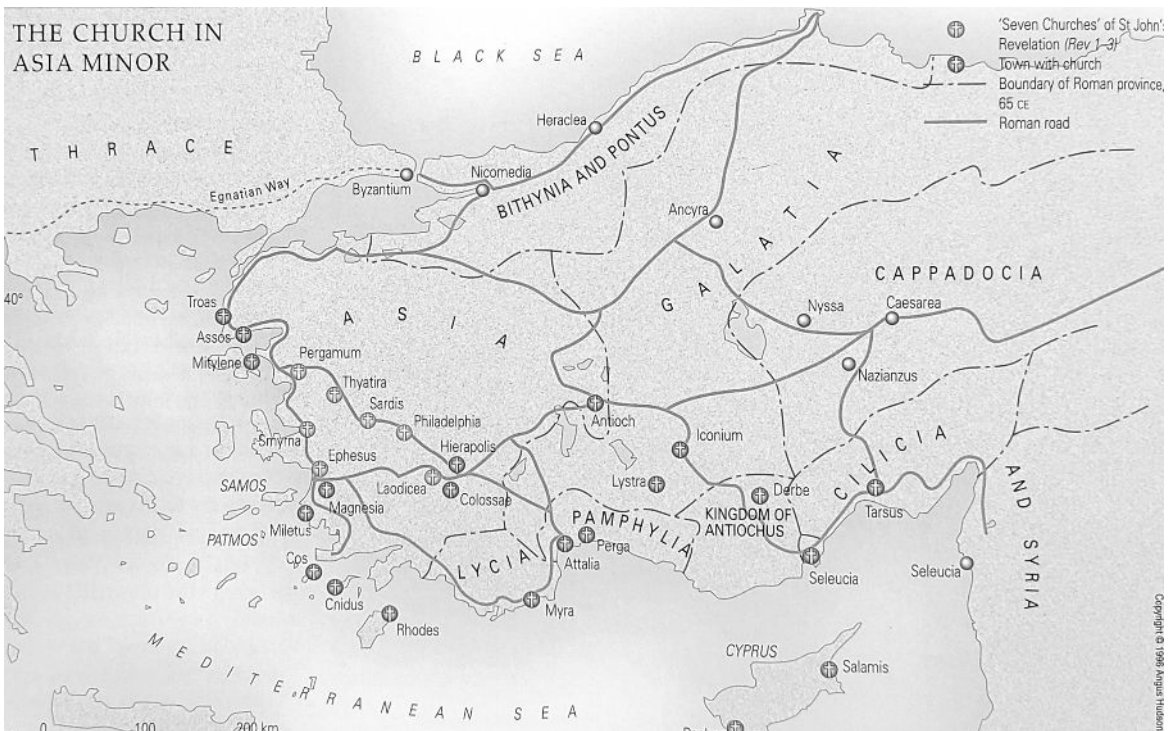
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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Postlude



THE CHURCH IN ASIA MINOR



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•The Preached Word•

Title: *Come! Buy From Me!*

Text: Revelation 3:14-22

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 993 in your pew Bible

• 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 19 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:

Martin, Tonya & Matthew Wilson
Andrew, Kathlyn & Rachel Grace Wohlrabe
Andrew Wood
Wayne & Pat Yarbrough

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)
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); Cathc Dondes (elbow); John LaPish (cancer); Terry Rohn (shoulder); Debbie Yetter (hip).
Bereaved: Liz Ream & the McKelveys (Buck); Cindy Voss (Ed); Jim Grier (Melanie); Cathc 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: *Advent Lessons* taught by Pastor Josh in the Fellowship Hall

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)

Christmas Program

The menu for Wed, December 8 is Pork Loin, Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad & Rolls.

• Financial Update •

as of November 1, 2021

General Operations		Faith Promise for Missions	
2021 Receipts:	\$ 1,255,495	Paid out June 30:	\$ 26,742
2021 Expenses:	\$ 987,421	to support our 19 missionaries for the first half of 2021	
Building Loan Balance		Needed by Dec. 30:	\$ 25,675
October 31:	\$ 449,965	Cash available:	\$ 32,629

• Announcements •

Communion - The center sections will come down the center aisle to receive the elements, returning to their seats via the interior aisles. The outside sections will come down the outside aisles and return via the interior aisles. Please hold the elements until everyone has been served so that we can partake together. Anyone with mobility issues can remain seated; simply raise your hand to be identified and we will come serve you.

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.

Women's Christmas Dinner - On Tuesday the ladies will gather at 6:30 PM for the Women's Christmas Dinner. Come join us!

Christmas Program - Please join us for an evening of singing and listening to the Christmas story told by our children and youth this Wednesday at 6:30 PM. We will have coffee, hot chocolate, and Christmas cookies afterwards!

Poinsettias - You may pick up a flyer off the coffee bar if you would like to place a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone. The deadline to order is **December 10th**.

Marriage Conference - NMPC will host a Marriage Conference with Dr. John Cox on February 11-12. Please save the date!



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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