

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

February 13, 2022



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Important Reminders:

Turn off all cellular devices during the worship service.

Do not bring food or drink into the sanctuary.

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:13-14

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 100

Pastor: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth!

People: Serve the LORD with gladness! Come before him with joyful songs!

Pastor: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

People: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him and praise his name!

Pastor: For the LORD is good, and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

***Praise Hymn**

#1 - All People that on Earth Do Dwell

** those who are able please stand*

*Confession of Faith

Colossians 1:15-20

Pastor: Christian, who is Jesus Christ?

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn over all creation.
For by him all things were created:
things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,
whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities;
all things were created by him and for him.
He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
And he is the head of the body, the church;
He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead,
so that in everything he might have the supremacy.
For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether things on earth or things in heaven,
by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Amen.

May the Peoples Praise You

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1. [You have called us out of dark - est night, in - to Your glo - rious
May our ev - 'ry breath re - tell the grace that broke in - to our
2. [All the earth is Yours and all with - in, each harv - est is your
May the seeds of mer - cy grow in us for those who have not
3. This our ho - ly priv - 'lege to de - clare Your prais - es and Your



- [light, that we may sing the won - ders of the ris - en Christ.
strife with bound - less love and deep - est joy, with end - less life.
- [own, and from Your hand we give to You, to make Christ known.
heard, may songs of praise build lives of grace to spread Your Word.
- Name to ev - 'ry na - tion, tribe, and tongue Your church pro - claim.



Chorus May the peo - ples praise You, let the na - tions be - glad!



All Your bless - ing comes that we may praise, may praise the Name of Je - sus.
after v. 3 to Bridge



Bridge Ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord Al - might - y. Wor - thy, wor - thy



is the Lamb who was slain. Ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord Al - might - y.



All cre - a - tion praise Your glo - ri - ous Name. May the

to Chorus

Call to Prayer

Proverbs 28:13

He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

Corporate Confession

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. O Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Psalm 130:7-8

*O Israel, put your hope in the LORD,
for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.
He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.*

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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

Colossians 3:1-4:1
page 955 in the pew Bible

Holy Spirit



Ho - ly Spi - rit, liv - ing Breath of God, breathe new
Ho - ly Spi - rit, come a - bide with - in, may Your
Ho - ly Spi - rit, from cre - a - tion's birth, giv - ing



life in - to my will - ing soul. Let the pres - ence of the
joy be seen in all I do. Love e - nough to cov - er
life to all that God has made, show Your pow - er once a -



ris - en Lord come re - new my heart and make me whole.
ev - 'ry sin, in each thought and deed and at - ti - tude.
gain on earth, cause Your church to hun - ger for Your ways.



Cause Your word to come a - live in me; Give me faith for what I
Kind - ness to the great - est and the least, gen - tle - ness that sows the
Let the fra - grance of our pray'rs a - rise; Lead us on the road of



can - not see, give me pas - sion for Your pu - ri - ty; Ho - ly
path of peace. Turn my striv - ings in - to works of grace; Breath of
sac - ri - fice, that in u - ni - ty the face of Christ may be



Spi - rit breathe new life in me.
God show Christ in all I do.
clear for all the world to see.

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Sermon

The Redeeming God of Eden
Genesis 3:8-15; 20-24

Dr. John Cox

*Hymn of Response

We Will Feast in the House of Zion
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*Benediction

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word. 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

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.*

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

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.

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• The Preached Word •

Title: *The Redeeming God of Eden*

Text: Genesis 3:8-15; 20-24

Pastor: Dr. John Cox

pg. 2 in the pew Bible

Pray for Our Members:

Jason, Payton, Jay, Emory & Packy Churchwell
Kathy Combs
Bryan, Meredith, Hunter, Rhett & Madison Covert
Larry & Cathy Crumbley

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month:

Dale & Beth Stanton have been a part of a church planting team in Sofia, Bulgaria. They have recently been called to do a similar work in Ukraine and are transitioning there.

Pray for Those in Need:

Expecting Mothers: Jennifer Hornick (6/18); Chelsea Dozier (08/3)

Newborns: Charlie & Lillie Wohlrabe, Theo Cantrell, Annie Monsted, Amelia Prestwood, Noah Andree, Eli Singleton, Lakelyn Newell, Smith Dozier & Mary Louise Cathey.

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 & Silas Peed (dad)

Recovering/Sick: Kathy Stanley (Parkinson's); John LaPish (cancer); Dick Manwaring (minor stroke); Jerry Hogg (cancer)

Bereaved: Liz Ream & the McKelveys (Buck); 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); Reba Hudson (Wayne)

Our Leaders: the Session, Diaconate, Women's Ministry Committee, and Staff; our local, state and federal governmental officials.

Providing a Home ♦ Proclaiming the Gospel ♦ Partnering with Ministries

Missionaries Supported by NMPC

1. **TREY AND KIKKI ADAMS** are a part of a church planting team in **Bangkok, Thailand**.
2. **STAN AND CONNIE BEASLEY** are with the 18.26 Network in **Belgium**, coaching Christians to become “vocational missionaries” to reach co-workers and to support existing churches.
3. **BRIAN AND MANDY** are part of a church planting team in **South Asia** in a city of 10 million people. They are also involved in training national church-planters.
4. **KAY BURKLIN** is MTW’s (Mission to the World) European liaison with refugees.
5. **RODNEY AND JANA DAVILA** are transitioning to **El Salvador**, to continue their work of planting churches and teaching and training pastors.
6. **JONAS AND CHRISTINA DAVISON** are part of a church planting team in **Japan** where they use the arts to build bridges for evangelism & discipleship.
7. **JEFF AND JAMIE** are church planters in **India**, and Jeff teaches rural pastors in a seminary.
8. **RICH AND CHRISSE GREETE** have a counseling ministry to **Mission to the World missionaries** here in the States and on mission fields in other parts of the world.
9. **TOMO ITO** is on staff with Sacred Road Ministries in Washington State and is working to establish a similar ministry to the Native American tribes in **Warm Springs, OR**.
10. **BRIAN AND MEGAN MOORE** are church planting in Neurenburg am Rhein, **Germany**.
11. **DR. VICTOR AND NOSIZO NAKAH** are serving in **Africa** where Dr. Nakah is the international director of missions for Sub-Sahara Africa.
12. **JIM AND MARY ALICE PATTERSON** have worked with Wycliffe Bible Translators in **Australia and Malaysia**, producing God’s Word for people groups in their own language.
13. **DAVID AND ERIN PERVIS** are in a church planting ministry **Greece**, reaching people with the gospel through several means, one being teaching English.
14. **MIKE AND ELI SABIN** work for Trans World Radio in Guam, providing Christian programming in **Southeast Asia** to people who otherwise would have no Christian witness.
15. **ROGER AND DIANNE SMALLING** write and teach reformed literature in **Latin America**.
16. **DAL AND BETH STANTON** have been a part of a church planting team in Sofia, **Bulgaria**. They have recently been called to do a similar work in **Ukraine** and are transitioning there.
17. **NOAH AND KARLEIGH STEPHENS** are church planters in **Bangkok, Thailand**.
18. **JOSH AND RUTH TSAVATEWA** are working among the **Yakama Tribe** in **Washington State**, where Josh is Teaching Elder with Sacred Road Ministries.
19. **TERESA WEBER** is a part of a church planting team in **Bangkok, Thailand**.
20. **STEPHEN AND SARAH YOUNG** worked in Perth, **Australia** with the **Japanese** people. They now live in Tennessee where Stephen continues his work with the Japanese and Sarah, an acclaimed author of best-selling devotional books (*Jesus Calling*), continues her writing

North Macon Presbyterian Church

NMPC exists to glorify and enjoy God, love and equip His people for the work of His ministry, and make disciples of all nations.

More specifically, NMPC seeks to glorify God and make disciples by...

Providing a Home

- Warm & welcoming
- Connected & caring for one another
- Vulnerable & gracious

Proclaiming the Gospel

- Christ-centered worship & expository preaching
- Classes to educate, encourage & equip
- Small Groups to disciple & deepen relationships

Partnering with Ministries

- North Macon Preschool
- *RUF, STF, CCS, EE, CC and OOD*
- 20 Missionaries & 2 short-term Mission Trips
- Central GA Presbytery & General Assembly

*Local Ministries

RUF – Reformed University Fellowship (Mercer, Wesleyan & Valdosta State)

STF – Strong Tower Fellowship

CCS – Covenant Care Services

EE – Evangelism Explosion

CC – Campus Clubs

OOD – Out of Darkness

A Further Explanation

Providing a Home

We believe “Providing a Home” meets one of the unique needs for those living in North Macon. We tend to be isolated and lonely. We tend to live fragmented and disconnected lives, and advances in technology seem to be making matters worse. We tend to pride ourselves on “having it all together” and giving the appearance that we do not need anyone or anything.

We desperately need a place where we can take off our masks, admit our sin and failures, and be received and accepted. We long for a genuine community where we can be loved as we really are, and, in turn, love others as they really are. NMPC is committed to be that place—a home—where folks are welcomed, embraced, and loved.

The most recently initiative to “Providing a Home” is our Community Focused Sunday School Classes. Please see page 13 to determine which class might be best for you.

Proclaiming the Gospel

NMPC’s primary task is to “Proclaim the Gospel”, for the Gospel is the power of God for salvation. To spell it out more particularly, we are committed to preach the good news of Jesus Christ, in the whole counsel of Scripture, by the power of the Holy Spirit, with Reformed theological convictions, in a caring and gracious community, so that we might present everyone perfect in Christ. Therefore, in every worship service, every Sunday school class, every small group, and every ministry of the church, we are committed to proclaim the Gospel as of chief importance for the transformation of lives.

Partnering with Ministries

NMPC is also committed to carrying the good news of the Gospel—in word and deed—into our community and around the world. We seek to do so through strategic partnerships with *ministries* in our community and *missionaries* around the globe. We are committed to **pray** for, **partner** with, and **participate** in these strategic partnerships so that we might make disciples of Jesus Christ of all nations.

• Discipleship Opportunities •

Sunday School Schedule

2 & 3 Year Old:	<i>Beginners Gospel Story Bible</i> taught by Seth & Amy Peed; Room 112
4K– 5K:	<i>Serving the Savior</i> taught by Anna Barnes & Jill Peed; Room 114
1st & 2nd Grade:	<i>Growing in God</i> taught by Kelly Smith, Caleb & Hannah Henning, Patrick & Andrea Goff; Room 121
3rd-5th Grade:	<i>Trusting God</i> taught by Liz Ream & Tricia Barton; Room 122
Jr. High:	Identity & Purpose (Genesis) taught by Matt Shepley; Room 123
Sr. High:	Hosca taught by Mark Ballard & Anna Smith in the Youth Room
College & Up:	Led by Tommy James, Paul McCommon & Shane Self in Room 142
20s & 30s:	Led by Hunter & Heather Stevenson in Room 125
30's & 40s:	Led By Josh Garrett & Cal Garretson in the Fellowship Hall
40s & 50's:	Led By Jason Churchwell & Kevin Watson in Room 126
50s & 60s:	Led by Ed Grimsley, Dan Strawn & Jeff Thompson in MC #1
60s & up:	Led by Charles Baker & Rob Morton in MC #2

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 February 16 is Pork Loin, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls & Cup Cakes.

• Financial Update •

as of January 31, 2022

General Operations		Faith Promise for Missions	
2022 Receipts:	\$ 92,955	2022 Receipts:	\$ 8,240
2022 Expenses:	\$ 91,765	Needed by June 30:	\$ 26,950
		to support our 20 missionaries for the first half of the year	
Building Loan Balance			
January 31:	\$ 143,624		

• 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.

Faith Promise - NMPC supports 20 missionaries around the world through Faith Promise giving, that is, to prayerfully consider what amount of money God may be calling you to give—above and beyond the tithe—towards world missions in 2022 and then to give that amount as God provides. A list of our missionaries can be found on page 10. Please turn in a response card by **Sun, Feb 27**.

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 Joshua & Ruth Tsavatewa and Sacred Road Ministries as they minister to the Yakama Tribe of Native Americans.

New Members Class - If you are interested in learning more about NMPC or joining our membership, you are invited to attend the New Members Class, which is comprised of two Sunday night meetings on **March 6th & 13th from 5:30 - 8:00 PM** (dinner & childcare are provided). Please email Pastor Hunter (hunter@nmpc.net) to sign up or for more information. (We provide make-up sessions if you have a conflict one of those evenings.)



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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 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
Session	Jason Churchwell Tommy James	Ed Grimsley* Paul McCommon Rob Morton Howard Reed	Cleve Cunningham* Neal Ham*

	Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
Diaconate	Lee Burch Hays Fyke Grant Nicholson Shane Self	Silas Peed* Wes Seay*	Patrick Hoye* Brandon Youmans*

**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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