

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

February 20, 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.

*The LORD reigns! Let the earth be glad!
Let the distant shores rejoice!
Psalm 97:1*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 97:1-6

Pastor: The LORD reigns! Let the earth be glad! Let the distant shores rejoice!

People: **Clouds and thick darkness surround him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**

Pastor: Fire goes before him and consumes his foes on every side.

People: **His lightning lights up the world; the earth sees and trembles.**

Pastor: The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the LORD of all the earth.

People: **The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.**

*Praise Hymn

*#4 - All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above
vs. 1-4*

** those who are able please stand*

*Confession of Faith

Romans 8:1-2, 28, 38-39

Pastor: Let us confess what we believe.

There is now no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus,
because through Christ Jesus,
the law of the Spirit of life
set us free from the law of sin and death.

And we know that in all things
God works for the good of those who love Him,
who have been called according to His purpose.

And we are convinced
that neither death nor life,
neither angels nor heavenly rulers,
neither the present nor the future,
nor any powers,
neither height nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

He Will Hold Me Fast

Habershon(1906)/M. Merker(2013)



1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
 2. *Those He saves are His de-light,* Christ will hold me fast;
 3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;



When the tempt - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.
Pre - cious in his ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.
 Just - ice has been sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast.



I could nev - er keep my hold through life's fear - ful path;
He'll not let my soul be lost; His prom - is - es shall last;
 Raised with Him to end - less life, He will hold me fast



For my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me fast.
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
 'till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!



He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;



For my Sa - vior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

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I love you, O LORD, my strength! The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I called to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I have been saved from my enemies.

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

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:14-24

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." "Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

Father, Long Before Creation

Andrew Osenga



1. Fa - ther long be - fore cre - a - tion Thou hadst cho - sen us in love,
2. *Though the world may change its fash - ion yet our God is e'er the same;*
3. God's com - pas - sion is my sto - ry, is my boast - ing all the day;
4. *Lov - ing Fa - ther now be - fore Thee we will ev - er praise Thy love,*



And that love so deep, so mov - ing, draws us close to Christ a - bove.
His com - pas - sion and His cov - nant through all a - ges will re - main.
 Mer - cy free and nev - er fail - ing moves my will, di - rects my way.
And our songs will sound un - ceas - ing 'til we reach our home a - bove.



Still it keeps us, still it keeps us firm - ly fixed in Christ a - lone.
God's own chil - dren, God's own chil - dren must for - ev - er praise His name.
 God so loved us, God so loved us that His on - ly Son He gave.
Giv - ing glo - ry, giv - ing glo - ry to our God and to the Lamb.



Chorus: And the world will sing His love, Yes the world will sing His love, —



And we'll all join hands, ev-'ry wom-an ev - ry man to sing His love,



to sing His love. —

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

The Structure of Revelation
Revelation 6:1-8:5

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*Hymn of Response

#691 - It is Well with My Soul

*Benediction

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it. 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.*

• The Preached Word •

Title: *The Structure of Revelation*

Text: Revelation 6:1:8:5

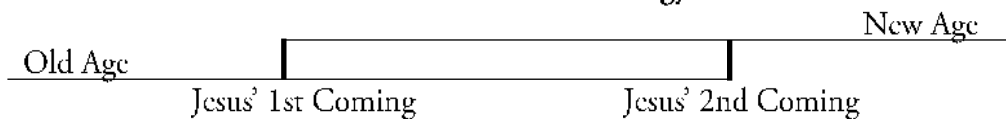
Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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Old Testament Eschatology



New Testament Eschatology



Pray for Our Members:

Cleve & Kathy Cunningham
Will, Kristen, Nate, Seth, Josiah, Noah, Isaac, Joshua & Tristan Daniels
Robby, Katy, Marshall, Hughes & Spencer Danner
Phil & Tina Davies

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 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.
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); Cathie Dondes (David); Susana, Sarah Jane & Oscar Sandefur (Chris); Beth McSween (John); Pam Kanode (Paul); Dustin Newell (dad); Reba Hudson (Wayne)
Our Leaders: the Session, Diaconate, and Staff; our local, state and federal governmental officials.

• 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 23rd is Chicken Divan, Rice, Buttered Carrots, Salad, Rolls & Cookies

• 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:	\$ 32,150
		to support our 20 missionaries for the first half of the year	
Building Loan Balance			
January 31:	\$ 143,624		

• Announcements •

Monday Morning Prayer - The office will be closed tomorrow for the President's Day holiday, so we will NOT gather for Monday Morning Prayer.

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. Please turn in a response card by **Sun, Feb 27**.

The Missions Committee distributed all of the 2021 Faith Promise surplus (\$22,830) to our 20 missionaries based upon “need data” obtained from MTW (Mission to the World).

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. Please sign up on Realm.

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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