

THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

February 27, 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.

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*Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,  
whenever you face trials of many kinds.  
James 1:2*

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### Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

### Introit

Call to Worship

Isaiah 41:8-13

Pastor: But you, O Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, you descendants of Abraham my friend, I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said, 'You are my servant'; I have chosen you and have not rejected you.

People: **So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.**

Pastor: All who rage against you will surely be ashamed and disgraced; those who oppose you will be as nothing and perish. Though you search for your enemies, you will not find them. Those who wage war against you will be as nothing at all.

People: **For I am the LORD your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.**

\*Praise Hymn

#92— *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

\*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

\*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism #1

Q. Christian, what is your only comfort in life and death?

A. That I am not my own,  
but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—  
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.  
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,  
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.  
He also watches over me in such a way  
that not a hair can fall from my head  
without the will of my Father in heaven;  
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.  
Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,  
assures me of eternal life  
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready  
from now on to live for him.

*The Heidelberg Catechism was composed in Heidelberg, Germany in 1563.  
It has been translated into many European, Asian, and African languages  
and is the most widely used and most warmly praised catechism of the Reformation period.*

\* those who are able please stand

# Isaiah 43



1. When you pass through the wa-ters, I will be with you. And the  
 2. When you walk through the fire, you'll not be burned. And the



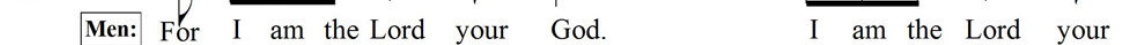
waves will not ov-er-come you. Do not fear for I have re-  
 flames will not con - sume you. Do not fear for I have re-



deemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine.  
 deemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine.



**Women:** I am the Lord your God.



**Men:** For I am the Lord your God. I am the Lord your



God. I am the Ho-ly One of Is-ra-el, your Sa - vior. I am the Lord.



fear. Do not fear. Do not fear. Do not fear.  
 I am the Lord. I am the Lord. I am the Lord.

## Call to Prayer

Matthew 5:11-16

Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

## Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

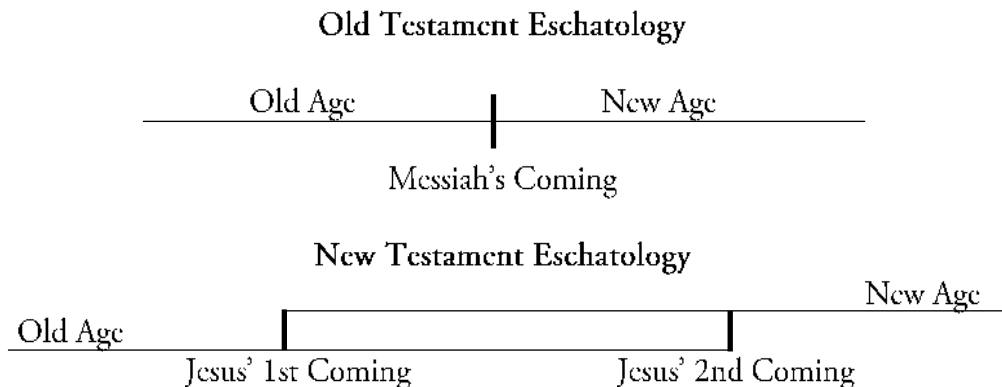
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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

## Offertory

## Scripture Reading

Mark 13:1-27  
on page 825 in the pew Bible



**\*Hymn of Preparation**

*#521 - My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

**Prayer for Covenant Children**

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**Sermon**

*Openings the Seals*  
Revelation 6:1-17

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**\*Hymn of Response**

*Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me*  
*printed on page 6*

**\*Benediction**

1 Peter 5:10-11

And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power 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**

**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@nmprc.net](mailto:monni@nmprc.net) and she will add you to the distribution list.*

# Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me



What gift of grace is Je - sus, my Re - deem - er. There is no  
*The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en, for by my*  
 No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en, the fu - ture  
*With ev - 'ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus, for he has*



more for hea - ven now to give. He is my joy, my right - eous - ness and  
*side the Sav - ior, he will stay. I la - bor on in weak - ness and re -*  
 sure, the price, it has been paid. For Je - sus bled and suf - ferred for my  
*said that he will bring me home. And day by day I know he will re -*



free - dom, my stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less peace.  
*joic - ing, for in my need, his pow - er is dis - played.*  
 par - don, and he was raised to o - ver - throw the grave.  
*new me un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne.*



To this I hold: my hope is on - y Je - sus. For my  
*To this I hold: my Shep - herd will de - fend me. Through the*  
 To this I hold: my sin has been de - feat - ed. Je - sus  
*To this I hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. All the*



life is whol - ly bound to His. Oh how strange and di - vine, I can  
*deep - est val - ley he will lead. Oh the night has been won, and I*  
 now, and ev - er, is my plea. Oh the chains are re - leased, I can  
*glo - ry ev - er - more to him. When the race is com - plete, still my*



sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
*shall o - ver - come! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.*  
 sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
 lips shall re - peat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

# • The Preached Word •

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**Title:** *Openings the Seals*

**Text:** Revelation 6:1-17

**Pastor:** Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 994 in the pew Bible

**Surface Conflict:** World persecutes the Church (Rev 1-11)

End has come!

Cycle 1: 7 churches (Rev 1-3)

Cycle 2: 7 seals (Rev 4-8)

8:5

Cycle 3: 7 trumpets (Rev 9-11)

11:19

**Deeper Conflict:** the Dragon opposes Christ (Rev 12-22)

Cycle 4: War against the Dragon (Rev 12-14)

Cycle 5: 7 bowls (Rev 15-16)

16:17-21

Cycle 6: Fall of Babylon (Rev 17:1-19:10)

Cycle 7: New Heaven & New Earth (Rev 19:11-22:21)



**Pray for Our Members:**

Carol Dawson  
Trey, Allison, Chase, Austin & Maggie Deaton  
Susan & Lauren DeBey  
Phillip Dekle

**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 •

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## 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 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 March 2 is Baked Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Rolls and Lemon Cake with Frosting*

# • Financial Update •

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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	
<b>Building Loan Balance</b>			
January 31:	\$ 143,624		

## • Announcements •

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**Monday Morning Prayer** - We will gather tomorrow 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. 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 pick up a notebook today on the buffet beside Pastor Hunter's office.* (We provide make-up sessions if you have a conflict one of those evenings.)



# 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 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 &amp; 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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