

THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

April 3, 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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*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*

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### Preclude

### Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

### Introit

### Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-4, 9

**Pastor:** Sing to the LORD a new song! Sing to the LORD, all the earth!

**People:** Sing to the LORD! Praise his name! Proclaim his salvation day after day!

**Pastor:** Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples!

**People:** For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise! He is to be feared above all gods.

**Pastor:** Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness! Tremble before him, all the earth!

### \*Praise Hymn

*#77 - Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven  
vs. 1-4*

### \*Invocation

Rev. Duncan Cantrell

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.*

\* those who are able please stand

# Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

J. Newton/L. Taylor



1. Let us love and sing and won - der, let us praise the Sav - ior's name.  
 2. *Let us love the Lord who bought us, pit - ied us when en - e - mies,*  
 3. Let us sing though fierce temp - ta - tion, threat - ens hard to bear us down,  
 4. *Let us won - der grace and just - ice, join and point to mer - cy's store.*  
 5. Let us praise and join the chor - us of the saints en - throned on high;



- He has hushed the law's loud thun - der; He has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame.  
*called us by his grace and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes.*  
 • for the Lord our strong sal - va - tion holds in view the conq - u'ror's crown.  
*When through grace in Christ our trust is just - ice smiles and asks no more.*  
 here they trust - ed him be - fore us, now their prais - es fill the sky.



- He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,  
*He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,*  
 • He who washed us with His blood, He who washed us with His blood,  
*He who washed us with His blood, He who washed us with His blood,*  
 You have washed us with Your blood, You have washed us with Your blood,



- He has washed us with His blood, He has brought us nigh to God.  
*He has washed us with His blood, He pre - sents our souls to God.*  
 • He who washed us with His blood soon will bring us home to God.  
*He who washed us with His blood has se - cured our way to God.*  
 You have washed us with Your blood, You are worth - y Lamb of God.

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Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

### 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 word of the LORD that came to Joel son of Pethuel. Hear this, you elders! Listen, all who live in the land! Has anything like this ever happened in your days or in the days of your forefathers? Tell it to your children, and let your children tell it to their children, and their children to the next generation. What the locust swarm has left the great locusts have eaten; what the great locusts have left the young locusts have eaten; what the young locusts have left other locusts have eaten. Wake up, you drunkards, and weep! Wail, all you drinkers of wine! Wail because of the new wine, for it has been snatched from your lips. A nation has invaded my land, powerful and without number; it has the teeth of a lion, the fangs of a lioness. It has laid waste my vines and ruined my fig trees. It has stripped off their bark and thrown it away, leaving their branches white. Mourn like a virgin in sackcloth grieving for the husband of her youth!

Blow the trumpet in Zion! Sound the alarm on my holy hill! Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming. It is close at hand—a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness. Like dawn spreading across the mountains a large and mighty army comes, such as never was of old nor ever will be in ages to come. Before them fire devours, behind them a flame blazes. Before them the land is like the garden of Eden, behind them, a desert waste—nothing escapes them. They have the appearance of horses; they gallop along like cavalry. With a noise like that of chariots they leap over the mountaintops, like a crackling fire consuming stubble, like a mighty army drawn up for battle. At the sight of them, nations are in anguish; every face turns pale. They charge like warriors; they scale walls like soldiers. They all march in line, not swerving from their course. They do not jostle each other; each marches straight ahead. They plunge through defenses without breaking ranks. They rush upon the city; they run along the wall. They climb into the houses; like thieves they enter through the windows. Before them the earth shakes, the sky trembles, the sun and moon are darkened, and the stars no longer shine. The LORD thunders at the head of his army; his forces are beyond number, and mighty are those who obey his command. The day of the LORD is great; it is dreadful. Who can endure it?

'Even now,' declares the LORD, 'return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.' Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.

## O Great God

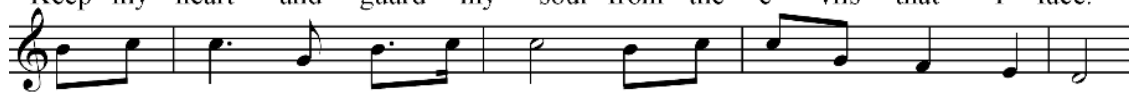
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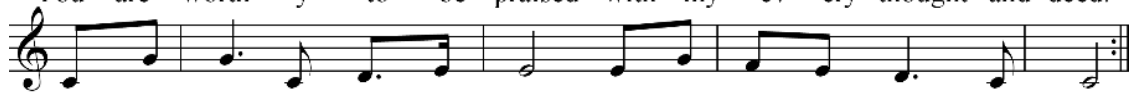
O Great God of high - est heav'n, oc - cu - py my low - ly heart.  
*I was blind - ed by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,*  
Help me now to live a life that's de - pen - dent on Your grace.



Own it all and reign su - preme con - quer ev - ery re - bel pow'r.  
*did not know Your love with - in, had no taste for heav - en's joys.*  
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the e - vils that I face.



Let no vice or sin re - main that re - sists Your ho - ly war.  
*Then Your Spir - it gave me life, o - pened up Your Word to me,*  
You are worth - y to be praised with my ev - ery thought and deed.



you have loved and pur - chased me, make me Yours for - ev - er more.  
*through the gos - pel of Your Son, gave me end - less hope and peace.*  
O great God of high - est heav'n, glo - ri - fy Your Name through me.

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

*Spiritual Torments*  
Revelation 9:1-21

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## 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

*Jesus, Thank You*  
printed on page 8

### \*Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace, both now and forevermore. 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](mailto:monni@nmpc.net) and she will add you to the distribution list.*



# Jesus, Thank You

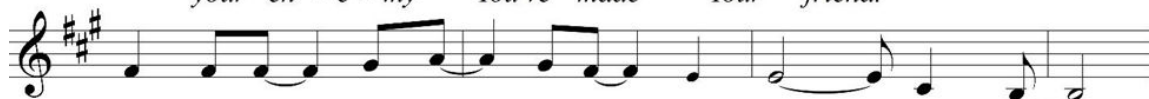
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1. The mys - t'ry of the cross I can - not com - pre - hend,  
2. By Your per - fect sac - ri - fice I've been brought near.



the ag - o - nies of Cal - va - ry.  
your en - e - my You've made Your friend.



You, the per - fect Ho - ly One, crushed Your Son,  
Pour - ing out the rich - es of Your glo - rious grace,



drank the bit - ter cup re - served for me.  
Your mer - cy and Your kind - ness know no end.



*Chorus:* Your blood has washed a-way my sin.— Je-sus, thank You. The Fa-ther's wrath



com - plete - ly sat - is - fied Je - sus, thank You. Once Your en - e - my,—



now seat - ed at Your ta - ble, Je - sus, thank You. *2nd time to Bridge*



*Bridge:* Lov - er of my soul, I want to live for You. *2nd time to Chorus*

# • The Preached Word •

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**Title:** *Spiritual Torments*

**Text:** Revelation 9:1-21

**Pastor:** Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 996 in the pew Bible

<b>Surface Conflict: the World persecutes the Church (Rev 1-11)</b>	End has come!
Cycle 1: 7 churches (Rev 1-3)	
Cycle 2: 7 seals (Rev 4 - 8:5)	8:5
Cycle 3: 7 trumpets (Rev 8:6 - 11)	11:19
<b>Deeper Conflict: the Dragon opposes Christ (Rev 12-22)</b>	
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 - 19:10)	
Cycle 7: New Heaven & New Earth (Rev 19:11 - 22)	

## Pray for Our Members:

Richard Fyke  
Jim & Phyllis Gamble  
Cal, Holly, Caroline & Camp Garretson  
Josh, Lindsay, Madeleine, Jack, Forrest & Winston Garrett

## Pray for Our Missionary of the Month:

Josh & Ruth Tsvatewa are working among the Yakama Tribe in Washington State, where Josh is a Teaching Elder with Sacred Road Ministries.

## Pray for Those in Need:

Expecting Mothers: Jennifer Hornick (6/18) & Chelsea Dozier (8/3)

Newborns: Charlie & Lillie Wohlrabe, Theo Cantrell, Annie Monsted, Amelia Prestwood, Noah Andree, Eli Singleton & Lakelyn Newell

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); Dick Smith (heart attack)

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); Rob Morton (brother); John & Joyce Meadows (son); Edith Adams (mother)

Our Leaders: the Session, Diaconate, and Staff; our local, state and federal governmental officials.

**Providing a Home ♦ Proclaiming the Gospel ♦ Partnering with Ministries**

# 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, VSU & CSU)

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 •

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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:	1John 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
30s & 40s:	Led By Josh Garrett & Cal Garretson in the Fellowship Hall
40s & 50s:	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 April 6 is Pork Loin, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls & Iced Brownies*

# • Financial Update •

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as of February 28, 2022

General Operations		Faith Promise for Missions	
2022 Receipts:	\$ 191,889	2022 Receipts:	\$ 31,650
2022 Expenses:	\$ 213,889	Needed by June 30:	\$ 32,150
		to support our 20 missionaries for the first half of the year	
<b>Building Loan Balance</b>			
February 28:	\$ 136,463		

## • 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.

**BBQ for Missions** - Our annual BBQ fundraiser is planned for Sat, Apr 23rd to raise money for our Washington State Mission Team. Tickets are on sale now: \$10 for a plate, \$12 for a pound, \$9 for a quart & \$5 for a pint of stew, & \$35 for a Boston Butt. Someone will be in the narthex after church today to sell tickets.

### **Easter Services**

Apr 10: Palm Sunday (John 18 *You are a King!*)

Apr 13: Wednesday Service of Remembrance (John 19 *It is Finished!*)

The Ensemble will sing and we will celebrate Communion

Apr 17: Easter Sunday (John 20 *My Lord and My God!*)

**Easter Egg Hunt** - Join us on Saturday, April 16th at 10 AM for an Easter Egg Hunt! Children 2 years old through 5th grade are welcome; please bring a friend! Sign up on Realm and bring 1 dozen pre-filled eggs per child to the church by Thursday, April 14th.

**Women's Bible Study** - The Women's Wed AM and PM Bible study groups will resume this week and study *Gentle and Lowly*. Please see Payton for more details.



# NORTH MACON

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Mission

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	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*

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	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*

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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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