

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

March 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.

Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!

Revelation 19:9b

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

#302 - *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

*Invocation

Rev. Duncan Cantrell

*Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q. 37 & 38

Q. 37. What benefits do believers receive from Christ when they die?

A. The souls of believers are,
at their death,
made perfect in holiness
and do immediately pass into glory;
and their bodies,
being still united to Christ,
do rest in their graves till the resurrection.

Q. 38. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

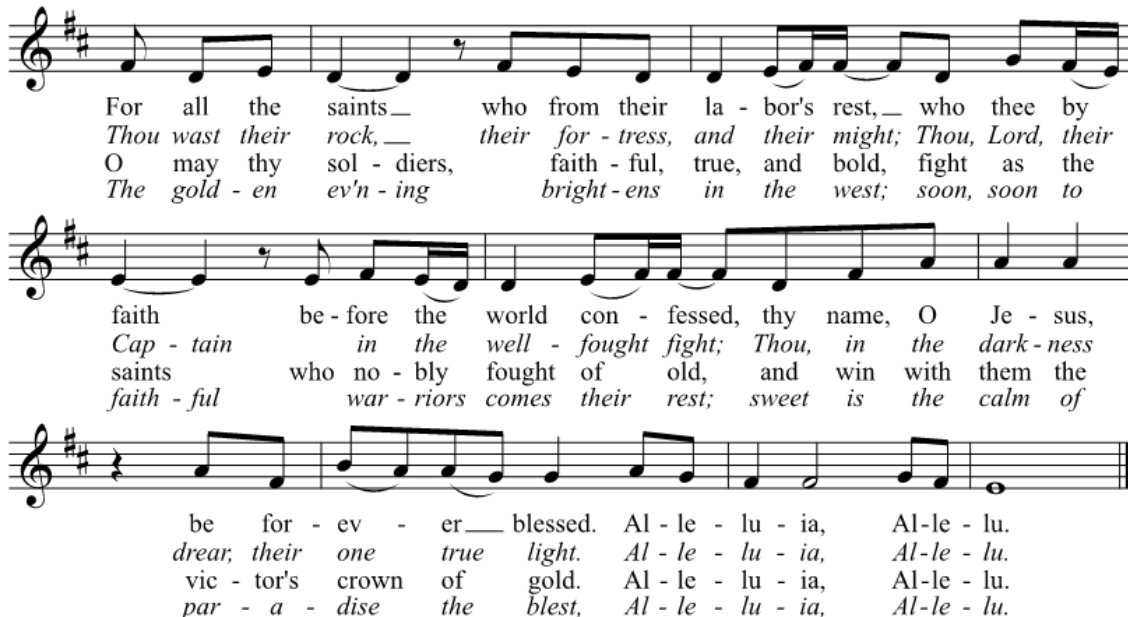
A. At the resurrection,
believers,
being raised up in glory,
shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted
in the day of judgment,
and made perfectly blessed
in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

The Westminster Shorter Catechism 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 North Macon Presbyterian Church and our denomination, the Presbyterian Church in America.

* those who are able please stand

For All the Saints



For all the saints — who from their la - bor's rest, — who thee by
 Thou wast their rock, — their for - tress, and their might; Thou, Lord, their
 O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold, fight as the
 The gold - en ev'n - ing bright - ens in the west; soon, soon to
 faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy name, O Je - sus,
 Cap - tain in the well - fought fight; Thou, in the dark - ness
 saints who no - bly fought of old, and win with them the
 faith - ful war - riors comes their rest; sweet is the calm of
 be for - ev - er — blessed. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu.
 drear, their one true light. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu.
 vic - tor's crown of gold. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu.
 par - a - dise the blest, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu.

5. But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;
 The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
 The King of glory passes on his way, Alleluia, Allelu.
6. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast
 Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
 Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, Allelu.

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For this is what the high and exalted One says— he who lives forever, whose name is holy: I live in a high and holy place, but also with the one who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.

Corporate Confession

Our Great God and Heavenly Father, we come to you through Jesus Christ; the Lamb who was slain; the one who is worthy to take the scroll of all history and open our lives to your grace. Lord, we confess we have belittled your worth and honor and denied your power and might. We have rejected your wealth and wisdom to seek glory and blessing in the world and not in you. Though we have been washed in your blood, we defile ourselves with lies and passions that mock your redemption. O Lamb, who is our Shepherd, shelter us with your presence and guide us to the springs of living waters that we might follow you faithfully all of our days.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Isaiah 44:22

*I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist.
Return to me, for I have redeemed you.*

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

Isaiah 35:1-10
on page 582 in the pew Bible

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 - fered 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
 now, and ev - er, is my plea. Oh the night has been won, and I can
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 can
 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.

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

The Glories That Await Us
Revelation 7:13-17

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*Hymn of Response

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand
printed on page 7

*Benediction

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

*Doxology

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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.*

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

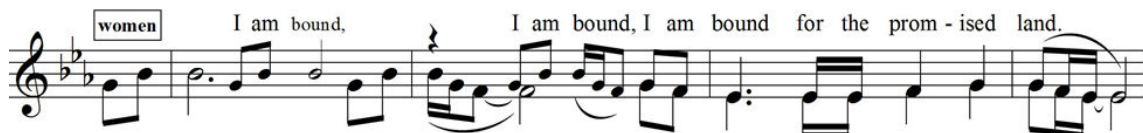
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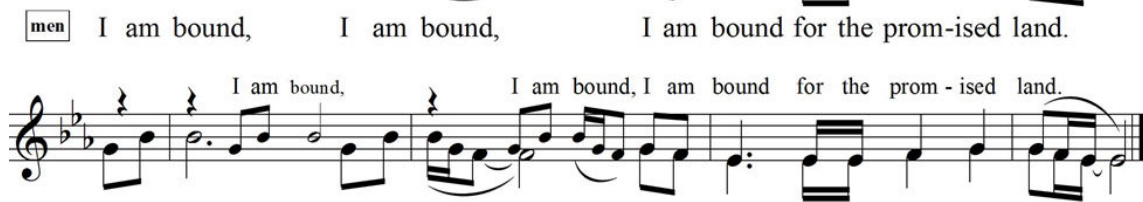
1. On Jor - dan's storm - y banks I stand, and cast a wish - ful eye
2. *All o'er those wide ex - ten - ded plains, shines one e - ter - nal day,*
3. No chil - ling winds nor pois - 'nous breath, can reach that health - ful - shore,
4. *When shall I reach that hap - py place, and be for - e - ver blessed,*



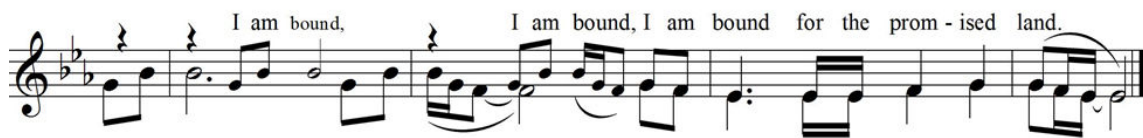
to Can - aan's fair and hap - py land, where my pos - sess - ions lie.
there God, the Son, for - ev - er reigns, and scat - ters night a - way.
 sick - ness, sor - row, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.
where shall I see my Fa - ther's face, and in his bos - om rest.



women I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the prom - ised land.



men I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the prom - ised land.



I am bound, I am bound, — I am bound for the prom - ised land.

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• The Preached Word •

Title: *The Glories That Await Us*

Text: Revelation 7:13-17

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 995 in the pew Bible

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

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

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 - 19:10)

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

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 recent 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.

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 CHRISSY 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 are currently serving as part of the MTW Crisis Response Team based in **Krakow, Poland**.
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 TN where Stephen continues his work with the Japanese and Sarah, an acclaimed author of best-selling devotional books (*Jesus Calling*), continues her writing ministry.

Pray for Our Members:

James, Amy & David Drummond
John Dukes
Lonnie & Donna Dyc
Bill & Glenda Eaves

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month:

Noah & Karleigh Stephens are church planters in Bangkok, Thailand.

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
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)
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:	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
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 16 is Hamburger Stroganoff, Salad, Garlic Rolls & Ice Cream.

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

• Announcements •

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 - It is not too late to turn in a Faith Promise Response Card. So far, we have received 44 cards totaling \$86,772 for world missions in 2022. Please see page 11 for a list of our 20 missionaries serving around the world.

MTW Ukraine Team - If you would like to support the MTW Ukraine Team as they seek to meet the challenges of our Ukrainian brothers and sisters in Christ, you can give online or write a check to NMPC with "Ukraine Team" on the memo line.

Children's Bulletin - We have resumed offering a Children's bulletin so that our children can better participate in the worship service. Please pick one up today!



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Mission

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

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

Diaconate	Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
	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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