

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

March 6, 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.

*Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ.
He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us,
and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.
2 Corinthians 1:21-22*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Revelation 5:6, 9-14

Pastor: Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. And they sang a new song:

People: **You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.**

Pastor: Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they sang:

People: **Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and praise!**

Pastor: Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing:

People: **To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor, glory and power, for ever and ever!**

Pastor: The four living creatures said, 'Amen!', and the elders fell down and worshiped.

*Praise Hymn

#173 - Praise Him! Praise Him!

*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

*Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 12

Q. Christians, what do you believe about your adoption as a child of God?

A. We believe that all those who are justified,
God graciously guarantees to make partakers of the grace of adoption,
in and for his only Son, Jesus Christ.

By this act we are taken into the number of God's children
and enjoy the liberties and privileges of that relationship:
we are given His name;
we receive the Spirit of adoption;
we have access to the throne of grace with boldness;
and we are enabled to cry, "Abba, Father."

Like a father, God has compassion on us,
protects us,
provides for us,
and chastens us;
yet, we will never be cast off,
but are sealed to the day of redemption,
and will inherit the promises as heirs of everlasting salvation.

*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 North Macon Presbyterian Church and our denomination, the Presbyterian Church in America.*

* those who are able please stand

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
 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 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.

And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in Christ with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Rev. Josh Garrett

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

Oh the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free
 Rolling as a mighty ocean In its fullness over me
 Underneath me, all around me, Is the current of Your love
 Leading onward, leading homeward To Your glorious rest above
Oh the deep, deep love, All I need and trust Is the deep, deep love of Jesus

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, Spread His praise from shore to shore
 How He came to pay our ransom Through the saving cross He bore
 How He watches o'er His loved ones, Those He died to make His own
 How for them He's interceding, Pleading now before the throne

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, Far surpassing all the rest
 It's an ocean full of blessing In the midst of every test
 Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, Mighty Savior, precious Friend
 You will bring us home to glory, Where Your love will never end

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

God's Servants Are Sealed
Revelation 7:1-12

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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

My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness
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*Benediction

Jude 24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and dominion, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, 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 and she will add you to the distribution list.*

My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness

Townend and Getty



My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who bore my pain;
My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who walks be - side;
My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who reigns a - bove;



Who plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and gave me life a - gain;
Who floods my weak-ness - es with strength and caus-es — fears to fly.
Whose wis - dom is my per-fect peace, whose ev - 'ry — thought is love.



Who crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness and clothed me — with his light
Whose ev - 'ry pro - mise is e - nough for ev - 'ry step I take.
For ev - 'ry day I have on earth is giv - en by the King.



and wrote his law of right-eous - ness with pow'r up - on my heart.
Sus - tain - ing me with arms of love and crown - ing me with grace.
So I will give my life, my all, to love and fol - low Him.

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• The Preached Word •

Title: *God's Servants Are Sealed*

Text: Revelation 7:1-12

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)	

Pray for Our Members:

Timothy Deremer
Cathe Dondes
Doug & Nancy Dozier
Trey, Chelsea & Smith Dozier

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 Wohlrahe, 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); Cathe 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 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 9 is BBQ Chicken, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Rolls & Brownies.

• 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 - 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. As of Monday, we have received 44 cards totaling \$86,772 for world missions in 2022.

Communion - The center sections will come down the center aisle to receive the elements, returning to their seats via the interior aisles. The outside sections will come down the outside aisles and return via the interior aisles. Please hold the elements until everyone has been served so that we can partake together. Anyone with mobility issues can remain seated; simply raise your hand to be identified and we will come serve you.

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.)

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!



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 & 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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