

THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

April 24, 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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*Now faith is confidence in what we hope for  
and assurance about what we do not see.  
Hebrews 11:1*

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### Preclude

### Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

### Introit

### Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-7

Pastor: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD! Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation!

People: **Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song!**

Pastor: For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.

People: **In his hand are depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.**

Pastor: Come, let us bow down in worship! Let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

People: **For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.**

### \*Praise Hymn

*#53 - Praise to the Lord the Almighty*

*\* those who are able please stand*

Q. Christian, what do you understand by the providence of God?

A. Providence is the almighty and ever present power of God,  
by which he upholds—as with his hand—  
heaven and earth and all creatures;  
and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought,  
fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness,  
prosperity and poverty—all things, in fact,  
come to us not by chance, but from his fatherly hand.

Q. How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

A. We can be patient when things go against us,  
thankful when things go well,  
and for the future we can have good confidence  
in our faithful God and Father,  
that nothing will separate us from his love.

All creatures are so completely in his hand,  
that without his will, they can neither move nor be moved.

*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.*

\*Hymn

#75 - *O Father, You Are Sovereign*

Call to Prayer

James 5:16b-18

The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

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

Genesis 18:16-33; 19:15-29

\*Hymn of Preparation

*Spirit of God  
printed on page 4*

Prayer for Covenant Children

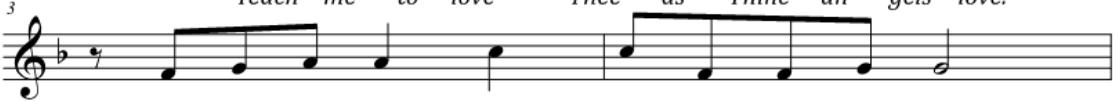
Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Children ages 4 to 1st grade are dismissed for their lesson.*

# Spirit of God



Spi - rit of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
 Teach me to feel that Thou art al - ways nigh;  
 Hast Thou not bid me love Thee, God and King?  
 Teach me to love Thee as Thine an - gels love.



Wean it from earth; through all its puls - es move;  
 Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear.  
 All, all Thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind.  
 One ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;



Stoop to my weak - ness, might-y as Thou art;  
 To check the ri - sing doubt, the re - bel sigh,  
 I see Thy cross; there teach me to cling;  
 The pre - sence of Thy de - scend - ed Dove.



And make me love Thee as I ought to love.  
 Teach me the pa - tience of strug - gling in prayer.  
 O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!  
 My heart an al - tar, and Thy love the flame.

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Sermon

*The Fire of God's Judgement*  
Revelation 9:13-21

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

\*Hymn of Response

#498 - *Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!*

\*Benediction

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word. 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.

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.*

# • The Preached Word •

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**Title:** *The Fire of God's Judgment*

**Text:** Revelation 9:13-21

**Pastor:** Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 996 in your 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)	

# 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

**Pray for Our Members:**

Jim Grier  
Adam, Joanna, Sam, Breck & Ruthie Griffin  
Ed & Peggy Grimsley  
Charles & Kelley Hall

**Pray for Our Missionary of the Month:**

Josh & Ruth Tsvatwa 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); Joe Stanley (Kathy)

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>Scrvng 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 27 is Taco Salad & Lemon Squares*

# • Announcements •

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**Share Your Faith Workshop** - Now that you understand the free gift of eternal life, don't you want to share that with others? NMPC is offering training that will enable you to share your faith graciously, confidently and effectively with a Share Your Faith workshop at the church this afternoon at 2:00 PM. Sign up on Realm.

**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.

**Reception for Debbie McCommon** - There will be a reception for Debbie McCommon in the Fellowship Hall on Sun, May 1st from 7 - 8 PM. Come honor Debbie with us as she retires after 20 years of service as the Director of North Macon Preschool.

**The Edge** - The Edge is for rising 7th - 9th graders. The Conference will be held on June 20-24 at Covenant College. The cost is \$350. Please register and submit a \$100 deposit by April 25.



**2022 Yakama Team:** Myra Baker; Ben Barton; Caitlin Bartow; Ann Drew Boland; Jay & Haden Churchwell; Sophie Faour; Carly Godwin; Lydia Johnson; Jabin Marbutt; Andrei Parrish; Harvey Roddenberry; Lucy Shepley; Shane, Amy, & Colby Self; Anna & Lily Smith; Hunter & Hunt Stevenson; Adelle, Knox & Ella Vinson.

**Campus Clubs** - Their annual fundraiser will be this today from 3:30 - 5:30 PM on their campus, which will include a tour of the building to see their work firsthand!

**Covenant Care** - Their 2nd annual Silent Auction will be on Sat, April 30th from 10 - 2 at Mabel White Baptist Church. Your participation will support local adoptions!

**Out of Darkness** - Their annual golf tournament begins at 9:00 AM on Mon, May 23rd at River Forest Golf Club. Pick up a flyer with more information at the coffee bar.

**Strong Tower Fellowship** - Our sister church needs baked goods to use as prizes for their Cinco de Mayo outreach event, along with volunteers for the event on Fri, May 5th from 4:30 - 8:00 PM. If you would like to help, please contact Duncan or Amy Drummond.

**Flowers** - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Peggy Timberlake by the Timberlake family.



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## 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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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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