

THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

May 8, 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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*But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,  
God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him  
who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.*

*1 Peter 2:9*

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Prclude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Ephesians 1:3-8

Pastor: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ!

People: **For he chose us in Christ before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.**

Pastor: In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—

People: **To the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves!**

Pastor: In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins,

People: **In accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.**

# Father, Long Before Creation

Andrew Osenga



1. Fa - ther long be - fore cre - a - tion Thou hadst cho-sen us in love,
2. *Though the world may change its fash - ion yet our God is e'er the same;*
3. God's com - pas - sion is my sto - ry, is my boast - ing all the day;
4. *Lov - ing Fa - ther now be - fore Thee we will ev - er praise Thy love,*



And that love so deep, so mov - ing, draws us close to Christ a - bove.  
*His com - pas - sion and His cov - nant through all a - ges will re - main.*  
 Mer - cy free and nev - er fail - ing moves my will, di - rects my way.  
*And our songs will sound un - ceas - ing 'til we reach our home a - bove.*



Still it keeps us, still it keeps us firm - ly fixed in Christ a - lone.  
*God's own chil - dren, God's own chil - dren must for - ev - er praise His name.*  
 God so loved us, God so loved us that His on - ly Son He gave.  
*Giv - ing glo - ry, giv - ing glo - ry to our God and to the Lamb.*



*Chorus:* And the world will sing His love, Yes the world will sing His love, —



And we'll all join hands, ev-'ry wom-an ev - ry man to sing His love,



to sing His love.

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\* those who are able please stand

\*Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith, Sections 1.2, 7, 9

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe about the Scriptures?

People: Under the name of Holy Scripture, or the written Word of God,  
are all the books of the Old and New Testaments.  
All these are given by inspiration of God  
to be the rule of faith and life.

Not all things in Scripture are equally plain in themselves  
or equally clear to all;  
yet those things which are necessary  
to be known, believed, and observed for salvation  
are so clearly stated and explained  
in one place or another in Scripture,  
that not only the educated but also the uneducated  
may gain a sufficient understanding of them  
by a proper use of the ordinary means.

The infallible rule of interpretation of Scripture  
is the Scripture itself.

Therefore, when there is a question  
about the true and full meaning of any Scripture  
(which is not manifold, but one),  
that meaning must be searched out  
and ascertained by other places that speak more clearly. Amen.

*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.*

\*Hymn

#347 - *The Church's One Foundation*  
vs. 1-4

Call to Prayer

1 Peter 2:4-5; Ephesians 2:19-22

As you come to Jesus Christ, the living Stone—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

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

Zechariah 4:1-14

# Holy Spirit



Ho - ly Spi - rit, liv - ing Breath of God, breathe new  
Ho - ly Spi - rit, come a - bide with - in, may Your  
Ho - ly Spi - rit, from cre - a - tion's birth, giv - ing

3  
life in - to my will - ing soul. Let the pres - ence of the  
joy be seen in all I do. Love e - nough to cov - er  
life to all that God has made, show Your pow - er once a -

6  
ris - en Lord come re - new my heart and make me whole.  
ev - 'ry sin, in each thought and deed and at - ti - tude.  
gain on earth, cause Your church to hun - ger for Your ways.

9  
Cause Your word to come a - live in me; Give me faith for what I  
Kind - ness to the great - est and the least, gen - tle - ness that sows the  
Let the fra - grance of our pray'rs a - rise; Lead us on the road of

12  
can - not see, give me pas - sion for Your pu - ri - ty; Ho - ly  
path of peace. Turn my striv - ings in - to works of grace; Breath of  
sac - ri - fice, that in u - ni - ty the face of Christ may be

15  
Spi - rit breathe new life in me.  
God show Christ in all I do.  
clear for all the world to see.

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Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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

Sermon

*The Testimony of Two Witnesses*  
Revelation 11:1-14

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

\*Hymn of Response

*#355 - We Are God's People*

\*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.

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

# • The Preached Word •

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**Title:** *The Testimony of Two Witnesses*

**Text:** Revelation 11:1-14

**Pastor:** Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 997 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:**

Caleb & Hannah Henning  
Ron & Robin Henning  
Tabitha, Ella & Zander Hinson  
Lyn Hogg

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

Stephen & Sarah Young worked in Perth, Australia with the Japanese people. They are now located in TN where Stephen continues his work with the Japanese and Sarah continues her writing ministry.

**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); 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); Jerry Hogg (cancer); Jane Brooks (broken bone in foot)

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); Joc Stanley (Kathy); LeeAnn Wildman (mom)

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:	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

Our Wednesday night services have concluded for the Spring.  
We will begin our Summer Fellowships on Wednesday, June 1.

# • Financial Update •

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as of March 31, 2022

General Operations		Faith Promise for Missions	
2022 Receipts:	\$ 286,888	2022 Receipts:	\$ 48,997
2022 Expenses:	\$ 359,011	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:	\$ 129,561		

# • 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.

**Rev. Paul Bankson** - Next Sun, May 15th, Paul Bankson will be preaching at NMPC. Paul is the founding pastor of Houston Lake Presbyterian Church.

**Global Guardian** - After a number of significant issues in the back parking lot, we have hired Global Guardian to monitor our property each night (9:30 PM - 7:00 AM).

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

**Renovations Update** - On Monday, June 20th we will begin renovations to the Fellowship Hall and the Youth Room. The work will continue for about a month.

**Flowers** - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Debbie McCommon for her 20 years of service at North Macon Pre-School.



# 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.

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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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