

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

August 21, 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.

*They follow the Lamb wherever he goes.
Revelation 14:4b*

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

#165 - Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism #1

Q. Christian, what is your only comfort in life and death?

A. That I am not my own,
but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.
He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven;
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.
Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.

*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.*

* those who are able please stand

Jesus, Thank You

Pat Sczebel



1. The mys - try 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*

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 6:16; Isaiah 48:17-19

This is what the LORD says: Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. But you said, 'We will not walk in it.'

This is what the LORD says— your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: I am the LORD your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go. If only you had paid attention to my commands, your peace would have been like a river, your well-being like the waves of the sea. Your descendants would have been like the sand, your children like its numberless grains; their name would never be blotted out nor destroyed from before me.

*Hymn of Preparation

#599 - Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

Apprentices of Jesus
Matthew 11:28-30

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Hymn of Response

Jesus I Am Resting, Resting
(printed on page 6)

*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

#731

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.*

Jesus I Am Resting, Resting

David Hampton



1. Je - sus, I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the joy of what Thou art.
2. *Oh, how great Thy lov - ing kind - ness, vast - er, broad - er than the sea.*
3. Sim - ply trust - ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, I be - hold Thee as Thou art.
4. *Ev - er lift Thy face up - on me as I work and wait for Thee.*



I am find - ing out the great - ness of Thy lov - ing heart.
Oh, how mar - vel - ous Thy good - ness lav - ished all on me.
And Thy love so pure, so change - less sat - is - fies my heart,
Rest - ing 'neath Thy smile Lord Je - sus, earth's dark shad - ows flee.



Thou hast bid me gaze up - on Thee, and Thy beau - ty fills my soul
Yes, I rest in Thee, Be - lov - ed, know what wealth of grace is Thine,
sat - is - fies its deep - est long - ings, meets, sup - plies its ev - 'ry need,
Bright - ness of my Fa - ther's glo - ry, sun - shine of my Fa - ther's face;



for by Thy trans - form - ing pow - er, Thou hast made me whole.
know Thy cer - tain - ty — of prom - ise and have made it mine.
com - pass - eth me 'round with bless - ings, Thine is love in - deed.
keep me ev - er trust - ing, rest - ing, fill — me with Thy grace.



Je - sus, I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the joy of what Thou art. —



I am find - ing out the great - ness of Thy lov - ing — heart. —

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• The Preached Word •

Title: Apprentices of Jesus

Text: Matthew 11:28-30

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 792 in the pew Bible

Pray for Our Members:

Al & Margaret Rogers
Terry & Donna Rohn
Ryan, Jessie, Evie, Emerson, Eleanor & Frankie Schnetzer
Wes, Maric, Elizabeth & Matthew Seay

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month:

Brian & Mandy are part of a team which is planting a city-center church in a city of 10 million people in South Asia. They are also involved in training a network of national church-planters.

Pray for Those in Need:

Expecting: Meredith McKenzie (1/15)
Newborns: Forrest Dozier, Benjamin Hornick, Charlie & Lillie Wohlrabe, Teddy Cantrell, Annie Monsted, Amelia Prestwood, Noah Andree & Eli Singleton
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: Jerry Hogg (cancer); Lynn Leverette (broken shoulder); Sally Lee (knee); Connie Strawn (ankle); Debbie McCommon (hip replacement)
Bereaved: Liz Ream & the McKelveys (Buck); Jim Grier (Melanie); Cathie Dondes (David); Susana, Sarah Jane & Oscar Sandefur (Chris); Beth McSween (John); John & Joyce Meadows (son); Edith Adams (mother); Joe Stanley (Kathy); LeeAnn Wildman (mom); Skip Yetter (brother)
Our Leaders: the Session, Diaconate, and Staff; our local, state and federal governmental officials.

• Discipleship Opportunities •

Sunday School Schedule

- Aug 28: Discussion of chapter 13 in *Awe*
- Sept 4: Church-wide brunch and fellowship
- Sept 11: Local Ministry Partners Presentations
- Sept 18: Community-focused SS classes begin

Women's Fall Bible Studies

- All Bible studies will begin the week of Labor Day and meet in the Conference Room. Please contact Payton if you have any questions.
- The **Wednesday AM** study will be *By This Word You Shall Live: An Overview of Deuteronomy* taught by Alleli Ferland, beginning Sept 7 at 10 AM.
- The **Wednesday PM** study will be *Remember Your Joy: A Bible Study of Salvation Stories in the Old Testament* taught by Heather Stevenson, beginning Sept 7 at 6:15 PM.
- The **Friday AM** study will be *A Woman of Beauty: A Woman's Journey Through 1st, 2nd, and 3rd John*, beginning Sept 9 at 10 AM.

• Financial Update •

as of July 31, 2022

General Operations		Faith Promise for Missions	
2022 Receipts:	\$ 798,307	Paid out June 30:	\$ 32,150
2022 Expenses:	\$ 821,483	to support our 20 missionaries for the first half of 2022	
Building Loan Balance		Needed by Dec. 30:	\$ 32,150
July 31:	\$ 101,867	Cash available:	\$ 41,881

• Announcements •

Youth Ministry Lunch - If you are interested in learning more about volunteering with our youth ministry, you are invited to lunch today after the worship service in the Conference Room. Specifically, *we need discipleship group leaders and volunteers for Sunday school and youth group.*

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.

Women's Discussion Group - If you missed Sunday School or want further discussion of our Summer Book, *Awe*, come join our group this Wednesday at 10 AM.

Officer Nominations - Communing members of NMPC are encouraged to prayerfully consider whom they might nominate for the offices of elder and deacon. Please submit your nomination form by next Sun, Aug 28. Extra nomination forms are on the coffee bar.

Fellowship Hall & Youth Room Renovations - This week both rooms were painted & new lighting was installed. Sheridan plans to complete their work before Labor Day. Unfortunately, because of supply-chain issues with electronics, Stage Front will not be able to complete their work on the sound system in the Fellowship Hall until November.



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> Hunter Stevenson, <i>Senior Pastor</i> Josh Garrett, <i>Associate Pastor</i> Duncan Cantrell, <i>Assistant Pastor</i> Payton Churchwell, <i>Women's Ministry Coordinator</i> Mark Ballard, <i>Youth Director</i>	Anna Smith, <i>Youth Assistant</i> Kathy Pye, <i>Church Secretary</i> Monni Parrish, <i>Administrator, Financial Director & Pianist</i> Melanie Buckner, <i>Music Director</i> Riley Wilson, <i>North Macon Preschool Director</i>
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