

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

September 11, 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.

*This is how we know what love is:
Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.
And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.
1 John 3:16*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 67

Pastor: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us

People: **So that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.**

Pastor: May the peoples praise you, O God! May all the peoples praise you!

People: **May the nations be glad and sing for joy!**

Pastor: For you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.

People: **May the peoples praise you, O God! May all the peoples praise you!**

Pastor: Then the land will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us.

People: **God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear him.**

May the Peoples Praise You

Getty, Townend, Cash, and Zimmer



1. [You have called us out of dark - est night, in - to Your glo - rious
 2. [*May our ev - 'ry breath re - tell the grace that broke in - to our*
 3. [All the earth is Yours and all with - in, each harv - est is your
May the seeds of mer - cy grow in us for those who have not
 This our ho - ly priv - 'lege to de - clare Your prais - es and Your



[light, that we may sing the won - ders of the ris - en Christ.
 [*strife with bound - less love and deep - est joy, with end - less life.*
 [own, and from Your hand we give to You, to make Christ known.
 [*heard, may songs of praise build lives of grace to spread Your Word.*
 Name to ev - 'ry na - tion, tribe, and tongue Your church pro - claim.



Chorus May the peo - ples praise You, let the na - tions be - glad!



All Your bless - ing comes that we may praise, may praise the Name of Je - sus. *after v. 3 to Bridge*



Bridge Ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord Al - might - y. Wor - thy, wor - thy



is the Lamb who was slain. Ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord Al - might - y.



All cre - a - tion praise Your glo - ri - ous Name. May the

to Chorus

* those who are able please stand

*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

*Confession of Faith

Philippians 2:5-11

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe?

We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the only Savior for sinners,
who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God
something to be grasped,
but made himself nothing,
taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Behold Our God

Baird and Altrogge



Who has held the o - ceans in his hands? Who has num-bered ev-'ry grain of sand?
Who has gi-ven coun-sel to the Lord? Who can ques-tion an - y of his words?
Who has felt the nails up - on His hands, bear-ing all the guilt of sin - ful man?



Kings and na-tions trem-ble at his voice. All cre - a - tion ris-es to re - joice.
Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fath-om all his won-drous deeds?
God e - ter - nal hum-bled to the grave, Je - sus, Sav-ior, ri-sen now to reign!



Chorus: Be - hold our God. seat-ed on his throne. Come let us a - dore Him.



Be - hold our King, noth-ing can com-pare, come, let us a - dore _____ Him!



Men: You will reign for - ev-er, Je - sus Christ our Sav-ior.

Women: *Let your glo - ry fill the earth. All cre - a - tion sings Your worth.*



You will reign for - ev-er, _____ Je - sus Christ our Sav-ior. Be -
Let your glo - ry fill the earth. All cre - a - tion sings,



hold our God. seat-ed on his throne. Come let us a - dore Him.



Be - hold our King, noth-ing can com-pare, come, let us a - dore Him! Be -
(repeat chorus)

Call to Prayer

John 15:13

Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

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

Like a River Glorious

Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:13-28

*Hymn of Preparation

#565 - All for Jesus

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

"Follow Me"
Revelation 1-11

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Hymn of Response

Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me
printed on page 6

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 - ferred 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
 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.

Benediction

Hebrews 13:20-21

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory 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.

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.*

• The Preached Word •

Title: *Follow Me*

Text: Revelation 1-11

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 991 in the pew Bible

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

Cycle 1: 7 churches (Rev 1-3)

Cycle 2: 7 seals (Rev 4 - 8:5)

Cycle 3: 7 trumpets (Rev 8:6 - 11)

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)

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, CSU & VSU)

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 in “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.

A Concise Overview of the Book of Revelation

by Dennis E. Johnson

Letters to Churches (1-3). Jesus is the glorious Son of Man, who is present by his Spirit in his churches (1:9-20). He knows their situation and their deeds as they are attacked by religious deception, persecution, and the seduction of pleasure, affluence, comfort and conformity (2-3).

Seals (4:1-8:1). Jesus is the victorious Lion because he died as the sacrificial Lamb. He has authority to reveal the meaning of what will happen in history (4-5). At his bidding military conquest (white horse), war and bloodshed (red horse), and food scarcity (black horse), leading to death through violence, famine and disease (pale horse) will punish the church's enemies until the end (6:1-8). Although his martyrs must wait awhile until their enemies are destroyed (6:9-11), God's justice will come (6:12-17). Through it all Jesus protects his covenant people, symbolized as a full army of twelve tribes (7:1-8), who are drawn from all the world's peoples, so that nothing will separate us from his love (7:9-17). When Jesus brings woes on earth's evil powers, it is in answer to his people's prayers for relief (8:1-5).

Trumpets: Warning Signals of Coming Judgment (8:2-11:18). Jesus will bring limited, providential judgments on the earth as signal blasts, foreshadowing the great judgment and calling earth's inhabitants to repent (8:6-12). Even worse, rebels will be tormented by demonically induced despair and death (9). But Jesus gives John the sure testimony that his patient waiting will not continue forever (10). In the meanwhile his witness church cannot be harmed until its task is done, and even its visible defeat (martyrs' death) is its victory (11:1-14). In the end the kingdom of the world will belong to our Lord and his Christ (11:15-18).

The Dragon and the Lamb: The Heart of the Conflict (11:19-15:4). The center of the Revelation gives an X-ray of the central conflict: Christ versus the dragon. The birth, death, and enthronement of the child of Eve/Israel have abolished Satan's authority to accuse believers (12:1-12). In his death throes all that Satan can do is to try to attract believers on earth (12:13-13:1) through persecution (sea beast, 13:1-10), deception (land beast, 13:11-18), and sensual pleasure (harlot, 14:8; 16:9; 17-18). The Lamb and his pure army are enthroned in victory on the heavenly Zion (14:1-5; 15:1-4), and the Lamb will bring his enemies to judgment for the death of his martyrs (14:6-20).

Bowls: God's Wrath Completed (15:5-16:21). The complete judgment previously foreshadowed in the limited, providential disasters of history (trumpets) will come on those who have served the dragon through the beasts and the harlot: neither earth, sea, water springs, nor sunlight will sustain life (16:1-9). The dragon's final conspiracy to gather the world's powers and peoples against Christ's church will result in the rebels' destruction (16:10-21).

The Harlot Babylon (17:1-19:10). The world's seductive power (harlot) has been supported by its coercive power (beast, 17); the source of her intoxication has been the death of Jesus' faithful witnesses (17:6; 18:6; 19:2). But the glamour of the beast's woman is a sham, and her luxurious wealth will be stripped from her in the full view of those who have loved the comforts she has offered (18:1-19:5). Jesus' bride will be vindicated (19:6-10).

Thousand Years, Last Battle, and Last Judgment (19:11-21:8). When the dragon, beast, and false prophets have gathered the world's powers to destroy the church (16:14; 19:19; 20:7-10), Jesus will defeat his enemies and cast them into the lake of fire forever (19:11-21; 20:7-10). Until that time, however, Satan has been bound, prevented from assembling this worldwide conspiracy against the church (1000 years = a long time), while the martyrs who have died on earth live and rule with Christ in heaven (20:1-6). The climax of Jesus' victory is the judgment of all people, in which rebels are condemned for the deeds written in their "record books" (20:11-15) and saints who are written in the Lamb's "registry book" are welcomed into the new heaven and new earth as the bride-city of God (cf. 21:1-8).

The New Creation and the Bride Jerusalem (21:1-22:21). Her enemies destroyed, the church will stand complete in flawless beauty as the bride of the Lamb, the temple of God, resplendent with his glory. Overcomers will inherit the new heaven and new earth (21:1-8) and will delight in God's presence forever. Even as the church cries out to her Husband, "Come, Lord Jesus" (22:20), his delay allows time for the thirsty still to come to him for the water of life (22:17).

Pray for Our Members:

Matt, Ashlee, Maddie and Reid Smith
Steve, Amelia and Brooks Smith
Joe Stanley
Hunter, Heather, Mia, Stone & Hunt Stevenson

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month:

Kay Burklin is Mission to the World's European liaison with refugees. She was recently diagnosed with ALS and is retiring from her ministry.

Pray for Those in Need:

Expecting: Meredith McKenzie (1/15) & Kaleigh Freel (2/25)
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); Cathe 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); Boo McKelvey (mom)
Officer Nominees: Cal Garretson, Jeff Kross, Charlie Parrish, Dan Strawn & Kevin Watson (elder); Josh Buckner & Rick Funk (deacon)
Our Leaders: the Session, Diaconate, and Staff; our local, state and federal governmental officials.

• Discipleship Opportunities •

Sunday School Schedule

- 2-3 Year Old: *God's Family* taught by Seth & Amy Peed; Room 112
4K- 5K: *God Keeps His Promises* taught by Anna Barnes in Room 114
1st-2nd: *Growing in God* taught by Steven & Jill Bloodworth, Hays & Andrea
Fyke and Patrick & Andrea Goff in Room 121
3rd-5th: *God's Grace in the Law* taught by Liz Ream & Tricia Barton in Room 122
Jr. High: *Not Sure* taught by Matt Shepley in the Conference Room
Sr. High: *Crazy Busy* taught by Mark Ballard & Anna Smith in the Youth Room
- College & up: *Respectable Sins* taught by Paul McCommon & Shane Self in Room 142
20s & 30s: *The 10 Commandments* taught by Charles Hall & Hunter Stevenson in
Room 125
30s & 40s: *Faith & Technology* taught by Josh Garrett & Cal Garretson in MC #2
40s & 50s: *The New Heavens & the New Earth* taught by Jason Churchwell & Kevin
Watson in Room 144 (behind the sanctuary)
50s & 60s: *1 Peter* taught by Cleve Cunningham, Ed Grimsley, Neal Ham, and Dan
Strawn in MC #1
60s & up: *Colossians* taught by Tommy James & 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 Classes (K4 - 6th grade)

Youth Group (7th - 12th grade)

Officer Training Class (Josh Garrett)

Women's Bible Study (Heather Stevenson)

Adult Bible Study on the Psalms (Hunter Stevenson)

Sept 14 menu: *pork loin, cheesy potatoes, green beans, salad & brownie trifle.*

• 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 •

Local Ministry Partners - All of our local ministry partners have set up information tables in the Fellowship Hall. Please stop by after the service to learn more about their ministries.

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 Wednesday AM Bible Study - *By This Word You Shall Live: An Overview of Deuteronomy* taught by Alleli Ferland at 10 AM in the Conference Room.

Women's Wednesday PM Bible Study - *Remember Your Joy: A Bible Study of Salvation Stories in the Old Testament* taught by Heather Stevenson at 6:15 PM.

Women's Friday AM Bible Study - *A Woman of Beauty: A Woman's Journey Through 1st, 2nd, and 3rd John* at 10 AM in the Conference Room.

Wednesday Activities Resume - This week we will resume our Wednesday Activities. See page 13 for more information.

Community Focused SS Classes - Next Sunday, September 18, our Community Focused Sunday School Classes will resume. See page 13 for more information.



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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.

	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>	Riley Wilson, <i>North Macon</i>
	Mark Ballard, <i>Youth Director</i>	<i>Preschool Director</i>

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