

THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

September 18, 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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*For our struggle is not against flesh and blood,  
but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world  
and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.*

*Ephesians 6:12*

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### Preclude

### Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

### Introit

### Call to Worship

Psalm 93:1-4

**Pastor:** The LORD reigns! He is robed in majesty!

**People:** The LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength.

**Pastor:** Indeed, the world is firmly established; it cannot be moved.

**People:** Your throne was established long ago; you are from all eternity.

**Pastor:** The seas have lifted up, O LORD, the seas have lifted up their voice; the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.

**People:** Mightier than the thunder of the great water, mightier than the breakers of the sea—the LORD on high is mighty!

### \*Praise Hymn

#2 - O Worship the King  
vs. 1-5

\* those who are able please stand

\*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.*

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

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

Psalm 91  
pg. 480 in the pew Bible

# He Will Hold Me Fast

Habershon(1906)/M. Merker(2013)



1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
 2. *Those He saves are His de-light,* *Christ will hold me fast;*  
 3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;



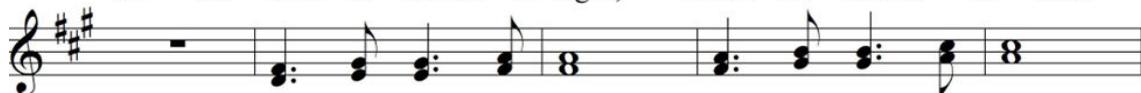
When the tempt - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.  
*Pre - cious in his ho - ly sight,* *He will hold me fast.*  
 Just - ice has been sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast.



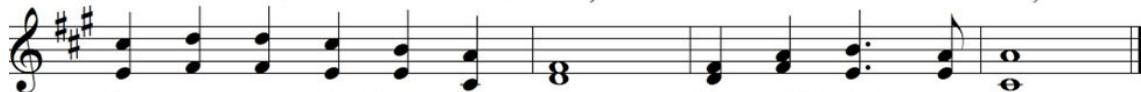
I could nev - er keep my hold through life's fear - ful path;  
*He'll not let my soul be lost;* *His prom - is - es shall last;*  
 Raised with Him to end - less life, He will hold me fast



For my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me fast.  
*Bought by Him at such a cost,* *He will hold me fast.*  
 'till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!



He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;



For my Sa - vior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

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**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)

**\*Hymn of Response**

*In Christ Alone*  
*printed on page 6*

**\*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**

# In Christ Alone

Getty and Townend



1. In Christ a-lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
2. *In Christ a-lone, who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help-less babe!*
3. There in the ground His bod-y lay, Light of the world by dark-ness slain;
4. *No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;*



This Cor-ner-stone, this sol-id ground, firm through the fierc-est drought and storm.  
*This gift of love and right-eous-ness, scorned by the ones He came to save.*  
Then burst-ing forth in glo-rious day, up from the grave He rose a-gain!  
*From life's first cry to fin-al breath, Je-sus com-mands my des-ti-ny.*



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-ings cease.  
*'Til on that cross as Je-sus died the wrath of God was sat-is-fied.*  
And as He stands in vic-to-ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
*No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev-er pluck me from His hand;*



My Com-for-ter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.  
*For ev'-ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.*  
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the prec-ious blood of Christ.  
*'Til He re-tURNS or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.*

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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 Enmity of Genesis 3:15*

**Pastor:** Rev. Hunter Stevenson

**Text:** Revelation 12:1-6

pg. 998 in the pew Bible

**Pray for Our Members:**

Steve & Julie Strange  
Dan & Connie Strawn  
Dan, Holly, Ellie Grace, Annabelle & Hayley Taylor  
Jeff, Madeline & Will Thompson

**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); Monni Parrish (dad); Joseph Egloff (mom); Rana Munna (mom); Seth & Silas Peed (dad); Glenda Eaves (mom)  
Recovering/Sick: Jerry Hogg (cancer); 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); Tricia Barton (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.

**Providing a Home ♦ Proclaiming the Gospel ♦ Partnering with Ministries**

# • Discipleship Opportunities •

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## 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  
6th-12th: *Crazy Busy* taught by Mark Ballard, Carly Godwin & 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, Howard Reed and Dan Strawn in MC #1  
60s & up: *Colossians* taught by Tommy James & Rob Morton in the Fellowship Hall

## 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 21 menu: *Taco salad, full salad bar & cookies*

# • Financial Update •

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as of August 31, 2022

General Operations		Faith Promise for Missions	
2022 Receipts:	\$ 914,338	Paid out June 30:	\$ 32,150
2022 Expenses:	\$ 943,177	to support our 20 missionaries for the first half of 2022	
<b>Building Loan Balance</b>		Needed by Dec. 30:	\$ 32,150
August 31:	\$ 94,889	Cash available:	\$ 48,080

# • 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.

**Flowers** - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Bobby & Barbara Freeman's 66th Wedding Anniversary.



# 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>	Carly Godwin, <i>Youth Intern</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>
	Mark Ballard, <i>Youth Director</i>	Melanie Buckner, <i>Music Director</i>
	Anna Smith, <i>Youth Assistant</i>	Riley Wilson, <i>North Macon</i>
		<i>Preschool Director</i>

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