

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

September 4, 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.

*Pray without ceasing,
1 Thessalonians 5:17*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 66:1-4

Pastor: Shout with joy to God, all the earth!

People: **Sing to the glory of his name! Offer him glory and praise!**

Pastor: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"

People: **All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing
praise to your name!**

*Praise Hymn

#101 - Come, Thou Almighty King

** those who are able please stand*

*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

*Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

PASTOR: Christian, what do you believe?

ALL: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*The Apostles' Creed was not written by the apostles but is a summary of their teachings.
It dates back to the 4th century and has been used by the church to identify believers,
instruct new converts, and provide a confession of faith for worship.*

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Chorus

Words and Music by Matt Redman and Jonas Myrin

Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh— my soul. Wor-ship His ho - ly name.

7
Sing like ne-ver be-fore, oh my soul. I wor-ship Your ho - ly name.

11
The sun comes up. It's a new day dawn - ing—
You're rich in love and You're slow to an - ger—
And on that day when my strength is fail - ing—

14
It's time to sing Your song— a - gain. What -
Your name is great and Your heart is kind. For
the end draws near and my time has come,

16
ev - er may— pass and what - ev - er lies be - fore me,
all— Your—goodness I will keep on— sing - ing
Still— my— soul will sing Your praise un-end - ing

19
let me be sing - ing when the ev'n - ing comes.
ten thou - sand rea - sons for my heart to— find. **To Chorus**
ten thou - sand years and then for - ev - er— more.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

Hebrews 13:5; Genesis 5:24; Psalm 139:7-10; 73:23-26

...God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

Enoch walked with God; then he was no more, because God took him away.

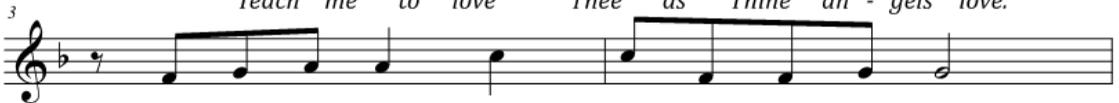
Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory. Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

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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Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

Cultivating Communion with God
1 Thessalonians 5:17

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The Sacrament of Communion

All those who have placed their faith and trust in Christ alone for their salvation, are baptized, and are members in good standing of a Bible-believing, evangelical church are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper this morning. All others, please allow the elements to pass, as you consider your relationship with Christ and His Church.

*Hymn of Response

#691 - *It Is Well With My Soul*

*Benediction

2 Thessalonians 3:16

Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you. 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@nmipc.net and she will add you to the distribution list.*

• The Preached Word •

Title: Cultivating Communion With God

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:17

pg. 958 in the pew Bible

Pray for Our Members:

Chase, Katie & Eli Singleton
Anna Smith
Bryan, Vanessa, Dallas, Caleb & Aiden Smith
Gregg, Kelly & Lily Smith

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)

Our Leaders: the Session, Diaconate, and Staff; our local, state and federal governmental officials.

• Discipleship Opportunities •

Sunday School Schedule

Sept 11: Local Ministry Partners Presentations

Sept 18: Community-focused SS classes begin

Women's Fall Bible Studies

- 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 in the Conference Room.
- 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 14 at 6:15 PM in the Conference Room.
- 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 in the Conference Room.

Wednesday Nights

We will resume our Wednesday Night Activities on Wed, Sept 14.

• 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 •

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.

Wednesday Work Evening - This Wednesday (Sept 7) from 6:00 - 8:30 PM, we need 25-40 folks to unbox and assemble 225 new chairs & to help us move things back into the Fellowship Hall. We need multiple power drills to assemble the chairs. Susan Robertson is preparing hamburgers & grilled chicken sandwiches & coleslaw for all the volunteers. Please scan the QR code to sign up to help. Thank you!



Unveiling of the Fellowship Hall & Local Ministry Partner Presentations - Next Sunday (Sept 11) during the Sunday School hour (9:30-10:30), all of our local ministry partners (CC, CCS, EE, OOD, RUF, STF) will have information tables set up in the newly renovated Fellowship Hall! Come learn about these local partners and how you might be able to serve our community through their ministries.



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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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