

THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

October 23, 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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*Watch out that you are not deceived.  
For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and, 'The time is near.'  
Do not follow them.  
Luke 21:8*

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**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

**Introit**

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 25:4-7

**Pastor:** Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths.

**People:** Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior,  
and my hope is in you all day long.

**Pastor:** Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.

**People:** Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;  
according to your love remember me, for you are good, O LORD.

## Come Thou Fount

Robinson/Brown



Come thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
*Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;*  
 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;  
*O that day, when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy love - ly face;*

streams of mer - cy ne - ver ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
*and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.*  
 let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee.  
*cloth - ed then in blood washed lin - en, how I'll sing Thy sov - 'reign grace.*

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;  
*Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:*  
 Prone to wan - der — Lord, I feel it — prone to leave the God I love:  
*Come, my Lord, no long - er tar - ry, take my ran - somed soul a - way;*

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
*he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.*  
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts a - bove.  
*send Thine an - gels now to car - ry me to realms of end - less day.*

Q. Christian, what do you believe about your adoption as a child of God?

A. We believe that all those who are justified,  
God graciously guarantees  
to make partakers of the grace of adoption,  
in and for his only Son, Jesus Christ.

By this act they are taken into the number of God's children  
and enjoy the liberties and privileges of that relationship:  
they are given His name;  
they receive the Spirit of adoption;  
they have access to the throne of grace with boldness;  
and they are enabled to cry, "Abba, Father."

Like a father, God has compassion on them,  
protects them,  
provides for them,  
and chastens them;  
yet, they will never be cast off,  
but are sealed to the day of redemption,  
and will inherit the promises as heirs of everlasting salvation.

*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.*

## Call to Confession

1 John 1:8-10

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

## Corporate Confession

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge before you our sinful nature and our many offenses. We are prone to do evil and slow to do good. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your way, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Lord, we are ashamed and sorry for all the ways that we have displeased you. Father, teach us to hate our rebellious acts, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of your Son. Help us to love you with all our heart and mind and strength. And give us the power of your Holy Spirit so that we may walk in your ways and serve you all of our days.

## Silent Confession

## Words of Assurance

Micah 7:18-19

*Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.*

## 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

1 John 2:18-23; 4:1-3; 2 John 7; 2 Thess. 2:1-17

### \*Hymn of Preparation

# O Great God

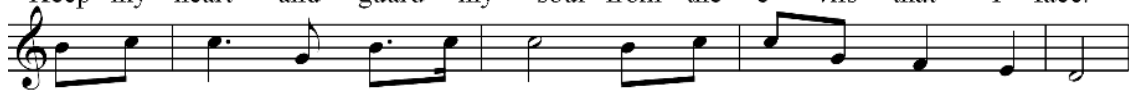
Bob Kauflin



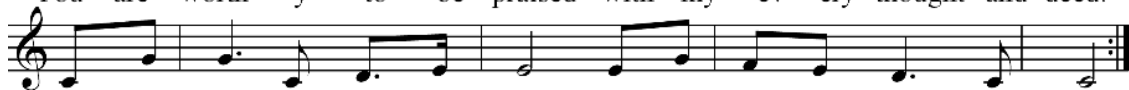
O Great God of high - est heav'n, oc - cu - py my low - ly heart.  
*I was blind - ed by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,*  
Help me now to live a life that's de - pen - dent on Your grace.



Own it all and reign su - preme con - quer ev - ery re - bel pow'r.  
*did not know Your love with - in, had no taste for heav - en's joys.*  
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the e - vils that I face.



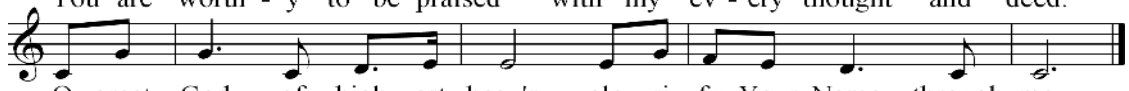
Let no vice or sin re - main that re - sists Your ho - ly war.  
*Then Your Spir - it gave me life, o - pened up Your Word to me,*  
You are worth - y to be praised with my ev - ery thought and deed.



you have loved and pur - chased me, make me Yours for - ev - er more.  
*through the gos - pel of Your Son, gave me end - less hope and peace.*  
O great God of high - est heav'n, glo - ri - fy Your Name through me.



You are worth - y to be praised with my ev - ery thought and deed.



O great God of high - est heav'n, glo - ri - fy Your Name through me.

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

*The Beast of the Earth*  
Revelation 13:11-18

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\*Hymn of Response

#642 - *Be Thou My Vision*

\*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

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 Beast of the Earth*

**Text:** Revelations 13:11-18

**Pastor:** Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 999 in the pew Bible



**Pray for Our Members:**

Andrew, Kathlyn, Rachel Grace, Charlie & Lillie Wohlrabe  
Wayne & Pat Yarbrough  
Skip & Debbie Yetter  
Brandon, Beth, Levy & Howard Youmans  
Levy & Joan Youmans

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

Rodney & Jana Davila are transitioning to El Salvador to continue their work of planting churches and teaching and training pastors.

**Pray for Those in Need:**

Expecting: Meredith McKenzie (1/15), Kaleigh Freel (2/25) & Melissa Newell (4/8)  
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)  
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); Boo McKelvey (mom & dad); 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
- 20s & 30s: *The 10 Commandments* taught by Charles Hall & Hunter Stevenson in the Fellowship Hall  
30s & 40s: *Caring for One Another* taught by Josh Garrett & Cal Garretson in MC #2  
40s & 50s: *The Book of James* 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 Conference Room

## 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)

*October 26 menu: Poppy Seed Chicken, Corn Souffle, Green Beans, Salad Bar, Rolls & Cupcakes*

# • Financial Update •

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as of September 30, 2022

General Operations		Faith Promise for Missions	
2022 Receipts:	\$ 1,010,710	Support paid out:	
2022 Expenses:	\$ 1,043,357	\$ 32,150 (our 20 missionaries for the first half of 2022)	
		\$ 7,000 (gifts to missionaries)	
		\$ 10,000 (Sacred Road Staff Fund)	
		\$ 41,300 (Ukraine Relief)	
		Needed by Dec. 30:	\$ 32,150
		Cash available:	\$ 36,744

## Building Loan Balance

September 30: \$ 87,887

# • 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.

**New Members Class** - If you are interested in learning more about NMPC or joining our membership, you are invited to attend the New Members Class, which is comprised of two Sunday night meetings on October 30th & November 6th from 5:30 - 8:00 (dinner & childcare are provided). Please email Pastor Hunter ([hunter@nmpe.net](mailto:hunter@nmpe.net)) to sign up or for more information. (We provide make-up sessions if you cannot attend one evening.)

**Women's Ministry Committee** - Melanie Buckner, Holly Garretson, Robin Henning, Lizzie Gossett, Beth McSween, Debi Reed (convener) & Scarlett Watson. If you have any questions about Women's Ministry, please contact one of these ladies.

**Ladies Mug & Muffin** - All Ladies are invited to our annual Ladies Mug and Muffin on Saturday, November 5th at 10:00 AM at the home of Holly Garretson (7247 Rivoli Rd). Please bring your favorite mug and enjoy a time of fellowship and the sharing of a testimony. Please RSVP on Realm or by calling Kathy Pye in the church office.



# 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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