

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

November 20, 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.

I will sing to the LORD, for he has been good to me!
Psalm 13:6

Preclude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 136:1-4, 26

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good!

Women: His love endures forever.

Pastor: Give thanks to the God of gods.

Men: His love endures forever.

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord of lords.

Women: His love endures forever.

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD who alone does great wonders.

Men: His love endures forever.

Pastor: Give thanks to the God of heaven!

All: His love endures forever.

*Praise Hymn

#4 - All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above
vs. 1-4

*Invocation

Rev. Josh Garrett

** those who are able please stand*

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe about the liberty Christ has purchased for you?

People: The liberty which Christ has purchased for believers under the gospel consists in our freedom from

the guilt of sin,
the condemning wrath of God,
and the curse of the moral law;

and in our being delivered from
this present evil world,
bondage to Satan,
dominion of sin,
the evil of afflictions,
the sting of death,
the victory of the grave,
and everlasting damnation;

and also in our free access to God,
and our yielding obedience unto him, not out of slavish fear,
but a child-like love, and willing mind.

All which were common also to believers under the law;
but under the New Testament,
the liberty of Christians is further enlarged

in our freedom from the yoke of slavery to the ceremonial law,
to which the Jewish Church was subjected,
and in greater boldness of access to the throne of grace,
and in fuller communications with the Spirit of God,
than believers under the law did ordinarily partake. Amen.

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.

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.

Call to Confession

Hosca 14:1-2

Return, O Israel, to the LORD your God. Your sins have been your downfall! Take words with you and return to the LORD. Say to him: “Forgive all our sins and receive us graciously.”

Corporate Confession

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; O Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Psalm 103:10-12

He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

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

*Hymn of Preparation

Father, Long Before Creation

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Andrew Osenga



1. Fa - ther long be - fore cre - a - tion Thou hadst cho-sen us in love,
2. *Though the world may change its fash - ion yet our God is e'er the same;*
3. God's com - pas - sion is my sto - ry, is my boast - ing all the day;
4. *Lov - ing Fa - ther now be - fore Thee we will ev - er praise Thy love,*



And that love so deep, so mov - ing, draws us close to Christ a - bove.
His com - pas - sion and His cov - nant through all a - ges will re - main.
 Mer - cy free and nev - er fail - ing moves my will, di - rects my way.
And our songs will sound un - ceas - ing 'til we reach our home a - bove.



Still it keeps us, still it keeps us firm - ly fixed in Christ a - lone.
God's own chil - dren, God's own chil - dren must for - ev - er praise His name.
 God so loved us, God so loved us that His on - ly Son He gave.
Giv - ing glo - ry, giv - ing glo - ry to our God and to the Lamb.



Chorus: And the world will sing His love, Yes the world will sing His love, _____



And we'll all join hands, ev - 'ry wom - an ev - ry man to sing His love,



_____ to sing His love. _____

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

The Goodness of Our God
Psalm 147

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Hymn of Response

#98 - Now Thank We All Our God

*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.*

• The Preached Word •

Title: *The Goodness of Our God*

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Text: Psalm 147

pg. 509 in the pew Bible

Pray for Our Members:

Dwayne, Natalic, Meryt & Luke Benson
Will, Ember & Holland Bentley
Steven, Jill, Anderson, Isaiah, Lowndes & Nolan Bloodworth
Caroline Bowers

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month:

Jonas & Christina Davison are part of a church planting team in Japan where they use the arts to build bridges for evangelism & discipleship.

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); Cathy Smith (JC)
Recovering/Sick: Jerry Hogg (cancer); Sally Lee (knee); Tina Davies (kidney stones)
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, 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
6th-12th: *A Hidden Christmas* by Timothy Keller taught by Mark Ballard & 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

We will not have Wednesday Night Activities this week.

• Financial Update •

as of September 30, 2022

General Operations		Faith Promise for Missions	
2022 Receipts:	\$ 1,100,542	Support paid out:	
2022 Expenses:	\$ 1,174,649	\$ 32,150 (our 20 missionaries for the first half of 2022)	
		\$ 12,000 (gifts to missionaries)	
		\$ 10,000 (Sacred Road Staff Fund)	
		\$ 41,300 (Ukraine Relief)	
		Needed by Dec. 30:	\$ 32,150
		Cash available:	\$ 40,026

Building Loan Balance

September 30: \$ 80,849

• 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.

Youth Girls Hangout - Join us for a girls only Breakfast for Dinner hangout. It will be held tomorrow, Monday, Nov. 21 from 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. Panera bagels will be provided, please bring a side. Register on Realm!

Lessons & Carols - Please mark your calendars for an "Evening of Lessons and Carols" on Wednesday, December 7th at 6:45 PM. This will be a special Christmas service filled with singing featuring our children, the ensemble and instrumentalists. Invite a friend!



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

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