

THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

December 25, 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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*Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you;  
he is Christ the Lord.  
Luke 2:11*

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### Prelude

### Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

### Introit

### Call to Worship

Luke 1:68-73

**Pastor:** Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people!

**People:** **He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, just as he said through his holy prophets of long ago,**

**Pastor:** Salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us—

**People:** **To show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath he swore to our father Abraham.**

### \*Praise Hymn

*#224 - Go Tell It on the Mountain*

### \*Invocation

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*\* those who are able please stand*

Pastor: What do you believe about our Lord Jesus Christ?

People: We believe that God was pleased, in his eternal purpose,  
to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, his only begotten Son,  
to be the mediator between God and man.  
As the mediator, he is the prophet, priest, and king,  
the Head and Savior of the church,  
the heir of all things,  
and the judge of the world.  
God gave to him, from all eternity,  
a people to be his seed  
and to be by him, in time, redeemed, called, justified,  
sanctified, and glorified.

In his human nature, united to the divine nature,  
the Lord Jesus was set apart and anointed  
with the Holy Spirit beyond measure,  
having in him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.  
In him the Father was pleased to have all fullness dwell,  
so that—being holy, blameless, undefiled,  
and full of grace and truth—  
he might be completely equipped  
to fulfill the office of a mediator and guarantor.  
He did not take this office to himself  
but was called to it by his Father,  
who put all power and judgment into his hand  
and commanded him to execute it.

*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 North Macon Presbyterian Church and our denomination, the Presbyterian Church in America.*

## Call to Prayer

Philippians 4:6-7 and Isaiah 26:3

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, 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.

You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you.

## Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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

Ephesians 2:11-22

Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (that done in the body by the hands of men)--remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world.

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

#226 - As with Gladness Men of Old

**Prayer for Covenant Children**

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

**Sermon**

*The Prince of Peace*  
Isaiah 11:1-10

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

**\*Hymn of Response**

#203 - Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

**\*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 you all. 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**

# • The Preached Word •

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**Title:** *The Prince of Peace*

**Pastor:** Rev. Hunter Stevenson

**Text:** Isaiah 11:1-10

pg. 562 in the pew Bible

**Pray for Our Members:**

Carol Dawson  
Trey, Allison, Chase, Austin & Maggie Deaton  
Susan & Lauren DeBey  
Phillip Dekle

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

Jeff & Jamie are church planters in India, and Jeff teaches rural pastors in a seminary.

**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)

Recovering/Sick: Jerry Hogg (cancer); John LaPish (surgery); Patricia Hughes (jaw)

Bereaved: 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); Cathy Smith (JC)

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

# • Christmas Poinsettias •

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*To the Glory of God and in Honor of:*

Liz Ream	Mark & Meg Baxter
Charlotte Laurens	
Kathy Pye	
Monni Parrish	
Beverly & Billy Adams	
Hunter & Heather Stevenson	
The Stevenson Family	Jane Brooks
David & Murray Todd	Morris Butler Family
Judith Cook	Pam Cook
Melanie Buckner	Glenn & Deloris Cross
Holly Garretson	Cal, CC & Camp Garretson
Kate Harrison	Her Georgia Children & Grands
James Grace, Everett & Hudson Gibson	Barbara Gibson
Joey & Rachel Leggett	Mary Jane Leggett
Heather & Hunter Stevenson	Betty Luce
Kathy Pye	
Melanie Buckner	
Monni Parrish	
Liz Ream	Boo, Rebecca, Anna Helen & Michael McKelvey and Don & Heidi Ream
The Stevenson Family	McKelvey Family
Our Church Family	Rob & Ann Morton



Melanie Buckner  
Monni Parrish

NMPC Ensemble

Charles Asbell (Granddaddy)  
John & Ann Timms  
David & Murray Todd  
Hunter & Heather Stevenson  
Josh & Lindsay Garrett  
Mark & Kara Ballard  
Josh & Melanie Buckner  
Richard Fyke  
Charlie & Kathy Pye  
Andrei, Nicole, Tia & Caitlin  
Paul Johnson

Charlie, Monni, Andrei & Nicole Parrish

Becky Gorman

Seth Peed Family

Mrs. Tricia Barton

Katie Pyles

Adelle Vinson

Maggie Pyles

Mrs. Joyce Parks Pyles  
Rev. Tommy Joe & Mrs. Shirley Neyman  
Melanie Buckner  
Monni Parrish  
Kathy Pye

Jack Pyles Family

Pat Jenkins

Lucy, Simon, Luke & Clifton Jake Shepley

Church Staff

Dr. Richard & Betty Smith

Heather Stevenson

Hunter Stevenson

Liz Ream

Hunter, Heather, Mia, Stone & Hunt Stevenson

The Parrish Family

John & Ann Timms

The Stevenson Family  
Josh & Melanie Buckner

David & Murray Todd

PaPa & Honey

Lola Grace & Maddie James Wilson

# • Christmas Poinsettias •

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## *To the Glory of God and in Memory of:*

Jim & Janice Bealle

Joan Adams  
John McSween

Willard Boyett

Collin Breed

Harry Lee & Velma Burch, Jr.  
Arlin & Jimmy Dowd, Sr.

Orlean Roewer

Barry D. Cook

Josh, Virginia & Malcolm Davies  
Trevor Jr., Agnes & Trevor III Chatfield

Sturkie Dawson  
Larry Laurens  
Jo-Bess Grenga

David Dondes

Perry Feldman

Dan Gibson

Melanie Grier  
Emily & Goodloe Grier  
Mary & Bill Irby

Larry Laurens  
Sturkie Dawson  
Jo-Bess Grenga

Rodger & Tricia Barton

Mark & Meg Baxter

Donna Boyett

Larry & LuAnn Breed

Lee & Jennifer Burch

Morris Butler Family

Pam Cook

Phil & Tina Davies

Carol Dawson

Cathe Dondes & Family

Feldman Family

Barbara Gibson & Family

Jim Grier

Charlotte Laurens

Kamron Elijah Ward	Griffin Family
Walter E. Leggett, Jr.	Mary Jane Leggett
Albert L. Luce, Jr.	Betty Luce
Connie Manwaring George Watt	Dick & Sandy Manwaring
Jimmy McCallum Jamie McCallum Jackson	Diane McCallum
Buck Ream Tommy & Rosemary McKelvey	Boo, Rebecca, Anna Helen & Michael McKelvey and Don & Heidi Ream Boo, Rebecca, Anna Helen & Michael McKelvey
John McSween	Beth McSween
Vestal & Wilma Parrish (PaPa V & Grammy) Anne Asbell (Nonni)	Charlie, Monni, Andrei & Nicole Parrish
Donnie Wayne Churchwell	Seth Peed Family
Dr. Kenneth Layton Gorveatte Major Walter Edward & Mrs. Aurelia Norwood	Jack Pyles Family
Buck Ream Francis & Anna Daves Donald & Helen Ream	Liz Ream
Jude William Taylor	The Taylor Family
Peggy Timberlake	Joe Timberlake
Harry & Lola Hatfield Albert & Doris Timms Ronnie Hatfield & Mike Timms Lester Westbrooks	John & Ann Timms
Ed Voss	Cindy Voss
Jerry Willis	Cheryl Willis

# • Financial Update •

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as of November 30, 2022

General Operations		Faith Promise for Missions	
2022 Receipts:	\$ 1,197,695	Support paid out:	
2022 Expenses:	\$ 1,291,905	\$ 32,150 (our 20 missionaries for the first half of 2022)	
		\$ 12,000 (gifts to missionaries)	
<b>Building Loan Balance</b>		\$ 10,000 (Sacred Road Staff Fund)	
November 30:	\$ 73,797	\$ 41,300 (Ukraine Relief)	
		Needed by Dec. 30:	\$ 32,150
		Cash available:	\$ 43,500

## • Announcements •

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**Monday Morning Prayer** - We will not gather tomorrow for Monday Morning Prayer. The Office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday of this week.

**PCA Ministerial Relief Fund** - Last night, at the Christmas Eve Service, we took up a special offering for the PCA Ministerial Relief Fund, which is used to provide financial assistance for the widows and orphans of PCA ministers & missionaries. If you wish, you can still give online on Realm, or with a check with "PCA Relief Fund" on the memo line.

**Year End Giving** - The office will be closed for the holidays on Monday, Tuesday & Friday. You can give online on Realm, mail a check (postmarked by Dec 31), or drop off a check on Wednesday or Thursday this week.

**Poinsettias** - After the worship today, please take home a poinsettia or two, or take one or two to a friend or loved one who would enjoy having one.

**Flowers** - The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God from the Charles Baker Family.