

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

December 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.

*I am the bread of life.
He who comes to me will never go hungry,
and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.
John 6:35*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Thou Who Wast Rich

Call to Worship

Isaiah 25:6-9

- Pastor: On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples:
- People: **A banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines.**
- Pastor: On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations:
- People: **He will swallow up death forever!**
- Pastor: The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth.
- People: **The LORD has spoken!**
- Pastor: In that day they will say:
- People: **Surely this is our God! We trusted in him, and he saved us!
This is the LORD! We trusted in him! Let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation!**

** those who are able please stand*

*Praise Hymn

#196 - *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

*Invocation

Dr. David Todd

*Confession of Faith

Belgic Confession, Article 20

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe?

People: We believe that God
—who is perfectly merciful and also very just—
sent his Son to assume the nature
in which the disobedience had been committed,
in order to bear in it the punishment of sin
by his most bitter passion and death.
So God made known his justice toward his Son,
who was charged with our sin,
and he poured out his goodness and mercy on us,
who are guilty, and worthy of damnation,
giving to us his Son to die, by a most perfect love,
and raising him to life, for our justification,
in order that by him
we might have immortality and eternal life.

The Belgic Confession was composed in 1561 by Guido de Brés. It was adopted at the Synod of Dordt in 1619 as one of the doctrinal standards to which all office bearers in the Reformed churches were required to subscribe. The confession stands as one of the best symbolical statements of Reformed doctrine.

*Hymn

#213 – *What Child Is This?*

Call to Prayer

Isaiah 55:1-3a

Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Dr. David Todd

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

O Come, All You Unfaithful

O come, all you unfaithful. Come, weak and unstable. Come, know you are not alone. O come, barren and waiting ones, weary of praying. Come see what your God has done. Christ is born, Christ is born, Christ is born for you!

O come, bitter and broken. Come, with fears unspoken. Come, taste of His perfect love. O come, guilty and hiding ones, there is no need to run. See what your God has done! Christ is born, Christ is born, Christ is born for you!

He's the Lamb who was given, slain for our pardon. His promise is peace for those who believe. So come, though you have nothing. Come, He is the offering. Come, see what your God has done. Christ is born, Christ is born, Christ is born for you!

*Hymn of Preparation

#230 - Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Praising

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

Feasting Upon the Bread of Life
1 Corinthians 11:23-32

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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.

Lord Jesus, I want to become your follower. I come to You acknowledging I am a sinner justly deserving eternal condemnation. I realize there is nothing I can do to make myself acceptable to you through my own efforts. I believe you are God the Son who became a man, lived a perfect life, and then allowed Yourself to be crucified. I believe that as You hung on the cross, God the Father, knowing all about me, took all my sins—past, present, and future—and put them on You, and punished You in my place. I believe You took the wrath of God for me, and you died. I believe your body was placed in a tomb, but after paying for all my sins, You came back from the dead and are alive forevermore. I trust You to save me from my sins and the condemnation I deserve. You are able to do that because You were condemned in my place. I ask You to forgive my sins and give me the gift of eternal life with You. I ask You to save me to a new life lived with and for You. Thank You for Your love. Give me the grace I need so that I might learn Your ways and follow You every day. Amen.

*Hymn of Response

#207 - *Good Christian Men Rejoice*

*Benediction

Revelation 1:5b-6

Now to him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! 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: *Feasting Upon the Bread of Life*

Text: 1 Corinthians 11:23-32

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 930 in the pew Bible

North Macon Presbyterian Church

NMPC exists to glorify and enjoy God, love and equip His people for the work of His ministry, and make disciples of all nations.

More specifically, NMPC seeks to glorify God and make disciples by...

Providing a Home

- Warm & welcoming
- Connected & caring for one another
- Vulnerable & gracious

Proclaiming the Gospel

- Christ-centered worship & expository preaching
- Classes to educate, encourage & equip
- Small Groups to disciple & deepen relationships

Partnering with Ministries

- North Macon Preschool
- *RUF, STF, CCS, EE, CC and OOD*
- 20 Missionaries & short-term Mission Trips
- Central GA Presbytery & General Assembly

*Local Ministries

RUF – Reformed University Fellowship (Mercer, Wesleyan, Columbus State University & Valdosta State University)

STF – Strong Tower Fellowship

CCS – Covenant Care Services

EE – Evangelism Explosion

CC – Campus Clubs

OOD – Out of Darkness

Pray for Our Members:

Morris, Jessica, Mary Blue, Sallie, Morris, Jr. & Ben Butler
David & Carly Carter
Matt, Megan, Andrew, William & Mary Louise Cathey
Bobby & Claire Chastain

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); Seth & Silas Peed (dad); Glenda Eaves (mom)
Recovering/Sick: Jerry Hogg (cancer); Sally Lee (knee); Tina Davies (kidney stones)
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)
Officer Nominees: Cal Garretson, Charlie Parrish & Dan Strawn (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

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)

December 7th menu: Grilled Chicken w/Lemon Butter Mushroom Sauce, Rice, Green Beans, Salad Bar, Rolls & Peach Cobbler

• Financial Update •

as of October 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)
Building Loan Balance		Needed by Dec. 30:	\$ 32,150
October 30:	\$ 80,849	Cash available:	\$ 40,026

• 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.

Poinsettias - Please help us decorate the sanctuary for Christmas by purchasing a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone. Forms are available on the coffee bar in the narthex.

Women's Christmas Dinner - The Women's Christmas dinner is Tuesday at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Ladies, come join us for this special evening together!

Lessons & Carols - Join us on Wednesday at 6:45 PM for an "Evening of Lessons and Carols". This will be a special Christmas service filled with singing! Invite a friend!

Strong Tower - Strong Tower is collecting coats, socks, sleeping bags, hoodies, scarfs, gloves and mittens to give to people in the Pleasant Hill community. There will be a box in the narthex for you to place your donation.

Youth Progressive Dinner - Join us on December 14 for a night of yummy food and fellowship. We will be moving between three different houses for each course of our meal. Our activities will last from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm. Please RSVP on the church website.

High School Winter Retreat - The High School Winter Retreat will be February 17-20. The price is \$250.00 per person. Space is limited. Please go to nmnc.net to register.



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Mission

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	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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