



THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

January 1, 2023



**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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*I have loved you with an everlasting love;  
I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.  
Jeremiah 31:3*

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### Prelude

### Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

### Introit

### Call to Worship

Zephaniah 3:14-17

Pastor: Sing, O Daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, O Daughter of Jerusalem!

People: The LORD has taken away our punishment! He has turned back our enemy!

Pastor: The LORD, the King of Israel, is with you! Never again will you fear any harm!

People: On that day they will say to Jerusalem, "Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands hang limp. The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save.

Pastor: He will take great delight in you. He will quiet you with his love. He will rejoice over you with singing."

*\* those who are able please stand*

**\*Praise Hymn**

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like me, his praise should sing?  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our father's in distress;  
Praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.

Fatherlike, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;  
In his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely as his mercy goes.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;  
But while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the High Eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

**\*Invocation**

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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

*His Mercy is More  
printed on page 4*

# His Mercy Is More



1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om -
2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What
3. What rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us. His



ni - scient, all know - ing, He counts not their sum. Thrown  
 Fa - ther, so ten - der, is call - ing us home? He  
 blood was the pay - ment; His life was the cost. We



in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore, our  
 wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor. Our  
 stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford. Our

## CHORUS



sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more. (to vs. 2) Praise the  
 sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.  
 sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.

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Lord, His mer - cy is more. Strong - er than dark - ness,



new ev - 'ry morn. Our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.

## Call to Prayer

Isaiah 43:4; 53:5

Since you are precious and honored in My sight, and because I love you, I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life.

He was pierced for our transgressions. He was crushed for our iniquities. The punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

## 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

### \*Hymn of Preparation

*Amazing Grace! (My Chains Are Gone)*  
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## Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

## Sermon

*The Richs of God's Grace*  
Ephesians 1:1-10

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.*

# Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Newton, Tomlin, and Giglio



1. A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re - lieved.
3. Through ma - ny dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - rea - dy come;
4. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright shin - ing as the sun,



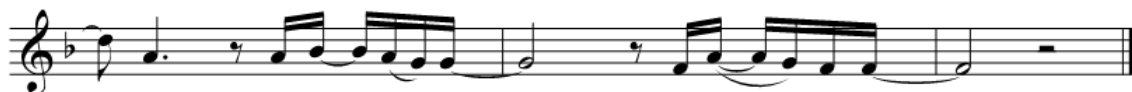
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see. (to v. 2)  
How pre - cious did the grace ap - pear, the hour I first be - lieved.  
'tis grace that brough me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first be - gun.



*Chorus:* My chains are \_\_\_\_\_ gone. I've been set \_\_\_\_\_ free. My God, my



Sav - ior has ran - somed \_\_\_\_\_ me. And like a \_\_\_\_\_ flood His mer - cy



\_\_\_\_\_ rains, un - end - ing love, \_\_\_\_\_ a - maz - ing grace. \_\_\_\_\_

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# How Deep the Father's Love For Us

Stuart Townend



1. How Deep the Fath-er's love for us, how vast be-yond all meas-ure.
2. *Be - hold the Man up - on the cross, my sin up - on His shoul-ders.*
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing: No gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom.



that he should give his on - ly Son to make a wretch his trea - sure.  
*A - shamed, I hear my mock-ing voice call out a - mong the scof-fers.*  
 But I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His death and res - ur-rec - tion.



How great the pain of sear - ing loss. The Fa - ther turns his face a - way  
*It was my sin that held him there un - til it was ac - com - plished;*  
 Why should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer.



as wounds which mar the cho - sen one, bring man - y sons to glo - ry.  
*His dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished.*  
 But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

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## \*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

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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.



# • The Preached Word •

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**Title:** *The Riches of God's Grace*

**Text:** Ephesians 1:1-10

**Pastor:** Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 946 in the pew Bible

**Pray for Our Members:**

Timothy Deremer  
Cathe Dondes  
Doug & Nancy Dozier  
Trey, Chelsea, Smith & Forrest Dozier

**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.

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)

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

# • Discipleship Opportunities •

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## Winter Sunday School Schedule—begins Sun, Jan 8th

2-3 Year Old:	<i>God's Son</i> taught by Seth & Amy Peed; Room 112
4k– 5k:	<i>Living in God's Family</i> taught by Anna Barnes in Room 114
1st-2nd:	<i>Knowing Jesus</i> taught by Steven & Jill Bloodworth, Hays & Andrea Fyke and Patrick & Andrea Goff in Room 121
3rd-5th:	<i>God's Design for Worship</i> taught by Myra Baker & Tricia Barton in Room 122
6th-12th:	<i>A Hidden Christmas</i> by Timothy Keller taught by Mark Ballard & Anna Smith in the Youth Room
20s & 30s:	<i>Ecclesiastes</i> taught by Charles Hall & Hunter Stevenson in the Fellowship Hall
30s & 40s:	<i>In the Lord, I Take Refuge</i> taught by Cal Garretson and Steven Bloodworth in MC #2
50s & 60s:	<i>James</i> taught by Ed Grimsley, Neal Ham, Howard Reed and Dan Strawn in MC #1
60s & up:	<i>Philippians</i> taught by Tommy James & Rob Morton in the Conference

## Wednesday Night Activities Schedule

- Jan 4: No activities
- Jan 11: Wednesday Night Activities resume

# • 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)
		\$ 10,000	(Sacred Road Staff Fund)
<b>Building Loan Balance</b>		\$ 41,300	(Ukraine Relief)
October 30:	\$ 73,797		
		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.

**Sunday School resumes on January 8** - All of our Sunday School classes will resume on Sunday, January 8th at 9:30 AM. Take a look at page 10 for a list of classes & teachers.

**Wednesday Nights resume on January 11** - We will not meet this Wed, Jan 4; we will resume our Wednesday Night Activities the following week on Wednesday, January 11.

**Women's Retreat 2023** - The 2023 Women's Retreat will be held on January 27 - 29 at Callaway Gardens. The theme of the retreat is "Growing in Grace." Please register on REALM or submit your registration form (copies available in the narthex) to Andrea Goff or Megan Cathey by Friday, January 13th.

**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 [nmpc.net](http://nmpc.net) to register.

**Friday Morning Ladies' Bible Study** - The Friday Morning Ladies' Bible Study resumes on Friday, January 6 at 10:00 a.m. They are studying "A Woman of Beauty".