

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

January 29, 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.

*And my God will meet all your needs
according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:19*

Preclude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 145:3-7

Pastor: Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise! His greatness no one can fathom!

People: **One generation will commend your works to another. They will tell of your mighty acts.**

Pastor: They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and we will meditate on your wonderful works. They will tell of the power of your awesome works, and we will proclaim your great deeds.

People: **They will celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness!**

***Praise Hymn**

#53 - Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

** those who are able please stand*

Q. Christian, what do you understand by the providence of God?

A. Providence is the almighty and ever present power of God,
by which he upholds—as with his hand—
heaven and earth and all creatures;
and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought,
fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness,
prosperity and poverty—all things, in fact,
come to us not by chance, but from his fatherly hand.

Q. How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

A. We can be patient when things go against us,
thankful when things go well,
and for the future we can have good confidence
in our faithful God and Father,
that nothing will separate us from his love.
All creatures are so completely in his hand,
that without his will, they can neither move nor be moved.

*The Heidelberg Catechism was composed in Heidelberg, Germany in 1563.
It has been translated into many European, Asian, and African languages,
and is the most widely used and most warmly praised catechism of the Reformation period.*

And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

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

Scripture Reading

Mark 6:30-44

The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest. So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place.

But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things. By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. This is a remote place, they said, and it's already very late. Send the people away so they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat. But he answered, You give them something to eat. They said to him, That would take eight months of a man's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat? How many loaves do you have? he asked. Go and see. When they found out, they said, Five—and two fish. Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to set before the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

Jesus I Am Resting, Resting

David Hampton



1. Je - sus, I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the joy of what Thou art.
2. *Oh, how great Thy lov - ing kind - ness, vast - er, broad - er than the sea.*
3. Sim - ply trust - ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, I be - hold Thee as Thou art.
4. *Ev - er lift Thy face up - on me as I work and wait for Thee.*



I am find - ing out the great - ness of Thy lov - ing heart.
Oh, how mar - vel - ous Thy good - ness lav - ished all on me.
 And Thy love so pure, so change - less sat - is - fies my heart,
Rest - ing 'neath Thy smile Lord Je - sus, earth's dark shad - ows flee.



Thou hast bid me gaze up - on Thee, and Thy beau - ty fills my soul
Yes, I rest in Thee, Be - lov - ed, know what wealth of grace is Thine,
 sat - is - fies its deep - est long - ings, meets, sup - plies its ev - 'ry need,
Bright - ness of my Fa - ther's glo - ry, sun - shine of my Fa - ther's face;



for by Thy trans - form - ing pow - er, Thou hast made me whole.
know Thy cer - tain - ty of prom - ise and have made it mine.
 com - pass - eth me 'round with bless - ings, Thine is love in - deed.
keep me ev - er trust - ing, rest - ing, fill me with Thy grace.



Je - sus, I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the joy of what Thou art. —



I am find - ing out the great - ness of Thy lov - ing heart. —

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Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

Put Your Hope in God
Isaiah 40:27-31

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*Hymn of Response

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*Benediction

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

*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 and she will add you to the distribution list.*

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death



What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a-
What truth can calm the trou-bled soul? God is good, God is
Un - to the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He



lone. What is our on - ly con - fi - dence? That our souls to Him be -
good. Where is His grace and good-ness known? In our great Re-deem-er's
lives!" And what re - ward will heav - en bring? Ev - er - last - ing life with



long. Who holds our days with - in His hand? What comes, a -
blood. Who holds our faith when fears a - rise? Who stands a -
Him. There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and



part from His com-mand? And what will keep us to the
bove the storm - y trial? Who sends the waves that bring us
death will be de - stroyed, And we will feast in end - less



end? The love of Christ, in which we stand. ____
nigh un - to the shore, the rock of Christ ____ O sing ha - le-
joy, When Christ is ours for - ev - er - more. ____



lu - jah! Our hope springs e - ter - nal; O sing ha - le - lu - jah! Now and



ev - er we con - fess Christ our hope in life and death.

• The Preached Word •

Title: *Put Your Hope in God*

Text: Isaiah 40:27-31

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 586 in the pew Bible

Pray for Our Members:

Richard Fyke
Jim & Phyllis Gamble
Cal, Holly, Caroline & Camp Garretson
Michael, Stephanie, Chasc, Brady & Tate Garrison

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month:

Rich & Chrissy Greete have a counseling ministry to Mission to the World missionaries here in the States and on mission fields all over the world.

Pray for Those in Need:

Expecting: Kaleigh Freel (2/25), Melissa Newell (4/8) & Laura Adams (8/29)

Newborns: Ben McKenzie, Forrest Dozier, Benjamin Hornick, and Charlie & Lillie Wohlrabe

Members Caring for Loved Ones: Becky Gorman (Randy); Howard Gordon (mom); Monni Parrish (dad); Joseph Eglöff (mom); Rana Munna (mom); Glenda Eaves (mom)

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

Bereaved: Susana, Sarah Jane & Oscar Sandefur (Chris); Beth McSween (John); John & Joyce Meadows (son); Edith Adams (mother); Joe Stanley (Kathy); LeeAnn Wildman (mom); 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 •

Winter Sunday School Schedule

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

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)

Women's Bible Study (Heather Stevenson)...**begins Feb 1**

Adult Bible Study on **Psalm 42** (Rev. Eric Frecl)

February 1 menu: Roast Beef, Potatoes & Carrots, Salad Bar & Apple Caramel Cobbler.

• Financial Update •

as of December 31, 2022

| General Operations | | Faith Promise for Missions |
|------------------------------|--------------|--|
| 2022 Receipts: | \$ 1,400,007 | Collected in 2022: \$ 110,318 |
| 2022 Expenses: | \$ 1,406,752 | Support paid out: |
| | | \$ 64,300 (20 missionaries) |
| | | \$ 12,000 (gifts to missionaries) |
| | | \$ 10,000 (Sacred Road Staff Fund) |
| | | \$ 41,300 (Ukraine Relief) |
| | | Cash available for distribution: \$ 21,518 |
| Building Loan Balance | | |
| December 31: | \$ 28,000 | |

• Announcements •

Monday Morning Prayer - We will gather at 9:00 AM tomorrow for Monday Morning Prayer. Please let Pastor Hunter (hunter@nmipc.net) know if you have a prayer request.

Wednesday PM Women's Bible Study - The Wednesday PM Women's Bible Study will begin this Wed, Febr 1st at 6:30 PM and will be studying the Sermon on the Mount.

Marriage Conference 2023 - We are delighted to welcome back Dr. John Cox for a second Marriage Conference on March 3-4. The cost is \$20 per person, \$35 for a couple, and free for college students. Scan the QR code to register.



Youth Winter Retreat - The Youth Winter Retreat is February 17-20 and the deadline to sign up is this week (Feb 1st). Please contact Mark or Anna for more details.

Coffee with Parents - Youth Parents, please join us for coffee and dessert on **Feb 5 from 4:00 -5:00 PM** in the NEW youth room. We will go over the vision for youth ministry at NMPC and talk about volunteer opportunities. Register on our website (nmipc.net).

Evangelism Explosion Update - Go to the website DavidToddEE.com to learn more about EE, Dr. Todd's work in middle GA, and how you can be a part of this ministry.



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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 2023 | Class of 2024 | Class of 2025 |
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| Session | Ed Grimsley* Paul McCommon Rob Morton Howard Reed | Neal Ham* | Jason Churchwell* Cal Garretson Tommy James* Charlie Parrish |

| | Class of 2023 | Class of 2024 | Class of 2025 |
|-----------|---------------------------|---------------|---|
| Diaconate | Lee Burch* Silas Peed* | | Joshua Buckner Rick Funk Hays Fyke* |

*indicates the officer is at the end of a 2nd term and will roll off

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| Staff | Every Member, <i>Ministers</i> | Kathy Pye, <i>Church Secretary</i> |
| | Hunter Stevenson, <i>Senior Pastor</i> | Monni Parrish, <i>Administrator,</i> <i>Financial Director & 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> |
| | Megan Cathey, <i>Interim Children's</i> <i>Ministry Director</i> | |

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