

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

January 8, 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.

*For even the Son of Man did not come to be served,
but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.
Mark 10:45*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 100

Pastor: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth!

People: **Serve the LORD with gladness! Come before him with joyful songs!**

Pastor: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

People: **Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him and praise his name!**

Pastor: For the LORD is good, and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

*Praise Hymn

#1 - All People that on Earth Do Dwell

*Invocation

Dr. David Todd

*Confession of Faith

Apostles Creed

PASTOR: Christian, what do you believe?

ALL: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*The Apostles' Creed was not written by the apostles but is a summary of their teachings.
It dates back to the 4th century and has been used by the church to identify believers,
instruct new converts, and provide a confession of faith for worship.*

* those who are able please stand

In Christ Alone

Getty and Townend



1. In Christ a-lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
2. *In Christ a-lone, who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help-less babe!*
3. There in the ground His bod-y lay, Light of the world by dark-ness slain;
4. *No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;*



This Cor-ner-stone, this sol-id ground, firm through the fierc-est drought and storm.
This gift of love and right-eous-ness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
 Then burst-ing forth in glo-rious day, up from the grave He rose a-gain!
From life's first cry to fin-al breath, Je-sus com-mands my des-ti-ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-ings cease.
'Til on that cross as Je-sus died the wrath of God was sat-is-fied.
 And as He stands in vic-to-ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev-er pluck me from His hand;



My Com-for-ter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
For ev'-ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
 For I am His and He is mine, bought with the prec-ious blood of Christ.
'Til He re-tURNS or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance, and for this we labor and strive, that we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, and especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through a prophetic message when the body of elders laid their hands on you. Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

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

Cal Garretson & Charlie Parrish: Ruling Elders

Joshua Buckner & Rick Funk: Deacons

Ordination Vows

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
4. Do you accept the office of ruling elder or deacon in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?
5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?

Congregational Vow

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Do you, the members of North Macon Presbyterian Church, acknowledge and receive Cal Garretson & Charlie Parrish as ruling elders, and Joshua Buckner & Rick Funk as deacons, and do you promise to yield them all that honor, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord to which their offices, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles them?

Laying on of Hands

Elders in the PCA

Prayer of Consecration

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Right Hand of Fellowship

Elders and Deacons of NMPC

Declaration of Installation

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

I now pronounce and declare that Cal Garretson & Charlie Parrish have been regularly elected, ordained and installed as ruling elders in this church, and that Joshua Buckner & Rick Funk have been regularly elected, ordained and installed as deacons in this church, agreeable to the Word of God, and according to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America; and that as such they are entitled to all encouragement, honor and obedience in the Lord: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Speak, O Lord

Townend and Getty



Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re - ceive the food of Your
Teach us Lord full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu -
 Speak, O Lord, and re - new__ our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your



ho - ly word. Take Your truth, plant it deep__ in us;__ Shape and
mil - i - ty. __ Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the
 plans for us. __ Truths un - changed from the dawn__ of time, that will



fash - ion us__ in Your like__ ness, that the light of Christ might be
ra - di - ance of Your pur - i - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our
 e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your



seen to-day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
eyes to see Your ma - je - stic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can
 pro - mi - ses, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your



fill ____ in us__ all Your pur - po - ses for Your glo - ry.
ne - ver fail; Let their truth__ pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
 church__ is built, and the earth__ is filled with Your glo - ry.

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Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

Servant Leadership
Hebrews 13:7-8, 17-18

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Hymn of Response

#644 - *May the Mind of Christ My Savior*

*Benediction

Romans 15:5-6

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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.

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: *Servant Leadership*

Text: Hebrews 13:7-8, 17-18

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 976 in the pew Bible

Pray for Our Members:

James, Amy & David Drummond
John Dukes
Lonnie & Donna Dye
Bill & Glenda Eaves

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 in other parts of the world.

Pray for Those in Need:

Expecting: Kaleigh Freel (2/25) & Melissa Newell (4/8)

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 Egloff (mom); Rana Munna (mom); Glenda Eaves (mom)

Recovering/Sick: Jerry Hogg (cancer); 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); Boo McKelvey (mom & dad); Tricia Barton (mom); Cathy Smith (JC)

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

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 & 2 short-term Mission Trips
- Central GA Presbytery & General Assembly

*Local Ministries

RUF – Reformed University Fellowship (Mercer, Wesleyan, CSU & VSU)

STF – Strong Tower Fellowship

CCS – Covenant Care Services

EE – Evangelism Explosion

CC – Campus Clubs

OOD – Out of Darkness

A Further Explanation

Providing a Home

We believe “Providing a Home” meets one of the unique needs for those living in North Macon. We tend to be isolated and lonely. We tend to live fragmented and disconnected lives, and advances in technology seem to be making matters worse. We tend to pride ourselves on “having it all together” and giving the appearance that we do not need anyone or anything.

We desperately need a place where we can take off our masks, admit our sin and failures, and be received and accepted. We long for a genuine community where we can be loved as we really are, and, in turn, love others as they really are. NMPC is committed to be that place—a home—where folks are welcomed, embraced, and loved.

The most recently initiative in “Providing a Home” is our Community Focused Sunday School Classes. Please see page 13 to determine which class might be best for you.

Proclaiming the Gospel

NMPC’s primary task is to “Proclaim the Gospel”, for the Gospel is the power of God for salvation. To spell it out more particularly, we are committed to preach the good news of Jesus Christ, in the whole counsel of Scripture, by the power of the Holy Spirit, with Reformed theological convictions, in a caring and gracious community, so that we might present everyone perfect in Christ. Therefore, in every worship service, every Sunday school class, every small group, and every ministry of the church, we are committed to proclaim the Gospel as of chief importance for the transformation of lives.

Partnering with Ministries

NMPC is also committed to carrying the good news of the Gospel—in word and deed—into our community and around the world. We seek to do so through strategic partnerships with *ministries* in our community and *missionaries* around the globe. We are committed to **pray** for, **partner** with, and **participate** in these strategic partnerships so that we might make disciples of Jesus Christ of all nations.

• 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: *A Hidden Christmas* by Timothy Keller 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 the Psalms (Hunter Stevenson)

January 11 menu: Taco Salad, Salad Bar & Cookies

• Financial Update •

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 (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:	\$ 43,500
Building Loan Balance			
November 30:	\$ 73,797		

• Announcements •

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

Sunday School & Wednesday Nights - See page 13 for details.

Friday Morning Ladies' Bible Study - The Friday Morning Ladies' Bible Study meets on Friday mornings at 10:00 AM. They are studying "A Woman of Beauty".

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.

Marriage Conference 2023 - We are delighted to welcome back Dr. John Cox for another Marriage Conference on March 3-5. Please mark your calendars!

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Kathy Pye on her 32nd anniversary of service at North Macon Presbyterian Church.



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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
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

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