

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

February 12, 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.

*One thing God has spoken, two things I have heard:
that you, O God, are strong, and that you, O Lord, are loving.
Psalm 62:11-12a*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Ephesians 1:3-8

Pastor: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ!

People: **For he chose us in Christ before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.**

Pastor: In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—

People: **To the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves!**

Pastor: In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins,

People: **In accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.**

*Praise Hymn

*#4 - All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above
vs. 1-5*

*Invocation

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** those who are able please stand*

1. Q. Who made you?
A. **God.**
2. Q. What else did God make?
A. **God made all things.**
3. Q. Why did God make you and all things?
A. **For his own glory.**
4. Q. How can you glorify God?
A. **By loving him and doing what he commands.**
5. Q. Why are you to glorify God?
A. **Because he made me and takes care of me.**
6. Q. Is there more than one true God?
A. **No. There is only one true God.**
7. Q. In how many Persons does this one God exist?
A. **In three Persons.**
8. Q. Name these three persons.
A. **The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.**
9. Q. What is God?
A. **God is a Spirit and does not have a body like men.**
10. Q. Where is God?
A. **God is everywhere.**
11. Q. Can you see God?
A. **No. I cannot see God, but he always sees me.**
12. Q. Does God know all things?
A. **Yes. Nothing can be hidden from God.**
13. Q. Can God do all things?
A. **Yes. God can do all his holy will.**

Call to Confession

Psalm 32:1-5

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, I will confess my transgressions to the LORD—and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Corporate Confession

O most great, most just and most gracious God, your eyes are too pure to look at iniquity. Yet you have promised mercy through Jesus Christ to all that repent and believe in him. We confess that we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. We have neglected and abused your holy worship. We have dealt unjustly and unlovingly with our neighbors. We have not sought first your kingdom. You have revealed your wonderful love to us in Christ and have offered us pardon and salvation in him; but we have turned away. We have run into temptation. The sin that we should have hated, we have committed. Have mercy on us, most merciful Father! In your Son is our salvation, and in your promises are our hope. Remind us that we are your children, and make us alive with your Holy Spirit, and in the end, receive us into your glory, through Jesus Christ our only Savior. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

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

Matthew 8:1-13

Come Ye Sinners



Come ye sin - ners, poor and wretch-ed, weak and wound - ed,
 Come ye need - y, come and wel - come; God's free boun - ty
 Come ye wea - ry, hea - vy lad - en, bruised and bro - ken
 Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness
 Lo! Th'in - car - nate God, as - cend - ed; pleads the mer - it



sick and sore. Je - sus, read - y stands to save you,
 glor - i - fy; True be - lief and true re - pent - ance,
 by the fall. If you tar - ry 'til you're bet - ter,
 fond - ly dream. All the fit - ness He re - qui - res
 of His blood. Ven - ture on Him; ven - ture whol - ly,



full of pi - ty joined with pow'r. He is a - ble,
 ev' - ry grace that brings you nigh. With - out mon - ey,
 you will nev - er come at all. Not the right - eous,
 is to feel your need of Him. This He gives you,
 Let no o - ther trust in - trude. None but Je - sus,



He is a - ble, He is wil - ling; doubt no more.
 with - out mon - ey, Come to Je - sus Christ and buy.
 not the right - eous; Sin - ners Je - sus came to call.
 this He gives you, 'tis the Spir - it's ris - ing beam.
 none but Je - sus can do help - less sin - ners good.

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

You Are My People
Isaiah 41:1-10

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*Hymn of Response

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*Benediction

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word. 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.

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.*

In Christ Alone

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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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• The Preached Word •

Title: *You Are My People*

Text: Isaiah 41:1-10

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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Pray for Our Members:

Becky Gorman
Skylar & Lizzic Gossett
Jim Grier
Adam, Joanna, Sam, Breck & Ruthie Griffin

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month:

Tomo Ito is on staff with Sacred Road Ministries in Washington State and is working to establish a similar ministry to the Native American tribes in Warm Springs, OR.

Pray for Those in Need:

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

Newborns: Ben McKenzie, Forrest Dozier, and Benjamin Hornick

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); Patricia Hughes (jaw); John LaPish (leg);
Phyllis Gamble (knee)

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); Madeline Thompson (mom)

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

Marriage Conference on March 3-4

Sacred Road Mission Trip on June 3-10

• 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)

Adult Bible Study on **Psalm 59** (Rev. Hunter Stevenson)

February 15 menu: Baked Spaghetti, Salad Bar, Garlic Bread and Lemon Cake with Almond Frosting

• Announcements •

I Heart NMPC - The Children's Ministry is hosting a special event for children and their families this afternoon at 4 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Join us as we celebrate God's love, show love to our church family and enjoy sweet treats.

Ensemble - If you love to sing, please join us in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday at 5 PM! We will begin rehearsing for Easter and will meet each Sunday from 5:00-6:00 PM. Please contact Melanie (melanie@nmpe.ct) for more info and to get signed up for emails!

Youth Girls Only Valentine Party - Join us for a cookie decorating night this evening from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Dinner is provided! Our Valentine's party will be in the youth room and we will be discussing LOVE from Romans 12.

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

Friday Morning Ladies' Bible Study - The Friday Morning Ladies' Bible Study will begin at 10:30 AM (instead of 10:00 AM).

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.



Sacred Road Mission Trip - We will be sending a team to Washington State the week of June 3-10 to work alongside Sacred Road Ministries as they seek to minister God's grace to the Yakama Tribe of Native Americans. Please email Monni (monni@nmpe.net) for more information or to sign up to be a part of the 2023 Team.

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary are given for the glory of God and in honor of the ladies who planned & carried out the Women's Retreat at Calloway Gardens last month: Anna Barnes, Tricia Barton, Melanie Buckner, Megan Cathey, Andrea Goff, Monni Parrish, Sara Pyles, Ashley Smith and Heather Stevenson.



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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.

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

Diaconate	Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
	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>	Kathy Pye, <i>Church Secretary</i>
	Hunter Stevenson, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	Monni Parrish, <i>Administrator, 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 Preschool Director</i>
	Megan Cathey, <i>Interim Children's Ministry Director</i>	

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