

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

February 19, 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 nothing is impossible with God.
Luke 1:37*

Prclude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 107

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever!

People: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so!

Pastor: Some wandered in desert wastelands, hungry and thirsty, and their lives ebbed away. Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress.

People: Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men!

Pastor: Some sat in darkness and the deepest gloom. Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress.

People: Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men!

Pastor: Some became fools through their rebellious ways and suffered affliction because of their iniquities. Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress.

People: Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men!

*Praise Hymn

#173 - Praise Him! Praise Him!

*Invocation

Dr. David Todd

*Confession of Faith

Colossians 1:15-20

Pastor: Christian, who is Jesus Christ?

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn over all creation.

For by him all things were created:

things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,
whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities;
all things were created by him and for him.

He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

And he is the head of the body, the church;

He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead,
so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether things on earth or things in heaven,

by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Amen.

* those who are able please stand

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

J. Newton/L. Taylor



1. Let us love and sing and won - der, let us praise the Sav - ior's name.
 2. *Let us love the Lord who bought us, pit - ied us when en - e - mies,*
 3. Let us sing though fierce temp - ta - tion, threat - ens hard to bear us down,
 4. *Let us won - der grace and just - ice, join and point to mer - cy's store.*
 5. Let us praise and join the chor - us of the saints en - throned on high;



He has hushed the law's loud thun - der; He has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame.
called us by his grace and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes.
 • for the Lord our strong sal - va - tion holds in view the conq - u'ror's crown.
When through grace in Christ our trust is just - ice smiles and asks no more.
 here they trust - ed him be - fore us, now their prais - es fill the sky.



He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,
 • He who washed us with His blood, He who washed us with His blood,
He who washed us with His blood, He who washed us with His blood,
 You have washed us with Your blood, You have washed us with Your blood,



He has washed us with His blood, He has brought us nigh to God.
He has washed us with His blood, He pre - sents our souls to God.
 • He who washed us with His blood soon will bring us home to God.
He who washed us with His blood has se - cured our way to God.
 You have washed us with Your blood, You are worth - y Lamb of God.

Call to Prayer

Psalm 40:1-4a

I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD. Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust.

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

John 9:1-25

*Hymn of Preparation

#164 - *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Sermon

I Will Help You
Isaiah 41:11-20

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Hymn of Response

We Will Feast in the House of Zion
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*Benediction

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, 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@nmpe.net and she will add you to the distribution list.*

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Sandra McCracken



We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our



hearts re - stored. He has done great things, we will say to - geth - er; We will feast



and weep no more. We will not be burned by the fire, He
In the dark of night be - fore the dawn my
Ev - 'ry vow we've bro - ken and be - trayed; You



is the Lord our God. We are not con - sumed by the
soul be not a - fraid; for the prom - ised morn - ing, oh how
are the faith - ful One. And from the gar - den to the



flood; Up - held, pro - tect - ed, gath - ered up.
long? O God of Ja - cob be my strength.
grave bind us to - geth - er bring sha - lom.

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• The Preached Word •

Title: *I will Help You*

Text: Isaiah 41:11-20

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 587 in the pew Bible

Pray for Our Members:

Ed & Peggy Grimsley
Charles & Kelley Hall
Neal & Willa Ham
Becky Harman

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 52** (Rev. Hunter Stevenson)

February 22 menu: White Chicken Chili with toppings, Corn Bread, Salad Bar & Cookies

• Financial Update •

as of January 31, 2023

General Operations		Faith Promise for Missions	
2022 Receipts:	\$ 110,840	2022 Receipts:	\$ 7,103
2022 Expenses:	\$ 104,024	Needed by June 30:	\$ 32,150
		to support our 20 missionaries for the first half of the year	
Building Loan Balance			
January 31:	\$ 20,725		

• Announcements •

Monday Morning Prayer - We will not gather for Monday Morning Prayer tomorrow. The church office will be closed for the President's Day holiday.

Celebration for Anna Smith - Anna Smith, our youth ministry assistant, has taken another job with a local company. This Wednesday we will celebrate Anna and give thanks for her ministry to our students these last 3 years. Come join us!

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.



Faith Promise Giving - The way NMPC supports its 20 missionaries around the world is through Faith Promise giving. Ask the Lord how much He would have you contribute to the spread of the gospel around the world this year, and then commit to give that amount as God provides. Please turn in a response card by the end of February.

Sacred Road Mission Trip 2023 - We are now assembling the team to go 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 scan the QR code to sign up.





NORTH MACON

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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