

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

March 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.

*A bruised reed he will not break,
and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.
Isaiah 42:3*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-2, 4-5, 7-9

Pastor: Sing to the LORD a new song! Sing to the LORD all the earth!

People: **Sing to the LORD! Praise his name! Proclaim his salvation day after day!**

Pastor: For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise. He is to be feared above all gods.

People: **For all gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.**

Pastor: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

People: **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name. Bring an offering and come into his courts.**

Pastor: Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness! Tremble before him, all the earth!

*Praise Hymn

#302 - *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

** those who are able please stand*

*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 1.

Q. Christian, what is your only comfort in life and death?

A. That I am not my own,
but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.
He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven;
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.
Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him. Amen.

*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.*

*Hymn

#455 - *And Can It Be That I Should Gain*
vs. 1, 3-5

Call to Prayer

Matthew 11:28-30

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

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 5:1-30

*Hymn of Preparation

*Before the Throne of God Above
printed on page 4*

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Children's Church is for children 4 years old through 1st grade.
If today is your child's first time attending, please accompany them to Children's Church.
Also, we have a "Cry Room" for our young families, where you can see & hear the service.*

Before the Throne of God Above

Bancroft/Cook



Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect plea;
When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair and tells me of my guilt with - in.
Be - hold Him there the ri - sen Lamb, my per - fect spot - less Right - eous - ness;



A great High Priest whose name is love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me.
Up - ward I look and see Him there who made an end of all my sin.
the Great un - change - a - ble I Am, the King of Glo - ry and of grace.



My name is gra - ven on His hands; My name is writ - ten on His heart.
Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed free.
One with Him - self I can - not die; my soul is pur - chased by His blood.



I know that while in heav'n He stands, **no tongue can bid me thence de - part.**
For God, the just, is sat - is - fied, to look on him and par - don me.
My life is hid with Christ on high, **with Christ my Savi - ior and my God.**

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Sermon

My Servant Will Bring Forth Justice
Isaiah 42:1-9

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Hymn of Response

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death
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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

#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.*

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: *My Servant Will Bring Forth Justice*

Text: Isaiah 42:1-9

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 588 in the pew Bible

Pray for Our Members:

Tommy & Lolly James
Pat Jenkins
Glen & Helen Johnson
Lydia Johnson

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month:

Brian and Megan Moore are involved in evangelism and church planting in Nuremberg, Germany.

Pray for Those in Need:

Expecting: Melissa Newell (4/8) & Laura Adams (8/29)

Newborns: Eleanor Freel, Ben McKenzie, Forrest Dozier, & 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);
Terry Rohn (knee); Tina Davies (kidney stones); Aliya Ballard (cleft palate surgery
on March 16)

Bereaved: Susana, Sarah Jane & Oscar Sandefur (Chris); Beth McSween (John); John
& Joyce Meadows (son); Boo McKelvey (mom & dad); Tricia Barton (mom);
Cathy Smith (JC); Madeline Thompson (mom); Mary Clare Freel (dad); Kate
Harrison (sister)

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

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 57** (Hunter Stevenson)

March 15 menu: Chicken Tetrazzini, Green Beans, Salad Bar & Iced Brownies

• Financial Update •

as of February 28, 2023

General Operations		Faith Promise for Missions	
2023 Receipts:	\$ 206,257	2023 Receipts:	\$ 25,856
2023 Expenses:	\$ 220,652	Needed by June 30:	\$ 28,950
		to support our 18 missionaries for the first half of the year	
Building Loan Balance			
February 28:	\$ 13,458		

• Announcements •

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

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.



Campus Clubs Donations - Let's help our ministry partner score a win! Campus Clubs is asking for donations of the following items: size 3 & 4 soccer balls, youth cleats (new and used), reams of copy paper, and individually wrapped snacks. A donation bin will be located by the Fellowship Hall until the end of March.

Hope for the Heart of Georgia - Dr. Michael Youssef, pastor of the Church of the Apostles in Atlanta, is hosting 2 evangelistic gatherings at the Macon Coliseum Centerplex: a Youth Night on Friday, March 24 at 6:30 PM and a Celebration Event on Saturday, March 25 at 7:00 PM.



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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*	Cal Garretson Tommy James* Charlie Parrish

Diaconate	Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
	Lee Burch*		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>
	Megan Cathey, <i>Interim Children's Ministry Director</i>	Riley Wilson, <i>North Macon Preschool Director</i>

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