

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

March 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.

*Praise the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.
Psalm 103:2*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-8

Pastor: Praise the LORD, O my soul! All my inmost being, praise his holy name!

People: **Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits!**

Pastor: He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases. He redeems my life from the pit and crowns me with love and compassion.

People: **He satisfies my desires with good things, so that my youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

Pastor: The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:

People: **The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.**

*Praise Hymn

#53 - Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

** those who are able please stand*

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe about the liberty Christ has purchased for you?

People: The liberty which Christ has purchased for us under the gospel consists in our freedom from
the guilt of sin,
the condemning wrath of God,
and the curse of the moral law;
and in our being delivered from
this present evil world,
bondage to Satan,
dominion of sin,
the evil of afflictions,
the sting of death,
the victory of the grave,
and everlasting damnation;
and also in our free access to God,
and our yielding obedience unto him, not out of slavish fear,
but a child-like love, and willing mind.

All which were common also to believers under the law;
but under the New Testament,
the liberty of Christians is further enlarged
in our freedom from the yoke of slavery to the ceremonial law,
to which the Jewish Church was subjected,
and in greater boldness of access to the throne of grace,
and in fuller communications with the Spirit of God,
than believers under the law did ordinarily partake.

The Westminster Confession of Faith expresses the teachings of the Bible in summary form. It was comprised at the Westminster Assembly in London (1643-1648), and it sets forth the doctrinal standards of our church and our denomination, the Presbyterian Church in America.

Call to Confession

Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the LORD while he may be found. Call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

Corporate Confession

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge before you our sinful nature and our many offenses. We are prone to do evil and slow to do good. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your way, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Lord, we are ashamed and sorry for all the ways that we have displeased you. Father, teach us to hate our rebellious acts, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of your Son. Help us to love you with all our heart and mind and strength. And give us the power of your Holy Spirit so that we may walk in your ways and serve you all our days.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Psalms 103:10,12

He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

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 5:1-20

*Hymn of Preparation

Come Thou Fount

Come Thou Fount

Robinson/Brown



Come thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;
O that day, when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy love - ly face;



streams of mer - cy ne - ver ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee.
cloth - ed then in blood washed lin - en, how I'll sing Thy sov - reign grace.



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:
Prone to wan - der — Lord, I feel it — prone to leave the God I love:
Come, my Lord, no long - er tar - ry, take my ran - somed soul a - way;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
send Thine an - gels now to car - ry me to realms of end - less day.

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.

Sermon

My Servant Will Bring Salvation
Isaiah 42:5-13

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Hymn of Response

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*Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 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.

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@nmipc.net and she will add you to the distribution list.*

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery



Come be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, in the dawn-ing of the King. He the
Come be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, He the per - fect Son of Man. In His
Come be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, Christ the Lord up - on the tree. In the
Come be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, slain by death, the God of life. But no



theme of heav-en's praise - es, robed in frail hu - man-i - ty. In our
liv - ing, in His suf - fring, ne - ver trace, nor stain of sin. See the
stead of ru - ined sin - ners hangs the Lamb in vic-to - ry. See the
grave could e'er re - strain Him. Praise the Lord, He is a - live! What a



long - ing, in our dark - ness, now the light of life has come. Look to
true and bet-ter A - dam, come to save the hell-bound man. Christ, the
price of our re - demp - tion, see the Fa - ther's plan un - fold. Bring - ing
fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance, how un - wa - ver - ing our hope. Christ in



Christ, who con - de - scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.
great and sure ful - fill - ment of the law, in Him we stand.
man - y sons to glo - ry; grace un - meas - ured, love un - told.
pow - er res - ur - rect - ed, as we will be when He comes.

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• The Preached Word •

Title: *My Servant Will Bring Salvation*

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Text: Isaiah 42:5-13

pg. 588 in the pew Bible

Pray for Our Members:

Paul Johnson
Kathryn Jones
Jeff & Cindy Kross
John, Judy & Betsy LaPish

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) & Hannah Henning (10/14)
Newborns: Eleanor Freel, Ben McKenzie, Forrest Dozier, & Benjamin Hornick
Members Caring for Loved Ones: Becky Gorman (Randy); Howard Gordon (mom); Joseph Egloff (mom); Rana Munna (mom)
Recovering/Sick: Jerry Hogg (cancer); Patricia Hughes (jaw); Charles Hughes (heart); John LaPish (leg); Aliya Ballard (cleft palate surgery)
Bereaved: Susana, Sarah Jane & Oscar Sandefur (Chris); Beth McSween (John); John & Joyce Meadows (son); Boø 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 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—will not meet this week (Spring Break)

Adult Bible Study on **Psalm 40** (Rev. Eric Frecl)

March 22 menu: Taco Salad, Salad Bar & Cookies

• 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@nmpe.net) know if you have a prayer request.

Campus Clubs Donations - 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 is located by the Fellowship Hall.

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. Tickets are available on the Coffee Bar.

Easter Egg Hunt - Join us Saturday, April 1st at 10:00 AM for our annual Easter Egg hunt (ages 2 to 5th grade)! Please sign up on REALM and bring 1 dozen pre-filled eggs per child to the church by Friday, March 31st.

Communicant's Class - Pastor Hunter will be teaching the Communicant's Class for students in 5th grade and up who are interested in becoming communing members of NMPC during Sunday School on April 16, 23, 30 & May 7. Please contact Megan Cathey (megan@nmpe.net) to sign up.



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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
Session	Ed Grimsley* Paul McCommon Rob Morton Howard Reed	Neal Ham*	Cal Garretson Tommy James* Charlie Parrish

	Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Diaconate	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> Hunter Stevenson, <i>Senior Pastor</i> Mark Ballard, <i>Youth Director</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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