

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

March 26, 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 the earth will be filled with the knowledge
of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.
Habakkuk 2:14*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 67

Pastor: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face
shine upon us,

People: **That your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all
nations.**

Pastor: May the peoples praise you, O God! May all the peoples praise you!

People: **May the nations be glad and sing for joy!**

Pastor: For you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.

People: **May the peoples praise you, O God! May all the peoples praise you!**

Pastor: Then the land will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us.

People: **God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear him.**

*Praise Hymn

May the Peoples Praise You

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1. [You have called us out of dark - est night, in - to Your glo - rious
May our ev - 'ry breath re - tell the grace that broke in - to our
2. [All the earth is Yours and all with - in, each harv - est is your
May the seeds of mer - cy grow in us for those who have not
3. This our ho - ly priv - 'lege to de - clare Your prais - es and Your



[light, that we may sing the won - ders of the ris - en Christ.
strife with bound - less love and deep - est joy, with end - less life.
own, and from Your hand we give to You, to make Christ known.
[*heard, may songs of praise build lives of grace to spread Your Word.*
Name to ev - 'ry na - tion, tribe, and tongue Your church pro - claim.



Chorus May the peo - ples praise You, let the na - tions be_ glad!



All Your bless - ing comes that we may praise, may praise the Name of Je - sus.
after v. 3 to Bridge



Bridge Ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord Al - might - y. Wor - thy, wor - thy



is the Lamb who was slain. Ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord Al - might - y.



All cre - a - tion praise Your glo - ri - ous Name. May the
to Chorus

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*Invocation

Dr. David Todd

* those who are able please stand

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe?

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God;
begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven;
He became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.

He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;

He suffered and was buried;

The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.

He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead.

His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.

He proceeds from the Father and the Son,

and with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified;

He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,

and to life in the world to come. Amen.

The Nicene Creed is a statement of the orthodox faith of the early Christian church in opposition to certain heresies, especially Arianism, which taught that neither Jesus nor the Holy Spirit were divine. In its present form this creed goes back partially to the Council of Nicea (A.D. 325) with additions by the Council of Constantinople (A.D. 381). It was accepted in its present form at the Council of Chalcedon in 451.

*Hymn

#170 - *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Call to Prayer

2 Corinthians 4:4-6

The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, Let light shine out of darkness, made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

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 7:24-37

*Hymn of Preparation

#529 - *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

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 Be a Light for the Gentiles
Isaiah 49:1-7

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Hymn of Response

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery
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*Benediction

Jude 24-25

To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy - to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! 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@nmpc.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 Be a Light for the Gentiles*

Text: Isaiah 49:1-7

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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Pray for Our Members:

Charlotte Laurens
David, Lisa, David, Jonathan & Hannah Lee
George & Sally Lee
Moses & Mary Lee

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, & 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); Dwayne Benson (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)

Missionary Reports from the Pcrvis & Patterson families

March 29 menu: Bar-b-que Chicken, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Salad Bar & Dessert

• 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.

Missionary Report - This Wednesday, March 29, two of our missionaries, Jim and Mary Alice Patterson and David and Erin Pervis will give an update on their labors.

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.

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.

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>	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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