

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

April 23, 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.

*His intent was that now, through the church,
the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers
and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose
that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Ephesians 3:10-11*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 100

Pastor: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth!

People: **Serve the LORD with gladness! Come before him with joyful songs!**

Pastor: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

People: **Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him and praise his name!**

Pastor: For the LORD is good, and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

*Praise Hymn

#310 - Rejoice, the Lord is King

* *those who are able please stand*

Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 26.1-2

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe concerning the communion of saints?

People: All saints—

who are united to Jesus Christ their head
by his Spirit and by faith—

have fellowship with Him

in his graces, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory.

And, being united to one another in love,

they participate in each other's gifts and graces

and are obligated to perform those public and private duties

which lead to their mutual good,

both inwardly and outwardly.

It is the duty of professing saints

to maintain a holy fellowship and communion

in the worship of God

and in performing such other spiritual services

as help them to edify one another.

It is their duty also

to come to the aid of one another in material things

according to their various abilities and necessities.

As God affords opportunity,

this communion is to be extended to all those in every place

who call on the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

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

Psalm 32:1-6a

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.

Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found.

Corporate Confession

Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the evil desires of our own hearts. We have willingly broken your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive us all of our sins. Turn our wandering hearts back to you, and lead us by your Holy Spirit in the way of righteousness, holiness, and truth.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Isaiah 44:22

*I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist.
Return to me, for I have redeemed you.*

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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

*Hymn of Preparation

Spirit of God

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Spi - rit of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
Teach me to feel that Thou art al - ways nigh;
Hast Thou not bid me love Thee, God and King?
Teach me to love Thee as Thine an - gels love.

Wean it from earth; through all its puls - es move;
Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear.
All, all Thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind.
One ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

Stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as Thou art;
To check the ri - sing doubt, the re - bel sigh,
I see Thy cross; there teach me to cling;
The pre - sence of Thy de - scend - ed Dove.

And make me love Thee as I ought to love.
Teach me the pa - tience of strug - gling in prayer.
O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!
My heart an al - tar, and Thy love the flame.

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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.

•The Preached Word•

Title: *The Centrality of the Church in God's Eternal Purpose*

Text: Ephesians 1:15-23

Pastor: Rev. Eric Freel

pg. 947 in the pew Bible

North Macon Presbyterian Church

NMPC exists to glorify and enjoy God, love and equip His people for the work of His ministry, and make disciples of all nations.

More specifically, NMPC seeks to glorify God and make disciples by...

Providing a Home

- Warm & welcoming
- Connected & caring for one another
- Vulnerable & gracious

Proclaiming the Gospel

- Christ-centered worship & expository preaching
- Classes to educate, encourage & equip
- Small Groups to disciple & deepen relationships

Partnering with Ministries

- North Macon Preschool
- *RUF, STF, CCS, EE, CC and OOD*
- 20 Missionaries & 2 short-term Mission Trips
- Central GA Presbytery & General Assembly

*Local Ministries

RUF – Reformed University Fellowship (Mercer, Wesleyan, CSU & VSU)

STF – Strong Tower Fellowship

CCS – Covenant Care Services

EE – Evangelism Explosion

CC – Campus Clubs

OOD – Out of Darkness

Pray for Our Members:

John & Joyce Meadows
Matt, Allie, Neva, Bowen & Annie Monsted
Curt, Amber, Abigail, Noah, Rachel & Luke Montgomery
Kathy Moore

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month:

Rich & Chrissy Greete have a counseling ministry to Mission to the World missionaries here in the States and on mission fields in other parts for the world.

Pray for Those in Need:

Expecting: Laura Adams (8/29) & Hannah Henning (10/14)
Newborns: Ryder Newell, Eleanor Freel, Ben McKenzie, & Benjamin Hornick
Members Caring for Loved Ones: Becky Gorman (Randy); Howard Gordon (mom); Joseph Egloff (mom); Rana Munna (mom); Ron Henning (parents)
Recovering/Sick: Jerry Hogg (cancer); Patricia Hughes (jaw); Charles Hughes (heart); John LaPish (leg); Aliya Ballard (cleft palate surgery); Dwayne Benson (surgery); Joe Timberlake (surgery); Dick Manwaring (fall)
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); Carol Dawson (sister)
Our Leaders: the Session, Diaconate, and Staff; our local, state and federal governmental officials
Sacred Road Mission Team (Jake Adams, Lydia Johnson, Daniel Jones, Harvey Roddenberry, Lucy & Simon Shepley, Hunt & Hunter Stevenson) will be serving the Yakama Tribe of Native Americans in Washington State the week of June 3-10
Communicants Class: Morris Butler, Lauren deBey, Hannah, Grant & Kate Harman, Nicholas McCullough, James Noland, Katie Pyles and Sloan Vernon.

Providing a Home ♦ Proclaiming the Gospel ♦ Partnering with Ministries

• Discipleship Opportunities •

Spring Sunday School Schedule

- 2-3 Year Old: *God's Love* taught by Seth & Amy Peed in Room 112
4k- 5k: *Jesus is Good* taught by Anna Barnes in Room 114
1st-2nd: *Serving God* taught by Steven & Jill Bloodworth, Hays & Andrea Fyke and Patrick & Andrea Goff in Room 121
3rd-5th: *God's Growing Church* taught by Myra Baker & Tricia Barton in Room 122
6th-12th: *Don't Follow Your Heart* taught by Mark Ballard in the Youth Room
20s & 30s: *James* taught by Charles Hall & Matt McCommon in the Fellowship Hall
30s & 40s: *In the Lord, I Take Refuge* taught by Cal Garretson and Steven Bloodworth in MC #2
50s & 60s: *The Good News I Almost Forgot* 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)

Missionary Report from Trey & Kiki Adams

April 26 menu: Hamburger Noodle Bake, Salad Bar, Garlic Bread & Caramel Cake.

• Financial Update •

March 31, 2023

General Operations		Faith Promise for Missions	
2023 Receipts:	\$ 287,235	2023 Receipts:	\$ 25,856
2023 Expenses:	\$ 346,753	Needed by June 30:	\$ 28,950
		to support our 18 missionaries for the first half of the year	
Building Loan Balance			
April 3:	\$	0	

• 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.

Trey & Kiki Adams - Two of our missionaries, Trey & Kiki Adams, will be giving a report about their work in Thailand on Wednesday. Come join us!

BBQ for Missions - We are having a churchwide lunch this Sat, April 29 at 1:00 PM to fellowship with one another, raise money for the Sacred Road Mission Team, and celebrate the completion of the renovations to the FH & YR and the retirement of our debt.

Strong Tower Fellowship - Strong Tower Fellowship is having a free Gospel and Blues concert at the Big House Museum on Saturday, April 29 at 6:00 PM.

Out of Darkness Golf Tournament - Our local ministry partner, Out of Darkness, which ministers to the victims of human trafficking in Middle GA, is having a fundraising Golf Tournament at River Forest Golf Club on Mon, May 22 at 9 AM.

The Edge - It's time to sign up for the EDGE! The EDGE is a week-long summer camp for rising 6th graders through rising 9th graders, the week of June 19 - 23. Cost is \$350. Sign up on REALM. Deadline is April 26, and spots are limited.



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Mission

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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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