

THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

April 9, 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.

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*Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth!  
Burst into jubilant song with music!  
Psalm 98:4*

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### Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

### Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 98:1-4, 6

**Pastor:** Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him!

**People:** **The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.**

**Pastor:** He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

**People:** **Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth! Burst into jubilant song with music!**

**Pastor:** Make music to the LORD with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn! Shout for joy before the LORD, the King!

\*Praise Hymn

#277 - *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*  
vs. 1-4

\* *those who are able please stand*

\*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, Q 45 & 49

Q. Christian, how does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

A. First, by his resurrection he has overcome death,  
so that he might make us share in the righteousness  
he won for us by his death.

Second, by his power we too  
are already now resurrected to a new life.

Third, Christ's resurrection  
is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection.

Q. How does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us?

A. First, he pleads our cause in heaven  
in the presence of the Father.

Second, we have our own flesh in heaven—  
a guarantee that Christ our head  
will take us, his members,  
to himself in heaven.

Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a further guarantee.  
By the Spirit's power  
we make the goal of our lives, not earthly things,  
but the things above where Christ is,  
sitting at God's right hand. 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.*

## 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.*

## Call to Prayer

1 Corinthians 15:3-8

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

## 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

*Jesus is Risen from the Dead*

*Jesus is risen from the dead! Jesus is risen as He said.  
Go tell the news till all have heard that Jesus Christ is risen today, that Jesus is risen today!*

*Hymns of praise, come let us sing to Christ who lives, our risen King!  
Praise to God reigns on high! Jesus lives and so shall I!*

*Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once, upon the cross, suffer to redeem our loss,  
Alleluia! Jesus Christ is risen from the dead!*

## Scripture Reading

John 20:1-31  
pg. 880 in the pew Bible

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

*#286 - Worship Christ, the Risen King*

**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 53:10-12

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

**\*Hymn of Response**

*In Christ Alone*  
*printed on page 6*

**\*Benediction**

Hebrews 13:20-21

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory 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**

# In Christ Alone

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1. In Christ a-lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
2. *In Christ a-lone, who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help-less babe!*
3. There in the ground His bod-y lay, Light of the world by dark-ness slain;
4. *No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;*



This Cor-ner-stone, this sol-id ground, firm through the fierc-est drought and storm.  
*This gift of love and right-eous-ness, scorned by the ones He came to save.*  
Then burst-ing forth in glo-rious day, up from the grave He rose a-gain!  
*From life's first cry to fin-al breath, Je-sus com-mands my des-ti-ny.*



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-ings cease.  
*'Til on that cross as Je-sus died the wrath of God was sat-is-fied.*  
And as He stands in vic-to-ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
*No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev-er pluck me from His hand;*



My Com-for-ter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.  
*For ev'-ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.*  
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the prec-ious blood of Christ.  
*'Til He re-tURNS or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.*

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**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](mailto:monni@nmpc.net) and she will add you to the distribution list.*

# • The Preached Word •

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**Title:** *My Servant Will Bring Salvation*

**Text:** Isaiah 53:10-12

**Pastor:** Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 601 in the pew Bible



**Pray for Our Members:**

Betty Luce  
Dick & Sandy Manwaring  
Diane McCallum  
Matt & Hannah McCommon

**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); Boo 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

**Providing a Home ♦ Proclaiming the Gospel ♦ Partnering with Ministries**

# • Discipleship Opportunities •

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## Spring 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: *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)

Youth Group (7th - 12th grade)

Women's Bible Study—The Sermon on the Mount

Adult Bible Study on **Psalm 51**

*April 12 menu: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green peas, full salad bar & brownies*

# • Announcements •

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**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.

**Ladies' Fellowship** - A Ladies' Spring Salad Fellowship will be held this Sat, April 15 at 11 AM at the home of Debi Reed. Check your email for an invitation. Come join us!

**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@nmpc.net) to sign up.

**A Night of Encouragement for Parents** - On Thursday, April 20, we will host *A Night of Encouragement for Parents*. This will be a night to encourage parents as you seek to know and love your students the way God knows and loves you. We'll have dinner, dessert, and a rich time of talking about God's deep, deep love for us, led by Amanda DeYoung and Rachel Pontier. Cost is \$10 for 1 parent, or \$15 for two. Childcare is available. Please come and invite your friends! Sign up on REALM.

**BBQ for Missions** - Our annual BBQ fundraiser is planned for Sat, Apr 29th to raise money for our Sacred Road Mission Team. Tickets are on sale today in the narthex: \$10 for a plate, \$12 for a pound, \$9 for a quart & \$5 for a pint of stew, & \$35 for a Boston Butt. *There will be a churchwide lunch at 1:00 PM to celebrate the retirement of the loan for our sanctuary, so buy a plate of BBQ today and make plans to join us on Sat, Apr 29!*

**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. There are flyers on the Coffee Bar with more information.

**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.

**Flowers** - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God for our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ.



# 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.

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	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

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Diaconate	Lee Burch*		Joshua Buckner Rick Funk Hays Fyke*

*\*indicates the officer is at the end of a 2nd term and will roll off*

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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 &amp; Pianist</i> Melanie Buckner, <i>Music Director</i> Riley Wilson, <i>North Macon Preschool Director</i>
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