

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

May 14, 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.

*I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.
Ephesians 4:1*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 145:1-8

- Pastor:** I will exalt you, my God the King! I will praise your name for ever and ever!
- People:** Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.
- Pastor:** Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.
- People:** One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts.
- Pastor:** They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works!
- People:** They will tell of the power of your awesome works, and I will proclaim your great deeds.
- Pastor:** They will celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.
- People:** The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

*Praise Hymn

#55 - *To God Be the Glory*

*Invocation

Dr. David Todd

*Confession of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism, Q. 165

Q. What is baptism?

A. Baptism is a sacrament of the New Covenant,
in which Christ has ordained the washing with water
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,
to be a sign and seal
of being grafted into himself;
of remission of sins by his blood and regeneration by his Spirit;
and of adoption into his family and resurrection to everlasting life.
By this the people baptized are solemnly admitted into the visible church
and enter into an open and professed engagement
to be wholly and only the Lord's. Amen.

*The Westminster Larger Catechism expresses the truths 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.*

*Hymn

#693 - *Blessed Assurance*

* those who are able please stand

Benjamin Donald McKenzie

Baptismal Vows

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?
4. Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

Congregational Prayer

Take My Life and Let It Be

*Take his life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee
Take his moments and his days; let them flow in ceaseless praise
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

Call to Prayer

1 John 5:14-15

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us - whatever we ask - we know that we have what we asked of him.

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

*Hymn of Preparation

O Great God

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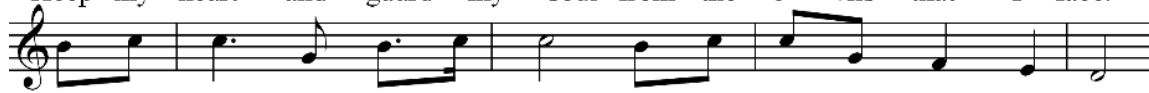
Bob Kauflin



O Great God of high - est heav'n, oc - cu - py my low - ly heart.
I was blind - ed by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,
Help me now to live a life that's de - pen - dent on Your grace.



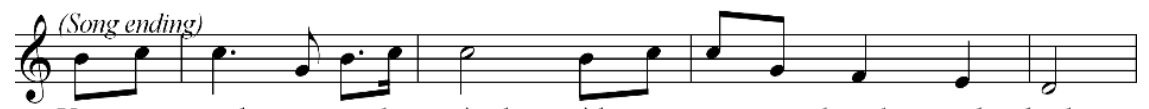
Own it all and reign su - preme con - quer ev - ery re - bel pow'r.
did not know Your love with - in, had no taste for heav - en's joys.
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the e - vils that I face.



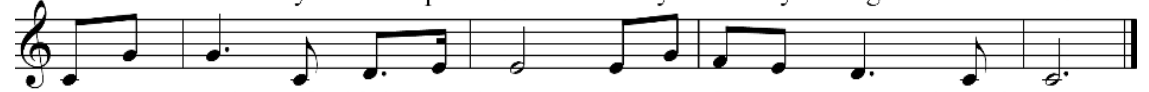
Let no vice or sin re - main that re - sists Your ho - ly war.
Then Your Spir - it gave me life, o - pened up Your Word to me,
You are worth - y to be praised with my ev - ery thought and deed.



you have loved and pur - chased me, make me Yours for - ev - er more.
through the gos - pel of Your Son, gave me end - less hope and peace.
O great God of high - est heav'n, glo - ri - fy Your Name through me.



You are worth - y to be praised with my ev - ery thought and deed.



O great God of high - est heav'n, glo - ri - fy Your Name through me.

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

*A Life Pleasing to the Lord
Colossians 1:9-14*

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Hymn of Response

*Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me
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

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.*

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me



What gift of grace is Je - sus, my Re - deem - er. There is no
The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en, for by my
 No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en, the fu - ture
With ev - 'ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus, for he has



more for hea - ven now to give. He is my joy, my right - eous - ness and
side the Sav - ior, he will stay. I la - bor on in weak - ness and re -
 sure, the price, it has been paid. For Je - sus bled and suf - ferred for my
said that he will bring me home. And day by day I know he will re -



free - dom, my stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less peace.
joic - ing, for in my need, his pow - er is dis - played.
 par - don, and he was raised to o - ver - throw the grave.
new me un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne.



To this I hold: my hope is on - y Je - sus. For my
To this I hold: my Shep - herd will de - fend me. Through the
 To this I hold: my sin has been de - feat - ed. Je - sus
To this I hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. All the



life is whol - ly bound to His. Oh how strange and di - vine, I can
deep - est val - ley he will lead. Oh the night has been won, and I
 now, and ev - er, is my plea. Oh the chains are re - leased, I can
glo - ry ev - er - more to him. When the race is com - plete, still my



sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
shall o - ver - come! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
lips shall re - peat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

• The Preached Word •

Title: *A Life Pleasing to the Lord*

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Text: Colossians 1:9-14

pg. 954 in your pew Bible

Pray for Our Members:

Seth, Amy, Henry, Lewis & Caroline Peed
Silas, Jill, Si, Bo & Hank Peed
Will, Molly, Noah, Annie & Amelia Prestwood
Charlie & Kathy Pyc

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month:

Dr. Victor and Nosizo Nakah are serving in Africa where Dr. Nakah is the international director of missions for the whole continent of Africa.

Pray for Those in Need:

Expecting: Laura Adams (8/29) & Hannah Henning (10/14)
Newborns: Ryder Newell, Eleanor Frecl, 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: 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 Frecl (dad); Kate Harrison (sister); Carol Dawson (sister); John Dukes (dad); Lynn & Aaron Hogg, Melissa Newell (Jerry); Brad Bibb (mom)
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, Hannah, Grant & Kate Harman, Nicholas McCullough, James Noland, Katie Pyles and Sloan Vernon

• Discipleship Opportunities •

Spring Sunday School Schedule

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

• Financial Update •

April 30, 2023

General Operations

2023 Receipts:	\$ 417,573
2023 Expenses:	\$ 448,105

Building Loan Balance

April 3: \$ 0

Faith Promise for Missions

2023 Receipts:	\$ 31,253
Needed by June 30:	\$ 28,950
to support our 18 missionaries for the first half of the year	

• Announcements •

BBQ for Missions - We were able to raise \$9300 for the Sacred Road Mission Team through the BBQ fundraiser! Thank you for purchasing BBQ and donating desserts!

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.

Flower Workshop - All ladies are invited to attend a flower workshop which will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. An early lunch will follow. Meg Baxter & Phyllis Gamble will be hosting.

Men's Ministry Kick-Off Fellowship – Attention men! Adult men are encouraged to attend the *Men's Ministry Kick-Off Fellowship* on Friday, May 19th at 6:30 PM at the Garretson home (7247 Rivoli Road). The purpose of the event is to build relationships, enjoy some great food, and to learn and talk about the vision of the NMPC men's ministry.

Homerun with Mom - Moms and kids are invited to an evening of baseball fun as we cheer on the Mercer Bears! The game will be held on May 19th at 6 PM at Mercer, and you can register on REALM where you will find additional details.

2023 Pictorial Directory - Immediately after the worship on May 21, Skip & Debbie Yetter will be taking pictures under the portico for the 2023 Pictorial Directory.

Communion on Sunday, May 21 - We will celebrate communion next Sunday, May 21 (instead of June 4). A number of communicants will be joining the church that day and will participate in their first communion.

Wednesday Night Activities - Our Wednesday Night Activities have concluded for the semester. We will begin our Summer Fellowships on Wednesday, May 31.

VBS Volunteer Sign-Up - We are looking for volunteers for VBS (June 26-30). God uses every type of gift and talent for VBS so please go to REALM and select the area in which you may be interested in serving. If you have any questions, please contact Megan Cathey.

The Pilgrim's Progress - Each summer at NMPC, our congregation reads a book together and discusses it during Sunday School. This year we are reading John Bunyan's classic, *The Pilgrim's Progress*. Pick up a copy in the narthex for \$5. A reading schedule is inside.

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and to all mothers.



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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.

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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