

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

May 7, 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.

You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.
John 14:14

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 34:1, 3, 4, 6, 8-10

Pastor: I will extol the LORD at all times! His praise will always be on my lips.

People: **Glorify the LORD with me! Let us exalt his name together!**

Pastor: For I sought the LORD, and he answered me. He delivered me from all my fears.

People: **This poor man called, and the LORD heard him. He saved him out of all his troubles.**

Pastor: Taste and see that the LORD is good. Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.

People: **Fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing.**

Pastor: The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

*Praise Hymn

#53 - Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*Invocation

Dr. David Todd

** those who are able please stand*

Q. Christian, what is prayer?

A. Prayer is an offering up of our desires to God,
in the name of Christ,
by the help of his Spirit,
with confession of our sins
and thankful acknowledgement of his mercies.

Q. What does it mean to pray in the name of Christ?

A. To pray in the name of Christ is,
in obedience to his command,
and in confidence on his promises,
to ask mercy for his sake;
not by merely mentioning his name,
but by drawing our encouragement to pray,
and our boldness, strength, and hope of acceptance in prayer,
from Christ and his mediation.

Q. Why are we to pray in the name of Christ?

A. Because the sinfulness of man
and his distance from God due to sin are so great,
so that we can have no access into his presence without a mediator,
and because there is no mediator in heaven or earth
appointed to or fit for that glorious work except Christ alone,
we are to pray in no other name but his only.

*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.*

Call to Prayer

Philippians 4:6-7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

*Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts
printed on page 4*

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

Ask, Seck and Knock
Matthew 7:7-11; John 15:7-8

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts



Je - sus, Thou joy of lov - ing hearts, Thou fount of
Thy truth un - changed hath ev - er stood, Thou sav - est
 We taste of Thee, O liv - ing bread and long to
Our rest - less spi - rits yearn for Thee, where' - er our
 O Je - sus ev - er with us stay, make all our



life, Thou light of men From the best bliss that earth im -
those that on Thee call. To them that seek Thee Thou art
 feast u - pon Thee still. We drink of Thee the foun - tain -
change - ful lot is cast Glad when Thy gra - cious smile we
 mo - ments calm and bright. Chase the dark night of sin a -



parts, we turn un - filled to Thee a - gain.
good, to them that find Thee all in all.
 head and thirst our souls from Thee to fill.
see, blessed when our faith can hold Thee fast.
 way, shed over the world Thy ho - ly light.

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The Sacrament of Communion

All those who have placed their faith and trust in Christ alone for their salvation, are baptized, and are members in good standing of a Bible-believing, evangelical church are invited to come forward and partake of the Lord's Supper this morning. All others, please remain seated and consider your relationship with Christ and His Church during the sacrament.

*Hymn of Response

*How Deep the Father's Love for Us
printed on page 6*

*Benediction

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! 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.

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

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

Stuart Townend



1. How Deep the Fath-er's love for us, how vast be-yond all meas-ure.
2. *Be - hold the Man up - on the cross, my sin up - on His shoul-ders.*
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing: No gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom.



that he should give his on - ly Son to make a wretch his trea - sure.
A - shamed, I hear my mock-ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers.
But I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His death and res - ur - rec - tion.



How great the pain of sear - ing loss. The Fa - ther turns his face a - way
It was my sin that held him there un - til it was ac - com - plished;
Why should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer.



as wounds which mar the cho - sen one, bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
His dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

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• The Preached Word •

Title: *Ask, Seck and Knock*

Text: Matthew 7:7-11; John 15:7-8

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pgs. 788 & 876 in the pew Bible

Pray for Our Members:

Dustin, Melissa, Emerson, Lakelyn & Ryder Newell; Harley Langford
Greg & Cherri Nix
Kim Noegel
Charlie, Monni, Andrei & Nicole Parrish

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: 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 Frecl (dad); Kate
Harrison (sister); Carol Dawson (sister); John Dukes (dad)
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

Providing a Home ♦ Proclaiming the Gospel ♦ Partnering with Ministries

• 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:	\$ 424,538
2023 Expenses:	\$ 478,178

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	

Building Loan Balance

April 3:	\$ 0
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• Announcements •

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

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.

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.

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.

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

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



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.

	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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