

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

July 2, 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.

*The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world.
On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.
2 Corinthians 10:4*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 97:1-8

Pastor: The LORD reigns! Let the earth be glad! Let the distant shores rejoice!

People: **Clouds and thick darkness surround him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**

Pastor: Fire goes before him and consumes his foes on every side.

People: **His lightning lights up the world; the earth sees and trembles.**

Pastor: The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the LORD of all the earth.

People: **The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.**

*Praise Hymn

#2 - O Worship the King

** those who are able please stand*

*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism #26

Christian: What do you believe when you say in the Apostles' Creed:
"I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth"?

We believe that the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ—
who out of nothing created heaven and earth
and everything in them,
and who still upholds and rules them
by His eternal counsel and providence—
is my God and Father
because of Jesus Christ His Son.

I trust Him so much that I do not doubt
that He will provide whatever I need for body and soul,
and He will turn to my good
whatever adversity He sends me in this sad world.

He is able to do this because He is Almighty God;
He desires to do this because He is a faithful Father.

*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.*

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Chorus

Words and Music by Matt Redman and Jonas Myrin

Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh my soul. Wor-ship His ho - ly name.

Sing like ne-ver be-fore, oh my soul. I wor-ship Your ho - ly name.

The sun comes up. It's a new day dawn - ing
 You're rich in love and You're slow to an - ger
 And on that day when my strength is fail - ing

It's time to sing Your song a - gain. What -
 Your name is great and Your heart is kind. For
 the end draws near and my time has come,

ev - er may pass and what - ev - er lies be - fore me,
 all Your goodness I will keep on sing - ing
 Still my soul will sing Your praise un - end - ing

let me be sing - ing when the ev'n - ing comes.
 ten thou - sand rea - sons for my heart to find. **To Chorus**
 ten thou - sand years and then for - ev - er more.

Nicholas Justin McCullough

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope except in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and depend upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes a follower of Jesus Christ?
4. Do you promise to serve Christ in His Church by supporting and participating in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to further its purity and peace?

Call to Confession

Joel 2:12-13

Even now, declares the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning. Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.

Corporate Confession

Almighty and merciful Father, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us. Renew us and lead us by your Holy Spirit so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

2 Corinthians 5:21

*God made him who had no sin to be sin for us,
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

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**

#629 - *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

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.*

Scrmon

*The Power of Prayer
James 5:13-18*

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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**

*Jesus, Thank You
printed on page 7*

***Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The LORD lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace, both now and forevermore. 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.

Jesus, Thank You

Pat Szebel



1. The mys - t'ry of the cross I can - not com - pre - hend,
2. By Your per - fect sac - ri - fice I've been brought near.



the ag - o - nies of Cal - va - ry.
your en - e - my You've made Your friend.



You, the per - fect Ho - ly One, crushed Your Son,
Pour - ing out the rich - es of Your glo - rious grace,



drank the bit - ter cup re - served for me.
Your mer - cy and Your kind - ness know no end.



Chorus: Your blood has washed a-way my sin. — Je-sus, thank You. The Fa-ther's wrath



com - plete - ly sat - is - fied Je - sus, thank You. Once Your en - e - my, —



now seat - ed at Your ta - ble, Je - sus, thank — You. *2nd time to Bridge*



Bridge: Lov - er of my soul, I want to live for You. *2nd time to Chorus*

Pray for Our Members:

Joe Timberlake
John & Ann Timms
David & Murray Todd
Sally Vance

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month:

Mike & Eli Sabin help spread the gospel throughout Southeast Asia by means of Trans World Radio in Guam. Christian programming is broadcast to places that otherwise would have no Christian witness.

Pray for Those in Need:

Expecting: Laura Adams (8/29), Hannah Henning (10/14), Mackenzie Lyles (11/8), Lizzie Gossett (12/7), Katie Singleton (12/23) & Bonnie Andree (1/7)
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: Dick Manwaring (stroke) & Claire Chastain (surgery)
Bereaved: Susana, Sarah Jane & Oscar Sandefur (Chris); Beth McSween (John); Cathy Smith (JC); Madeline Thompson (mom); Mary Clare Freel (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

• Discipleship Opportunities •

Summer Sunday School Schedule

- 2-3 Year Old: *God's Love* taught by Seth & Amy Peed in Room 112
- 4k- 1st: *Serving the Savior* taught by Anna Barnes, Bloodworths, Fykes & Goffs in Room 121
- 2nd-5th: *God's Growing Church* taught by Myra Baker & Tricia Barton in Room 122
- 6th-12th: *The Pilgrim's Progress* taught by Mark Ballard, Lydia Johnson, Bryce Little & Matt Shepley in the Youth Room
- Adult Classes: *The Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan (based on Shepherding Groups)
- Ed-Howard-Jeff Class in Modular Classroom #1
 - Charlie-Matt-Rob Class in Modular Classroom #2
 - Dan-Frank-Tommy Class in Room 125
 - Cal-Charles-Neal-Paul Class in the Fellowship Hall

Summer Fellowships on Wednesday Nights

Our focus this summer will be on reports from our missionaries (see schedule below).

Dinner begins at 5:45 PM (\$5.00/adult/teen, \$2.00/child, family max \$15.00).

A Nursery (0-3 year old) will be provided; otherwise, we will all stay together in the FH.

- June 07: Clay & Hannah Jones Report
June 14: No Meeting
June 21: Mike & Eli Sabin Report
June 28: Sacred Road Mission Team Report
July 05: No Meeting
July 12: David & Erin Pervis Report
July 19: SweatFest Youth Missions Report
July 26: No Meeting

• Financial Update •

May 31, 2023

General Operations

2023 Receipts: \$ 527,098
2023 Expenses: \$ 541,874

Faith Promise for Missions

2023 Receipts: \$ 41,859
Needed by June 30: \$ 28,950
to support our 18 missionaries
for the first half of the year

• Announcements •

Vacation Bible School - We give thanks to God for a wonderful week of VBS! We had 100 children participate and over 60 volunteers serving. Let us pray that the seeds of the Gospel that were planted in the hearts of the children would bear fruit for God's glory.

Monday Morning Prayer - The church office will be closed Mon, Tues & Wed this week for the July 4th holiday. Consequently, we will not meet for Monday Morning Prayer nor have a Summer Fellowship on Wednesday Night.

Women's Fellowship - The Women of NMPC will have a Summer Soiree (Dinner & Socializing) on Thursday, July 20, 2023 6:30 pm at the home of Joanna Griffin.

Flowers - The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of the courageous men and women who fought and sacrificed to establish the independence of the United States of America. May we ever cherish their memory and teach their heroism to our descendants, all the while thanking our Creator for all His blessings and protection over two and a half centuries.



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.

Session

Cal Garretson²⁵
Ed Grimsley^{23*}
Neal Ham^{24*}
Tommy James^{25*}

Paul McCommon²³
Rob Morton²³
Charlie Parrish²⁵
Howard Reed²³

Diaconate

Joshua Buckner²⁵
Lee Burch^{23*}

Rick Funk²⁵
Hays Fyke^{25*}

*The number indicates the officer's class; *indicates the officer is at the end of a 2nd term and will roll off*

Staff

Every Member, *Ministers*
Hunter Stevenson, *Senior Pastor*
Mark Ballard, *Youth Director*
Lydia Johnson, *Summer Intern*
Bryce Little, *Summer Intern*
Megan Cathey, *Interim Children's
Ministry Director*

Kathy Pye, *Church Secretary*
Monni Parrish, *Administrator,
Financial Director & Pianist*
Melanie Buckner, *Music Director*
Holly Shepley, *North Macon
Preschool Director*

5707 Rivoli Drive, Macon, GA 31210 | Phone: 478.477.7777 | Website: www.nmpc.net

North Macon belongs to the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), a denomination seeking to be Faithful to the Scriptures, True to the Reformed Faith, and Obedient to the Great Commission.