

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

June 18, 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.

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you.

John 16:13a,14

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 108:1-5

Pastor: My heart is steadfast, O God.

People: **I will sing and make music with all my soul.**

Pastor: Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn.

People: **I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples.**

Pastor: For great is your love, higher than the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

People: **Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, and let your glory be over all the earth.**

*Praise Hymn

#77 - Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

*Invocation

Dr. David Todd

** those who are able please stand*

Q. Christian, how is our baptism to be improved by us?

A. The needful but much neglected duty of improving our baptism,
is to be performed by us all our life long,
especially in the time of temptation,
and when we are present at the administration of it to others;

by serious and thankful consideration of the nature of it,
and of the ends for which Christ instituted it,
the privileges and benefits conferred and sealed thereby,
and our solemn vow made therein;

by being humbled for our sinful defilement,
our falling short of, and walking contrary to,
the grace of baptism, and our engagements;

by growing up to assurance of pardon of sin,
and of all other blessings sealed to us in that sacrament;

by drawing strength from the death and resurrection of Christ,
into whom we are baptized,
for the mortifying of sin, and quickening of grace;

and by endeavoring to live by faith,
to have our conversation in holiness and righteousness,
as those that have therein given up their names to Christ;
and to walk in brotherly love,
as being baptized by the same Spirit into one body.

*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.*

The Sacrament of Baptism

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Emerson, Lakclyn & Ryder Newell

Baptismal Vows

1. Do you acknowledge your children'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 their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your children to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them 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 these children?

Congregational Prayer

Take Their Life and Let It Be

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

Call to Confession

Proverbs 28:13

Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

Corporate Confession

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Cleanse me, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

Isaiah 43:25

I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.

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**

#642 - *Be Thou My Vision*

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

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*A Prayer for Enlightenment
Ephesians 1:15-19*

***Hymn of Response**

*Christ Our Hope
printed on page 6*

***Benediction**

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. 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.

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.*

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a-lone. What truth can calm the trou-bled soul? God is good, God is Un - to the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He

long. What is our on - ly con - fi - dence? That our souls to Him be - good. Where is His grace and good-ness known? In our great Re-deem-er's lives!" And what re - ward will heav - en bring? Ev - er - last - ing life with

long. Who holds our days with - in His hand? What comes, a - blood. Who holds our faith when fears a - rise? Who stands a - Him. There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and

part from His com-mand? And what will keep us to the bove the storm - y trial? Who sends the waves that bring us death will be de - stroyed, And we will feast in end - less

CHORUS
end? The love of Christ, in which we stand. —
nigh un - to the shore, the rock of Christ — O sing ha - le-joy, When Christ is ours for - ev - er - more. —

lu-jah! Our hope springs e - ter-nal; O sing ha - le - lu - jah! Now and

ev - er we con - fess Christ our hope in life and death.

• The Preached Word •

Title: *A Prayer for Enlightenment*

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Text: Ephesians 1:15-19

pg. 947 in your pew Bible

Pray for Our Members:

Bryan, Vanessa, Dallas, Aiden & Caleb Smith
Cathy Smith
Matt, Ashlee, Maddie & Reid Smith
Hunter, Heather, Mia, Stone & Hunt Stevenson

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month:

David & Erin Pervis are in a church planting ministry in Greece, reaching people with the gospel through several means, one being teaching English.

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: John LaPish (leg); Dwayne Benson (surgery); Dick Manwaring (stroke)
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 14: No Meeting

June 21: Teaching by Hunter & Fellowship

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

Menu (June 21): Chicken Salad, Shrimp Salad, Fruit, Salad Bar & Dessert.

• 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 •

Monday Morning Prayer - We will gather for Monday Prayer tomorrow at 9 AM. Please let Hunter know if you have a prayer request.

The Pilgrim's Progress - We have begun our summer reading—*The Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan. Come join for discussion during the Sunday School hour (9:30-10:30). Our classes are divided up by Shepherding Groups (see page 9).

NMPC Kids Summer Book Club - Our children will read the "Little's Pilgrim's Progress" every Tuesday at 10:30 AM, starting June 6. Please register on [REALM](#).

Women's Fellowship - Our women will discuss *The Pilgrim's Progress* on 3 Wednesdays in June (7th, 14th, 21st) and 3 in July (12th, 19th, 26th). 10-11:30 AM Please call the church office if you need child care.

VBS - We're sailing away on the S.S. VBS to learn about Jonah and our great God who saves! Rising 4K - 6th grade sailors are welcome onboard as we set sail (June 26-30).

High School Graduates - Over the next few Sundays, you'll notice a table in the narthex dedicated to our high school graduates. Please stop by to sign their photo books!

Men's Small Groups - Attention NMPC men! Please sign up to express your interest in participating in a men's small group slated to begin this Fall. You can register through an email coming to you soon, or via [Realm](#)!



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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> Lydia Johnson, <i>Summer Intern</i> Bryce Little, <i>Summer Intern</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> Holly Shepley, <i>North Macon Preschool Director</i>
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