

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

June 25, 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 open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.
Psalm 145:16*

Preclude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

from Psalm 104

- Pastor: O LORD my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty!
- People: **He wraps himself in light as with a garment; he stretches out the heavens like a tent. He set the earth on its foundations; it can never be moved.**
- Pastor: He makes springs pour water into the ravines; they give water to all the beasts of the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst; the birds of the air nest by the waters.
- People: **He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for man to cultivate—bringing forth food from the earth: wine that gladdens the heart of man, oil to make his face shine, and bread that sustains his heart.**
- Pastor: The moon marks off the seasons, and the sun knows when to go down; you bring darkness, it becomes night, and all the beasts of the forest prowl.
- People: **How many are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures! There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number—living things both large and small!**
- Pastor: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works!
- People: **I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live!**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY/Henry Van Dyke



Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
Mor - tals join the might - y cho - rus, which the morn - ing stars be - gan;



Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, open - ing to the sun a - bove.
Stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cent - er of un - bro - ken praise;
 Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!
Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us, broth - er love binds man to man.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and mount - ain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 Teach us how to love each oth - er; lift us to the joy di - vine.
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

Q. Christian, what do you understand by the providence of God?

A. Providence is the almighty and ever present power of God,
by which he upholds—as with his hand—
heaven and earth and all creatures;
and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought,
fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness,
prosperity and poverty—all things, in fact,
come to us not by chance, but from his fatherly hand.

Q. How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

A. We can be patient when things go against us,
thankful when things go well,
and for the future we can have good confidence
in our faithful God and Father,
that nothing will separate us from his love.

All creatures are so completely in his hand,
that without his will, they can neither move nor be moved.

*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.*

Call to Prayer

Psalm 103:1-5

Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits--who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

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

Scripture Reading

2 Kings 18-19

*Hymn of Preparation

*Only a Holy God
printed on page 5*

Only a Holy God

Farren, Robinson, Smith, and Thompson

1. Who else com - mands all the hosts of heav - en?
2. *What oth - er beau - ty de - mand such prais - es?*
3. What oth - er glo - ry con - sumes like fi - re?
4. *Who else could res - cue me from my fail - ing?*

Who else could make ev - 'ry king bow down?
What oth - er splen - dor out - shines the sun?
What oth - er pow - er can raise the dead?
Who else would of - fer His on - ly Son?

Who else can whis - per and dark - ness trem - bles? On - ly a Ho - ly God. *(to v. 2)*
What oth - er maj - es - ty rules with just - ice? On - ly a Ho - ly God.
What oth - er name re - mains un - de - feat - ed? On - ly a Ho - ly God.
*Who else in - vites me to call Him Fa - ther? *On - ly my Ho - ly God.**

Come and be - hold Him, the One and the On - ly. Cry out, sing
ho - ly, for - ev - er a Ho - ly God. Come and wor - ship the Ho - ly God.

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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 Prayer for Power
Ephesians 3:14-21

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Oh the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Samuel T. Francis/Bob Kauflin

Oh the deep, deep love of Je - sus, vast un-meas - ured, bound-less free,
Oh the deep, deep love of Je - sus, spread His praise from shore to shore,
Oh the deep, deep love of Je - sus, far sur-pass - ing all the rest,
rol - ling as a might - y o - cean in its full - ness o - ver me,
how He came to pay our ran - som through the sav - ing cross He bore;
it's an o - cean full of bless - ing in the midst of e - very test.
un - der neath me all a - round me is the cur - rent of Your love,
how He watch - es o'er His loved ones, those He died to make his own,
Oh the deep, deep love of Je - sus, might - y Sav - ior pre - cious friend,
lead - ing on - ward, lead - ing home - ward to Your glo - rious rest a - bove.
how for them He's in - ter - ce - ding plead - ing now be - fore the throne.
You will bring us home to glo - ry where Your love will ne - ver end.

Oh the deep, deep love, all I need and trust is the deep, deep love of Je - sus.

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*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.

• The Preached Word •

Title: *A Prayer for Power*

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Text: Ephesians 3:14-21

pg. 949 in your pew Bible

Pray for Our Members:

Steve & Julie Strange
Dan & Connie Strawn
Dan, Holly, Ellie Grace, Annabelle & Hayley Taylor
Madeline & Will Thompson

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: 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

Menu for June 28: Pot Luck Dinner

• 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.

VBS - This week 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!

Sacred Road Mission Team Report - This Wednesday Night, the Sacred Road Mission Team will give a report about their work with the Yakama Tribe of Native Americans from the week of June 3-10. We will have a Pot Luck Dinner: the church will provide fried chicken, and we ask that folks email Kathy (kathy@nmpc.net) and let her know if you will bring a side or dessert.

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).



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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>	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>
	Lydia Johnson, <i>Summer Intern</i>	Holly Shepley, <i>North Macon Preschool Director</i>
	Bryce Little, <i>Summer Intern</i>	
	Megan Cathey, <i>Interim Children's Ministry Director</i>	

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