

THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

June 4, 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.

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*Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
His love endures forever.  
Psalm 136:1*

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### Prelude

### Welcome & Announcements

Mr. Mark Ballard

### Introit

### Call to Worship

Psalm 148

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens:

People: Praise him, all his angels and all his heavenly hosts. Praise him, sun and moon and all you shining stars. Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies. Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

Pastor: Praise the LORD from the earth:

People: Praise him, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths. Praise him, lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding. Praise him, you mountains and hills, fruit trees and cedars, wild animals and cattle, small creatures and flying birds.

Pastor: Praise him, kings of the earth and all nations; praise him, you princes and all rulers; praise him, young men and maidens, old men and children.

People: Let them all praise the name of the LORD! For his name alone is exalted! His splendor is above the earth and the heavens. Praise the LORD!

\*Praise Hymn

#115— *All Creatures of Our God and King*  
vs. 1 & 2 all, vs. 3 women, vs. 4 men, vs 5 all

\*Invocation

Mr. Mark Ballard

\*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.*

\*Hymn

#116 - *For the Beauty of the Earth*

\* those who are able please stand

## Call to Prayer

1 John 1:8-9

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

## Corporate Confession

Holy Jesus, Mighty Savior, Merciful King, Forgive my sins: forgive the sins that I remember, and the sins I have forgotten; forgive my many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when I have been stubborn in the face of correction; forgive the times I have been proud of my own achievements and the times when I have failed to boast in your works; forgive the harsh judgments I have made of others, and the leniency I have shown myself; forgive the lies I have told to others, and the truths I have avoided; forgive me the pain I have caused others and the indulgence I have shown myself. Lord Jesus, have mercy on me and make me whole; help me rest in your grace. Amen.

## Silent Prayer

## Words of Assurance

Micah 7:18-19

*Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us. You will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.*

## Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Mr. Mark Ballard

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

Speak, O Lord

## Speak, O Lord

Townend and Getty



Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re - ceive the food of Your  
*Teach us Lord full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu -*  
Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your  
ho - ly word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and  
*mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the*  
plans for us. Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will  
fash - ion us in Your like - ness, that the light of Christ might be  
*ra - di - ance of Your pur - i - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our*  
e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your  
seen to - day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -  
*eyes to see Your ma - je - stic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can*  
pro - mi - ses, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your  
fill in us all Your pur - po - ses for Your glo - ry.  
*ne - ver fail; Let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.*  
church is built, and the earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

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Prayer for Covenant Children

Mr. Mark Ballard

*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. Eric Freel

*The Centrality of the Church in God's Eternal Purpose, Part 2  
Ephesians 4:1-16*

\*Hymn of Response

*Turn Your Eyes  
printed on page 6*

\*Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 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@nmpc.net](mailto:monni@nmpc.net) and she will add you to the distribution list.*

# Turn Your Eyes

Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus look full in His won-der-ful  
Turn your eyes to the hill - side where jus - tice and mer - cy em -  
Turn your eyes to the morn - ing and see Christ the li - on a -  
Turn your eyes to the hea - vens, our King will re - turn for His

face. and the things of earth will grow strange - ly dim, in the  
brace. There the Son of God gave His life for us, and our  
wake. What a glo - rious dawn, fear of death is gone, for we  
own. Ev - ery knee will bow, ev - ery tongue will shout "All the

light of His glo - ry and grace. (to 2nd vs.) Je - sus to You we lift our  
mea - sure-less debt was e - rased.  
car - ry His life in our veins.  
glo - ry to Je - sus a - lone!"

eyes. Je - sus our glo - ry and our prize. We a - dore You be -

hold You our Sav - ior ev - er true. Oh Je - sus we turn our eyes to You.

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# • The Preached Word •

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**Title:** *The Centrality of the Church in God's Eternal Purpose, Part 2*

**Pastor:** Rev. Eric Freel

**Text:** Ephesians 4:1-16



**Pray for Our Members:**

Al & Margaret Rogers  
Terry & Donna Rohn  
Susana, Sara Jane & Oscar Sandefur  
Ryan, Jessie, Evie, Emerson, Eleanor & Frankie Schnetzer

**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  
Sacred Road Mission Team (Jake Adams, Lydia Johnson, Daniel Jones, Bryce Little, Harvey Roddenberry, Lucy & Simon Shepley, Hunt & Hunter Stevenson) are serving the Yakama Tribe of Native Americans in Washington this week!

# • Discipleship Opportunities •

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## 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: Sacred Road Mission Team Report  
June 28: Mike & Eli Sabin Report  
July 05: No Meeting  
July 12: David & Erin Pervis Report  
July 19: SweatFest Youth Missions Report  
July 26: No Meeting

*Menu (June 7): Hamburger Steak, Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad Bar & dessert*

# • Financial Update •

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April 30, 2023

## General Operations

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

## 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 •

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**Monday Morning Prayer** - We will gather for Monday Prayer tomorrow at 9 AM. Please let Mary Jane Leggett or Liz Ream know if you have a prayer request.

**Summer Fellowships** - This Wednesday Night, two of our missionaries, Clay & Hannah Jones, will give us a report about their preparations to go to El Salvador to join the Davilas in evangelism & discipleship, church planting, and leadership training. Come join us for dinner at 5:45 and the report at 6:30. (See page 9 for the full summer schedule.)

**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). Sign up on [REALM](#).

**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](#)!



# 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>	Kathy Pye, <i>Church Secretary</i>
	Hunter Stevenson, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	Monni Parrish, <i>Administrator, Financial Director &amp; 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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