

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

July 23, 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.

*For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.
Lukc 19:10*

Preclude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 116:1-6

Pastor: I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.

People: **Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.**

Pastor: The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came upon me; I was overcome by trouble and sorrow. Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, save me!"

People: **The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion. The LORD protects the simplehearted; when I was in great need, he saved me.**

*Praise Hymn

*#4 - All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above
vs. 1-4*

** those who are able please stand*

*Confession of Faith

Belgic Confession, Article 20

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe?

People: We believe that God
—who is perfectly merciful and also very just—
sent his Son to assume the nature
in which the disobedience had been committed,
in order to bear in it the punishment of sin
by his most bitter passion and death.
So God made known his justice toward his Son,
who was charged with our sin,
and he poured out his goodness and mercy on us,
who are guilty, and worthy of damnation,
giving to us his Son to die, by a most perfect love,
and raising him to life, for our justification,
in order that by him
we might have immortality and eternal life.

The Belgic Confession was composed in 1561 by Guido de Brés. It was adopted at the Synod of Dordt in 1619 as one of the doctrinal standards to which all office bearers in the Reformed churches were required to subscribe. The confession stands as one of the best symbolical statements of Reformed doctrine.

His Mercy Is More

1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om -
 2. *What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What*
 3. What rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us. His

ni - scient, all know - ing, He counts not their sum. Thrown
Fa - ther, so ten - der, is call - ing us home? He
 blood was the pay - ment; His life was the cost. We

in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore, our
wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor. Our
 stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford. Our

CHORUS

sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more. *(to vs. 2) Praise the*
sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.
 sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.

¹²
 Lord, *His mer - cy is more. _____ Strong - er than dark - ness,*

new ev - 'ry morn. Our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.

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

Most Gracious Lord, we proclaim you to be our King, but our duplicity is exposed by your question, “Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you?” Forgive us for disobeying the word of the LORD and failing to keep your commandments. Have mercy on us... for worshipping the gods of our culture and clinging to our worthless idols, for misusing and not defending your name, for neglecting your holy day and for carelessness in worship, for not honoring our parents or those in authority over us, for murderous hearts and actions and for failing to protect innocent life, for adulterous thoughts, lustful glances, and impure actions, for taking what is not rightfully ours, for cheating, and for dishonest gain, for failing to speak the truth and for deceitful words, for wanting more than you have given us and for coveting what belongs to others. Cleanse us from our sin and cause us to submit to your kingly rule in our lives. Through Jesus Christ, we pray, who ever lives to make intercession for us. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

1 John 2:1b-2

But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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

This is My Song

Scripture Reading

Psalm 48

*Hymn of Preparation

#500 - Rock of Ages, Clcft for Me

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

Boy Scout Eschatology
Mark 13:1-13

Rev. Bob Brunson

*Hymn of Response

Yct Not I but Through Christ in Me
printed on pg. 6

*Benediction

Revelation 1:5b-6

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! 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.

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Je - sus, my Re - deem - er. There is no
The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en, for by my
 No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en, the fu - ture
 With ev - 'ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus, for he has

more for hea - ven now to give. He is my joy, my right - eous - ness and
side the Sav - ior, he will stay. I la - bor on in weak - ness and re -
 sure, the price, it has been paid. For Je - sus bled and suf - ferred for my
 said that he will bring me home. And day by day I know he will re -

free - dom, my stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less peace.
joic - ing, for in my need, his pow - er is dis - played.
 par - don, and he was raised to o - ver - throw the grave.
 new me un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne.

To this I hold: my hope is on - y Je - sus. For my
 To this I hold: my *Shep - herd* will de - fend me. Through the
 To this I hold: my sin has been de - feat - ed. Je - sus
 To this I hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. All the

life is whol - ly bound to His. Oh how strange and di - vine, I can
deep - est val - ley he will lead. Oh the night has been won, and I
 now, and ev - er, is my plea. Oh the chains are re - leased, I can
 glo - ry ev - er - more to him. **When the race is com - plete, still my**

sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
shall o - ver - come! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 lips shall re - peat: **Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

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• The Preached Word •

Title: *Boy Scout Eschatology*

Text: Mark 13:1-13

Pastor: Rev. Bob Brunson

pg. 825 in your pew bible

Pray for Our Members:

Wayne & Pat Yarbrough
Skip & Debbie Yetter
Billy & Beverly Adams
Jake, Laura, Waylon & Willie Adams

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

**Our Wednesday Night Fellowships have ended.
We will resume on August 23, 2023**

• Financial Update •

June 30, 2023

General Operations

2023 Receipts: \$ 646,136
2023 Expenses: \$ 633,157

Faith Promise for Missions

Paid out June 30: \$ 28,950
to support our 18 missionaries
for the first half of 2023

Needed by Dec. 30: \$ 28,950
Cash available: \$ 31,061

• Announcements •

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

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Hunter & Heather Stevenson's 25th wedding anniversary.



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*
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