

THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

July 9, 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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*...you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God,  
which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth.  
1 Timothy 3:15*

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### Prelude

### Welcome & Announcements

Rev. David Todd

### Introit

### Call to Worship

Psalm 100

**Pastor:** Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth!

**People:** **Serve the LORD with gladness! Come before him with joyful songs!**

**Pastor:** Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

**People:** **Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him and praise his name!**

**Pastor:** For the LORD is good, and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

### \*Praise Hymn

*#302 - Come Christians Join to Sing*

### \*Invocation

Dr. David Todd

*\* those who are able please stand*

PASTOR: Christian, what do you believe?

ALL: I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*The Apostles' Creed was not written by the apostles but is a summary of their teachings.  
It dates back to the 4th century and has been used by the church to identify believers,  
instruct new converts, and provide a confession of faith for worship.*

## Come Thou Fount

Robinson/Brown



Come thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;  
 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;  
 O that day, when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy love - ly face;



streams of mer - cy ne - ver ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee.  
 cloth - ed then in blood washed lin - en, how I'll sing Thy sov - reign grace.



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:  
 Prone to wan - der — Lord, I feel it — prone to leave the God I love:  
 Come, my Lord, no long - er tar - ry, take my ran - somed soul a - way;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.  
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts a - bove.  
 send Thine an - gels now to car - ry me to realms of end - less day.

## Call to Confession

Hosca 14:1-2

Return, O Israel, to the LORD your God. Your sins have been your downfall!  
Take words with you and return to the LORD. Say to him: Forgive all our sins and receive us graciously, that we may offer the fruit of our lips.

## Corporate Confession

Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the evil desires of our own hearts. We have willingly broken your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive us all of our sins. Turn our wandering hearts back to you, and lead us by your Holy Spirit in the way of righteousness, holiness, and truth.

## Silent Confession

## Words of Assurance

Isaiah 1:18

*Come now, let us settle the matter, says the LORD.  
Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;  
though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.*

## 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

# My Worth Is Not In What I Own



1. My worth is not in what I own; not  
 2. **My worth is not in skill or name; in**  
 3. As sum - mer flowers we fade and die; Fame,  
 4. **I will not boast in wealth or might, or**  
 5. Two won - ders here that I con - fess: My



in the strength of flesh and bone. But in the cost - ly wounds of  
*win or lose, in pride or shame. But in the blood of Christ that*  
 youth and beau - ty hur - ry by. But life e - ter - nal calls to  
*hu - man wis - dom's fleet - ing light. But I will boast in know - ing*  
 worth and my un - worth - i - ness. My va - lue fixed, my ran - som

### Refrain



love at the cross. (to vs. 2)  
*flowed at the cross. I re-joice in my Re-deem-er Great-est trea-sure, Well-spring*  
 us at the cross. (to vs. 4)  
*Christ at the cross.*  
 paid at the cross.



*of my soul. I will trust in Him, no oth-er my soul is sa-tis-fied in Him a-lone.*

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. David Todd

*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

Matthew 16:13-20

Rev. Eric Frecl

*The Centrality of the Church in God's Eternal Purpose, Part 3*

\*Hymn of Response

#347 - *The Church's One Foundation*

\*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.

\*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.*

# • The Preached Word •

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**Title:** *The Centrality of the church in God's Eternal Purpose, Part 3*

**Pastor:** Rev. Eric Freel

**Text:** Matthew 16:13-20



**Pray for Our Members:**

Chandler & Kristen Vaughn  
Stewart, Shannon, Stewart, Jr. & Sloan Vernon  
Joan Voltmer  
Cindy Voss

**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 •

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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: 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 (July 12): Chicken Tenders, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans,  
Salad Bar & Dessert*

# • Financial Update •

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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 •

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

**David & Erin Pervis** - Two of our missionaries, David & Erin Pervis, will give a report this Wednesday, July 12. Dinner will begin at 5:45 and the report at 6:30.

**Women's Fellowship** - The Women of NMPC will have a Summer Soiree (dinner & socializing) on Thursday, July 20 at 6:30 PM at the home of Joanna Griffin.

**North Macon Preschool** - Our Preschool needs a lead 3K teacher and an assistant teacher in 2K. If you are interested or know of anyone who may be interested, please contact Holly Shepley at (holly@nmnpc.nct.)



# 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.

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## Session

Cal Garretson<sup>25</sup>  
Ed Grimsley<sup>23\*</sup>  
Neal Ham<sup>24\*</sup>  
Tommy James<sup>25\*</sup>

Paul McCommon<sup>23</sup>  
Rob Morton<sup>23</sup>  
Charlie Parrish<sup>25</sup>  
Howard Reed<sup>23</sup>

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## Diaconate

Joshua Buckner<sup>25</sup>  
Lee Burch<sup>23\*</sup>

Rick Funk<sup>25</sup>  
Hays Fyke<sup>25\*</sup>

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

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## 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*

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