

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

August 13, 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.

God raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Ephesians 1:20-23

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 97:1-6

Pastor: The LORD reigns! Let the earth be glad! Let the distant shores rejoice!

People: **Clouds and thick darkness surround him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**

Pastor: Fire goes before him and consumes his foes on every side.

People: **His lightning lights up the world; the earth sees and trembles.**

Pastor: The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth.

People: **The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.**

*Praise Hymn

#101 - *Come, Thou Almighty King*

*Invocation

Dr. David Todd

*Confession of Faith

Colossians 1:15-20

Pastor: Christian, who is Jesus Christ?

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn over all creation.

For by him all things were created:

things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,
whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities;
all things were created by him and for him.

He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

And he is the head of the body, the church;

He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead,
so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether things on earth or things in heaven,
by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Amen.

*Hymn

*At the Name of Jesus
printed on page 3*

** those who are able please stand*

At the Name of Jesus

At the name of Je - sus ev - 'ry knee shall bow,
Hum - bled for a sea - son to re - ceive a name
 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due
Broth - ers, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,

ev - 'ry tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now.
from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,
 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true;
with his Fa - ther's glo - ry, with his an - gel train;

'Tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord,
faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
 crown him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;
for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,

who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed.
 let his will en - fold you in its light and pow'r.
and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

Call to Confession

Isaiah 57:15

For this is what the high and exalted One says—he who lives forever, whose name is holy: I live in a high and holy place, but also with the one who is contrite and lowly in spirit in order to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.

Corporate Confession

Most just and most gracious God, your infinite greatness no one can fathom, but we have thought little of you and ignored your immensity, power and glory. You give us access to the worship of heaven before your throne, but we have neglected and abused this holy privilege. You rule the nations and all of our lives, but we have not sought first your kingdom. You have made us to be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation, but we have forsaken this high calling to serve ourselves. You shower us with abundant grace in Christ, but we have turned away, squandering your gifts and seeking to save ourselves. Have mercy on us, most merciful Father! Your Son, the Lamb of God, is our salvation, and your promises our hope. Remind us that we are your children, enliven us with the Spirit of your Son, and in the end receive us into your glory, through Jesus Christ our only Savior. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Hebrews 7:24-25

*But because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood.
Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him,
because he always lives to intercede for them.*

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

Only a Holy God

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.*

Scrmon

*Revelation 6:1 - 8:5
The 7 Seals & the 144,000 Sealed*

Hunter Stevenson

*Hymn of Response

*For All The Saints
printed on page 7*

*Bncediction

Jude 24-25

To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! 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 and she will add you to the distribution list.*

For All the Saints



For all the saints— who from their la - bor's rest,— who thee by
Thou wast their rock,— their for - tress, and their might; Thou, Lord, their
 O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold, fight as the
The gold - en ev'n - ing bright - ens in the west; soon, soon to



faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy name, O Je - sus,
Cap - tain in the well - fought fight; Thou, in the dark - ness
 saints who no - bly fought of old, and win with them the
faith - ful war - riors comes their rest; sweet is the calm of



be for - ev - er— blessed. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu.
drear, their one true light. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu.
 vic - tor's crown of gold. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu.
par - a - dise the blest, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu.

5. But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;
 The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
 The King of glory passes on his way, Alleluia, Allelu.
6. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast
 Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
 Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, Allelu.

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• The Preached Word •

Title: *The 7 Seals & the 144,000 Sealed*

Text: Revelation 6:1-8:5

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 994 in the pew Bible

Pray for Our Members:

Caitlin Bartow
Mark & Meg Baxter
Will, Ember & Holland Bentley
Shannon, Brad, Lexi & Sarah Bibb

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month:

Roger & Dianne Smalling write, publish, distribute, and teach reformed literature in Latin America

Pray for Those in Need:

Expecting: Hannah Henning (10/14), Mackenzie Lyles (11/8), Lizzie Gossett (12/7), Katie Singleton (12/23) & Bonnie Andree (1/7)

Newborns: June Adams, 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) & Mark Ballard (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); Helen Johnson (mom); Amelia Smith (mom)

Our Leaders: the Session, Diaconate, and Staff; our local, state and federal governmental officials

• Financial Update •

June 30, 2023

General Operations

2023 Receipts: \$ 786,144
2023 Expenses: \$ 750,575

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: \$ 30,550
Cash available: \$ 37,037

• Announcements •

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

Ladies Lunch on August 20th - All ladies are invited to a Women's Ministry Lunch after the worship service on Sunday, August 20th from 12:20 - 1:20 PM to learn more about the Women's Ministry, upcoming events, and opportunities to serve.



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
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Neal Ham^{24*}
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*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*
Bryce Little, *Youth Intern*
Megan Cathey, *Interim Children's
Ministry Director*

Kathy Pye, *Church Secretary*
Monni Parrish, *Administrator,
Financial Director & Pianist*
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