

THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

August 27, 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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*The LORD God said to the serpent,  
Because you have done this,  
Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals!  
You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.  
And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers;  
he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.  
Genesis 3:14-15*

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### Prelude

### Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

### Introit

### Call to Worship

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-13

Pastor: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

People: I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

Pastor: If you say, "The LORD is my refuge," and you make the Most High your dwelling, no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent.

People: For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

Pastor: You will tread on the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent.

\*Praise Hymn

#92 - *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

\*Invocation

Dr. David Todd

\* Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 1.

Q. Christian, what is your only comfort in life and death?

A. That I am not my own,  
but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—  
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.  
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,  
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way  
that not a hair can fall from my head  
without the will of my Father in heaven;  
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,  
assures me of eternal life  
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready  
from now on to live for him. Amen.

*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

#691 - *It is Well with My Soul*

\* those who are able please stand

## Call to Confession

Proverbs 20:9

Who can say, "I have kept my heart pure; I am clean and without sin"?

## 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 Confession

## Words of Assurance

Colossians 2:13-15

*When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.*

## 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

1 Peter 5:8-9; Ephesians 6:10-18

# O Church Arise (Arise, Shine)

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1. O Church, a - rise, and put your ar - mour on; Hear the  
2. *Our call to war; to love the cap - tive soul, but to*  
3. Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the  
4. *So Spi - rit come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give* —

call of Christ our Cap - tain. For now the weak can say that  
*rage a - gainst the cap - tor; And with the sword that makes the*  
Son of God is strick - en; Then see his foes lie crushed be -  
*grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle, that we may run with faith to*

they are strong in the strength that God has gi - ven. With shield of  
*wound - ed whole, we will fight with faith and val - or. When faced with*  
neath his feet, for the Con - quer - or has ri - sen! And as the  
*win the prize of a ser - vant good and faith - ful. As saints of*

faith and belt of Truth, we'll stand a - gainst the de - vil's lies; An ar - my  
*trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the out - come is se - cure, and Christ will*  
stone is rolled a - way and Christ e - mer - ges from the grave, this vic - t'ry  
*old still line the way, re - tell - ing tri - umphs of His grace, we hear their*

bold, whose bat - tle cry is love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness. *(to vs. 2)*  
*have the prize for which he died, an in - her - i - tance of na - tions. (chorus)*  
march con - ti - nues 'til the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see Him. *(to vs. 4)*  
*calls and hun - ger for the day when with Christ we stand in Glo - ry. (chorus)*

**CHORUS**

A - rise, shine, for your Light has come. A - rise,  
  
shine for the ris - en - Son. Lift your eyes, we are His  
  
ra - diant bride. A - rise O Church, a - rise.

**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**

*Revelation 12-13  
The Counterfeit Trinity*

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

**\*Hymn of Response**

*In Christ Alone  
printed on page 6*

**\*Benediction**

Romans 16:20

The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus 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.*

# In Christ Alone

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1. In Christ a-lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
2. *In Christ a-lone, who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help-less babe!*
3. There in the ground His bod-y lay, Light of the world by dark-ness slain;
4. *No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;*



This Cor-ner-stone, this sol-id ground, firm through the fierc-est drought and storm.  
*This gift of love and right-eous-ness, scorned by the ones He came to save.*  
Then burst-ing forth in glo-rious day, up from the grave He rose a-gain!  
*From life's first cry to fin-al breath, Je-sus com-mands my des-ti-ny.*



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-ings cease.  
*'Til on that cross as Je-sus died the wrath of God was sat-is-fied.*  
And as He stands in vic-to-ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
*No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev-er pluck me from His hand;*



My Com-for-ter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.  
*For ev'-ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.*  
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the prec-ious blood of Christ.  
*'Til He re-tURNS or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.*

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# • The Preached Word •

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**Title:** *The Counterfeit Trinity*

**Text:** Revelation 12-13

**Pastor:** Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 998 in the pew Bible

**Surface Conflict:** the World persecutes the Church (Rev 1-11)

Cycle 1: 7 churches (Rev 1-3)

Cycle 2: 7 seals (Rev 4 - 8:5)

Cycle 3: 7 trumpets (Rev 8:6 - 11)

**Deeper Conflict:** the Dragon opposes Christ (Rev 12-22)

Cycle 4: War against the Dragon (Rev 12-14)

Cycle 5: 7 bowls (Rev 15-16)

Cycle 6: Fall of Babylon (Rev 17-20)

Cycle 7: New Heaven & New Earth (Rev 21-22)



**Pray for Our Members:**

Lee, Jennifer & Jennalee Burch  
Morris, Jessica, Mary Blue, Sallie, Morris & Ben Butler  
Matt, Megan, Andrew, William & Mary Louise Cathey  
Bobby & Claire Chastain

**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: Junc Adams, Ryder Newell, Eleanor Frecl, 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 & sister); Mary Clare Frecl (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

**Providing a Home ♦ Proclaiming the Gospel ♦ Partnering with Ministries**

# • Discipleship Opportunities •

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## Fall Sunday School Schedule—begins Sept 10th

- 2-3 Year Old: *God's People* taught by Seth & Amy Peed in Room 112  
4k-2nd: *God Created All Things* taught by Steven & Jill Bloodworth, Hays & Andrea Fyke and Patrick & Andrea Goff in Room 121  
3rd-5th: *God's Servants* taught by Myra Baker & Tricia Barton in Room 122  
6th-12th: *1 Peter* taught by Mark Ballard and Bryce Little in the Youth Room  
College: We encourage college students to pick one of the following 4 classes  
Young Adults: *Let's Study 1 Corinthians* taught by Charles Hall, Matt McCommon & Paul Common in Modular Classroom #1  
Middle Adults: *Saints, Sufferers, and Sinners: Loving Others as God Loves Us* taught by Steven Bloodworth, Cal Garretson & Tate Morris in the Fellowship Hall  
Older Adults: *The Good News We Almost Forgot* taught by Lee Burch, Ed Grimsley, Neal Ham, Charlie Parrish, Howard Reed & Dan Strawn in MC #2  
Senior Adults: *Let's Study 2 Peter and Jude* taught by Tommy James & Rob Morton in the Conference Room

## Wednesday Night Activities

Dinner begins at 5:45 PM (\$5.00/adult/teen, \$2.00/child, family max \$15.00).

At 6:30 PM classes are offered for all ages:

Nursery (0-3 year old)

Children's Classes (K4 - 5th grade)

Youth Group (6th-12th grade)

Adult Bible Study on Romans taught by Rev. Eric Freel

*Menu: Chicken Pot Pie, Rice, Salad Bar & Peach Cobbler*

# • Financial Update •

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July 31, 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 •

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

**Sunday Brunch** - Next Sun, Sept 3rd we will have a churchwide brunch during the Sunday School hour, from 9:30-10:30. Make plans to join us!

**Women's Bible Studies** - Our ladies will be studying Lamentations this Fall:

- Wed at 10:00 AM led by Anna Barnes in the Fellowship Hall
- Wed at 6:15 PM led by Heather Stevenson & Sara Pyles in the Conference Room
- Fri at 10:30 AM led by Pat Jenkins in the Conference Room

**Men's Small Groups** - Men are invited to sign up for a Small Group on Realm:

- *Proverbs*, led by Bert Barnes & Steven Bloodworth on Tuesdays at 6:15 AM
- *Hebrews*, led by Josh Buckner & Rick Funk on Thursdays at 6:45 AM
- *Every Good Endeavor*, led by Charlie Parrish on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM
- *Family Shepherds*, led by Cal Garretson on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM
- *What is Reformed Theology?*, led by Tommy James on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM
- *The Unfolding Mystery*, led by Howard Reed on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

**Men's Breakfast** - All adult men are encouraged to attend our first Men's Breakfast on Sat, Sept 9<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Our new Assistant Pastor, Bob Brunson will be speaking to us. Please register on 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.

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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*  
Bryce Little, *Youth 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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