

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

September 3, 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 God did not appoint us to suffer wrath
but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.
1 Thessalonians 5:9*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 98:1-4, 6

- Pastor: Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him!
- People: **The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.**
- Pastor: He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
- People: **Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth! Burst into jubilant song with music!**
- Pastor: Make music to the LORD with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn! Shout for joy before the LORD, the King!
- People: **Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it! Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy!**

*Praise Hymn

#55 - To God Be the Glory

*Invocation

Dr. David Todd

* Confession of Faith

Belgic 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.

* those who are able please stand

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

Stuart Townend



1. How Deep the Fath-er's love for us, how vast be-yond all meas-ure.
2. *Be - hold the Man up - on the cross, my sin up - on His shoul-ders.*
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing: No gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom.



that he should give his on - ly Son to make a wretch his trea - sure.
A - shamed, I hear my mock-ing voice call out a - mong the scof-fers.
 But I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His death and res - ur-rec - tion.



How great the pain of sear - ing loss. The Fa - ther turns his face a - way
It was my sin that held him there un - til it was ac - com - plished;
 Why should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer.



as wounds which mar the cho - sen one, bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
His dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished.
 But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

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Call to Confession

Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

Corporate Confession

Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence, because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from you, if you dealt with us as we deserve. We have sinned against you, O Lord, and we have offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you. And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your Son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our life, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Isaiah 53:5-6

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

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

#246 - *Man of Sorrow! What a Name*

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

*Just and True are your Judgments
Revelation 15*

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

The Sacrament of Communion

All those who have placed their faith and trust in Christ alone for their salvation, are baptized, and are members in good standing of a Bible-believing, evangelical church are invited to come forward and partake of the Lord's Supper this morning. All others, please remain seated and consider your relationship with Christ and His Church during the sacrament.

*Hymn of Response

*The Power of the Cross
printed on page 6*

*Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace, both 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

The Power of The Cross

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1. Oh, to see the dawn of the dark - est day;
2. Oh, to see the pain writ - ten on Your face,
3. Now the day - light flees, now the ground be - neath
4. Oh, to see my name writ - ten in the wounds,



Christ on the road to Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men,
bear - ing the awe - some weight of sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought,
quakes as its Mak - er bows His head. Cur - tain torn in two,
for through your suf - f'ring I am free. Death is crushed to death;



torn and beat - en, then nailed to a cross of wood.
ev - 'ry e - vil deed, crown - ing Your blood - stained brow.
dead are raised to life. "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry.
life is mine to live, won through your self - less love!



Chorus 1 - 3: This the pow'r of the cross: Christ be - came sin for us.
4: This the pow'r of the cross: Son of God slain for us.



Took the blame, bore the wrath. We stand for giv - en at the cross.
What a love, what a cost! We stand for - giv - en at the cross. (repeat final chorus)

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• The Preached Word •

Title: *Just and True are Your Judgments*

Text: Revelation 15

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 1000 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:

Kathy Combs
Pam Cook
Bryan, Meredith, Hunter, Rhett & Madison Covert
Larry & Cathy Crumbley

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month:

Dal & Beth Stanton lead a church planting team in Sofia, Bulgaria. They have developed a special outreach, the “Daughters of Bulgaria” a ministry to prostitutes and women who have been victims of trafficking.

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 Frecl, Ben McKenzie & Benjamin Hornick

Members Caring for Loved Ones: Becky Gorman (Randy); Joseph Egloff (mom); Rana Munna (mom); Ron Henning (parents)

Recovering/Sick: Dick Manwaring (stroke), Claire Chastain (radiation) & 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

• Discipleship Opportunities •

Fall Sunday School Schedule

- 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: Meatloaf w/Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, Green Peas, Salad Bar & Cookies

• Announcements •

Monday Morning Prayer - We will not gather for Prayer tomorrow. The church office will be closed for the Labor Day holiday.

Women's Bible Studies - Our ladies are studying Lamentations—beginning this week!

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

Men's Small Groups - Men are invited to sign up for a Small Group on Realm. The groups will begin meeting the week of September 10th.

- *Proverbs: Pursuing Spiritual Maturity*—led by Bert Barnes & Steven Bloodworth on Tuesdays at 6:15 AM in the Conference Room
- *Hebrews: The Supremacy of Christ*—led by Josh Buckner & Rick Funk on Thursdays at 6:45 AM in the Conference Room
- *Every Good Endeavor: Connecting Your Work to God's Work*—led by Charlie Parrish on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM at the church
- *Family Shepherds: Calling & Equipping Men to Lead Their Homes*—led by Cal Garretson on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM at the church
- *What is Reformed Theology? Understanding the Basics*—led by Tommy James on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM at the church
- *The Unfolding Mystery: Discovering Christ in the Old Testament*—led by Howard Reed on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM at the church

Second Saturday Serve: Our Children and Youth Ministries will be visiting the Bolingbroke Health & Rehabilitation Home to sing, visit and do crafts with the residents on Saturday, September 9th. We will meet at the facility at 10 AM. Please let Megan or Mark know if you plan to attend.

Bob Brunson - Bob & Karen will move to Macon in mid-September. Bob will begin working on Sun, Sept 17. His installation service will be Sun, Oct 1 at 6 PM.



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*
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*
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