



A SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
FOR THE INSTALLATION OF

*Rev. Robert F. Brunson*

ASSISTANT PASTOR  
NORTH MACON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023  
6:00 PM



**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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*Not to us, O LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory,  
because of your love and faithfulness.*

*Psalm 115:1*

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### Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

TE Hunter Stevenson

### Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 145:1-8

**Pastor:** I will exalt you, my God the King! I will praise your name for ever and ever!

**People:** Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever!

**Pastor:** Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise! His greatness no one can fathom.

**People:** One generation will commend your works to another. They will tell of your mighty acts.

**Pastor:** They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works!

**People:** They will tell of the power of your awesome works, and I will proclaim your great deeds.

**Pastor:** They will celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

**People:** The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

\*Praise Hymn

#53 - Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

\* those who are able please stand

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe?

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God;  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures.  
and ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look forward for the resurrection of the dead,  
and to life in the world to come. 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.**

If the LORD had not been on our side—let Israel say—if the LORD had not been on our side when men attacked us, when their anger flared against us, they would have swallowed us alive; the flood would have engulfed us, the torrent would have swept over us, the raging waters would have swept us away.

Praise be to the LORD, who has not let us be torn by their teeth. We have escaped like a bird out of the fowler's snare; the snare has been broken, and we have escaped.

Our help is in the name of the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

## Ensemble

*O God Beyond All Praising*

*O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,  
At blessings without number and mercies without end:  
For Christ your gift from heaven from death has set us free,  
And we through him are given the final victory.*

*Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
That we who know your favor may serve you as our king;  
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:  
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.*

## **Vows for Installation**

RE Tommy James

1. Are you now willing to serve this congregation as their Assistant Pastor, agreeable to your declaration in accepting its call?
2. Do you conscientiously believe and declare, as far as you know your own heart, that, in taking upon you this charge, you are influenced by a sincere desire to promote the glory of God and the good of the Church?
3. Do you solemnly promise that, by the assistance of the grace of God, you will endeavor faithfully to discharge all the duties of a pastor to this congregation, and will be careful to maintain a deportment in all respects becoming a minister of the Gospel of Christ, agreeable to your ordination engagements?

## **Vows for the Session**

RE Ed Grimsley

1. Do you, the Session of this congregation, continue to profess your readiness to receive Bob Brunson, whom you have called?
2. Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love?
3. Do you promise to encourage him in his labors, and to assist his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification?
4. Do you engage to continue to him while he is your pastor that competent worldly maintenance which you have promised, and to furnish him with whatever you may see needful for the honor of religion and for his comfort among you?

## **Laying on of Hands**

The Elders

## **Prayer for Installation**

TE Hunter Stevenson

## **Right Hand of Fellowship**

The Elders

## **Declaration of Installation**

TE Hunter Stevenson

Charge to Rev. Bob Brunson

TE Jim Shipley

Charge to the Session

RE Paul McCommon

Prayer for Application

TE Hunter Stevenson

\*Hymn of Response

*Christ Our Hope in Life and Death*  
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\*Benediction

TE Bob Brunson

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. 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

Central Georgia Presbytery Commission  
to Install Rev. Robert F. Brunson

RE Ed Grimsley

TE Jim Shipley

RE Tommy James

TE Hunter Stevenson

RE Paul McCommon

TE Robert Hornick, Guest

# Christ Our Hope in Life and Death



What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a-  
*What truth can calm the trou-bled soul? God is good, God is*  
Un - to the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He



lone. What is our on - ly con - fi - dence? That our souls to Him be-  
*good. Where is His grace and good-ness known? In our great Re-deem-er's*  
lives!" And what re - ward will heav - en bring? Ev - er - last - ing life with



long. Who holds our days with - in His hand? What comes, a -  
*blood. Who holds our faith when fears a - rise? Who stands a -*  
Him. There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and



part from His com-mand? And what will keep us to the  
*bove the storm - y trial? Who sends the waves that bring us*  
death will be de - stroyed, And we will feast in end - less



end? The love of Christ, in which we stand. —  
*nigh un - to the shore, the rock of Christ — O sing ha - le-*  
joy, When Christ is ours for - ev - er - more. —



*lu - jah! Our hope springs e - ter - nal; O sing ha - le - lu - jah! Now and*



*ev - er we con - fess Christ our hope in life and death.*