

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

September 10, 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.

*Day and night they never stop saying:
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.
Revelation 4:8*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 99:1-4, 9

- Pastor: The LORD reigns! Let the nations tremble! He sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.
- People: **Great is the LORD in Zion! He is exalted over all the nations.**
- Pastor: Let them praise your great and awesome name—he is holy.
- People: **The King is mighty. He loves justice—you have established equity; in Jacob you have done what is just and right.**
- Pastor: Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his holy mountain, for the LORD our God is holy.

*Praise Hymn

#38 - *Immortal, Invisible*

* those who are able please stand

* Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 2.1

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe about God?

We believe there is only one true and living God,
 who is infinite in being and perfection.
He is a most pure spirit, invisible,
 with neither body, parts, nor passive properties.
He is unchangeable, boundless, eternal, and incomprehensible.
He is almighty, most wise, most holy, most free, and most absolute.
He works all things according to the counsel of his own unchangeable
 and most righteous will, for his own glory.
He is most loving, gracious, merciful, long-suffering,
 abundant in goodness and truth,
 forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin,
 and he is the rewarder of those who diligently seek him.
He is also most just and terrifying in his judgments,
 hating all sin, and will by no means acquit the guilty. Amen.

The Westminster Confession of Faith expresses the teachings of the Bible in summary form. It was comprised at the Westminster Assembly in London (1643-1648), and it sets forth the doctrinal standards of our church and our denomination, the Presbyterian Church in America.

*Hymn

#100 - Holy, Holy, Holy

Call to Prayer

Psalm 94:1-10, 23

O LORD, the God who avenges, O God who avenges, shine forth! Rise up, O Judge of the earth! Pay back to the proud what they deserve. How long will the wicked, O LORD, how long will the wicked be jubilant? They pour out arrogant words; all the evildoers are full of boasting. They crush your people, O LORD; they oppress your inheritance. They slay the widow and the alien; they murder the fatherless. They say, "The LORD does not see; the God of Jacob pays no heed." Take heed, you senseless ones among the people! You fools, when will you become wise? Does he who implanted the ear not hear? Does he who formed the eye not see? Does he who disciplines nations not punish? Does he who teaches man lack knowledge? The LORD knows the thoughts of man; he knows that they are futile.

He will repay them for their sins and destroy them for their wickedness. The LORD our God will destroy 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

Only a Holy God

Scripture Reading

Exodus 15:1-21
page 56 in the pew Bible

*Hymn of Preparation

We Will Feast in the House of Zion
printed on page 4

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Sandra McCracken



We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our



hearts re - stored. He has done great things, we will say to - geth - er; We will feast



and weep no more. We will not be burned by the fire, He
In the dark of night be - fore the dawn my
Ev - 'ry vow we've bro - ken and be - trayed; You



is the Lord our God. We are not con - sumed by the
soul be not a - fraid; for the prom - ised morn - ing, oh how
are the faith - ful One. And from the gar - den to the



flood; Up - held, pro - tect - ed, gath - ered up.
long? O God of Ja - cob be my strength.
grave bind us to - geth - er bring sha - lom.

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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.*

Sermon

*The 7 Bowls of God's Wrath
Revelation 16*

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Hymn of Response

*O Church Arise
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

#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 and she will add you to the distribution list.*

O Church Arise (Arise, Shine)

Getty, Tomlin and Townend




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.

• The Preached Word •

Title: *The 7 Bowls of God's Wrath*

Text: Revelation 16

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 - 15:4)

Cycle 5: 7 bowls (Rev 15:5 - 16)

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

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

Pray for Our Members:

Phil & Tina Davics
Carol Dawson
Trey, Allison, Chase, Austin & Maggie Deaton
Susan & Lauren deBey

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 Dukcs (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: *Everyday Church (a look at 1 Peter)* taught by Mark Ballard 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: Taco Salad, Salad Bar, Iced Brownies

• Announcements •

Monday Morning Prayer - We will gather for Monday Prayer tomorrow at 9 AM. Please let Pastor Hunter (hunter@nmpe.net) know if you have a prayer request.

Women's Bible Studies - Our ladies are studying Lamentations

- Wed at 10:00 AM led by Anna Barnes in the Fellowship Hall
- Wed at 6:30 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. The groups will begin meeting the week of September 10th.

- *Every Good Endeavor: Connecting Your Work to God's Work*—led by Charlic Parrish on Sundays at 6:15 PM at the church
- *Proverbs: Pursuing Spiritual Maturity*—led by Bert Barnes & Steven Bloodworth on Tuesdays at 6:15 AM in the Conference Room
- *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
- *Hebrews: The Supremacy of Christ*—led by Josh Buckner & Rick Funk on Thursdays at 6:45 AM in the Conference Room

Bob Brunson - Bob & Karen will move to Macon this week, and he will begin work next Sun, Sept 17. His installation will be on Sun, Oct 1 at 6 PM, with a reception afterwards.

Local Ministry Partners - Do you want to learn about our LMPs? Here's your chance!

- Covenant Care Services Banquet: Thur, Sept 28
- Out of Darkness Banquet: Thur, Oct 19
- Strong Tower Fellowship Banquet: Thur, Nov 2

New Members Class - If you are interested in learning more about NMPC or joining our membership, you are invited to attend the New Members Class, which is comprised of two Sunday night meetings, on **Sept 24 & Oct 8 from 5:30 - 8:00 PM** (dinner & childcare are provided). Please email Pastor Hunter (hunter@nmpe.net) to sign up or for more information. (We provide make-up sessions if you have a conflict one of those evenings.)

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of David Todd for assisting in worship these last 9 months and in celebration of the 36th anniversary of North Macon Presbyterian Church gathering for worship.



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^{25*}

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*
Holly Shepley, *North Macon
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