

THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

September 17, 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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*Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love,  
just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.  
Ephesians 5:1-2*

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### Prelude

### Welcome & Announcements

Dr. David Todd

### Introit

### Call to Worship

Ephesians 1:3-8

**Pastor:** Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ!

**People:** **For he chose us in Christ before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.**

**Pastor:** In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—

**People:** **To the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves!**

**Pastor:** In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins.

**People:** **In accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.**

# Father, Long Before Creation

Andrew Osenga



1. Fa - ther long be - fore cre - a - tion Thou hadst cho-sen us in love,
2. *Though the world may change its fash - ion yet our God is e'er the same;*
3. God's com - pas - sion is my sto - ry, is my boast - ing all the day;
4. *Lov - ing Fa - ther now be - fore Thee we will ev - er praise Thy love,*



And that love so deep, so mov - ing, draws us close to Christ a - bove.  
*His com - pas - sion and His cov - nant through all a - ges will re - main.*  
 Mer - cy free and nev - er fail - ing moves my will, di - rects my way.  
*And our songs will sound un - ceas - ing 'til we reach our home a - bove.*



Still it keeps us, still it keeps us firm - ly fixed in Christ a - lone.  
*God's own chil - dren, God's own chil - dren must for - ev - er praise His name.*  
 God so loved us, God so loved us that His on - ly Son He gave.  
*Giv - ing glo - ry, giv - ing glo - ry to our God and to the Lamb.*



*Chorus:* And the world will sing His love, Yes the world will sing His love, \_\_\_\_\_



And we'll all join hands, ev - ry wom - an ev - ry man to sing His love,



to sing His love. \_\_\_\_\_

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Pastor: Christian, what do you believe?

We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the only Savior for sinners,  
who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God  
something to be grasped,  
but made himself nothing,  
taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to death—  
even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

\*Hymn

#644 - *May the Mind of Christ My Savior*

Call to Confession

Psalm 32:1-5

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.  
Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is  
no deceit. When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.  
For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of  
summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I  
will confess my transgressions to the LORD." And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

## Corporate Confession

Heavenly Father, if where our treasure is, there our heart is also, then we stand condemned as those whose hearts are far from you. We have treasured the approval of men more than the approval of our Savior, the health of our sports teams more than the health of your church, the size of our savings more than the stewardship of your gifts, the fleeting comforts of sin more than the eternal riches of Christ. We have clung to what we should have released, grasped what we should have cast aside, loved what we should have hated, and, while attempting to serve two masters, we have rejected you. But while our hearts are far from you, your heart is not far from us. Instead, you have called us your treasured possession, a people ransomed not with perishable things like silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ. Our sin is great, but your love is deeper. In your mercy, make everything else taste bitter, that you would be the sweeter!

## Silent Confession

## Words of Assurance

Isaiah 44:22

*I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist.  
Return to me, for I have redeemed you.*

## 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

Philippians 1:12-30

\*Hymn of Preparation

#585 - *Take My Life, and Let It Be*  
vs. 1, 4-6

Prayer for Covenant Children

Dr. David Todd

*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

*Remembering Mission*  
*2 Timothy 2:8-13*

Rev. Brett Barbee

\*Hymn of Response

*He Will Hold Me Fast*  
*printed on page 6*

\*Benediction

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now 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

#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.

# He Will Hold Me Fast

Habershon(1906)/M. Merker(2013)

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
2. *Those He saves are His de-light,* *Christ will hold me fast;*  
3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;

When the tempt - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.  
*Pre - cious in his ho - ly sight,* *He will hold me fast.*  
Just - ice has been sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast.

I could nev - er keep my hold through life's fear - ful path;  
*He'll not let my soul be lost;* *His prom - is - es shall last;*  
Raised with Him to end - less life, He will hold me fast

For my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me fast.  
*Bought by Him at such a cost,* *He will hold me fast.*  
'till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

For my Sa - vior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

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# • The Preached Word •

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**Title:** *Remembering Mission*

**Text:** 2 Timothy 2:8-13

**Pastor:** Rev. Brett Barbee

pg. 1027 in the pew Bible



**Pray for Our Members:**

Cathe Dondes  
James & Amy Drummond  
John Dukes  
Lonnie & Donna Dyc

**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 •

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## 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)

Women's Bible Study on Lamentations

Adult Bible Study on Romans taught by Rev. Eric Freel

*Menu: Chicken Divan, Rice, Carrots, Salad, Bar, Strawberry Shortcake.*

# • Announcements •

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**Bob & Karen Brunson** - We welcome Bob & Karen to North Macon Presbyterian!

**Monday Morning Prayer** - We will gather for prayer at 9 AM tomorrow morning.

**Women's Bible Studies** - Please join one of the classes in the study of Lamentations:

- 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 10:00 AM led by Pat Jenkins in the Conference Room

**Men's Small Groups**

- *Every Good Endeavor: Connecting Your Work to God's Work*—led by Charlie 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

**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). You can sign up for the class & pick up a notebook on the buffet beside Pastor Hunter's office. (We provide make-up sessions if you have a conflict one evening.)

**Flowers** - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Bobby & Barbara Freeman's 67th wedding anniversary.



# 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>

Paul McCommon<sup>23</sup>

Ed Grimsley<sup>23\*</sup>

Rob Morton<sup>23</sup>

Neal Ham<sup>24\*</sup>

Charlie Parrish<sup>25</sup>

Tommy James<sup>25\*</sup>

Howard Reed<sup>23</sup>

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## Diaconate

Joshua Buckner<sup>25</sup>

Rick Funk<sup>25</sup>

Lee Burch<sup>23\*</sup>

Hays Fyke<sup>25\*</sup>

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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*

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## Staff

Every Member, *Ministers*

Kathy Pye, *Church Secretary*

Hunter Stevenson, *Senior Pastor*

Monni Parrish, *Administrator,*

Bob Brunson, *Executive Pastor*

*Financial Director & Pianist*

Mark Ballard, *Youth Director*

Melanie Buckner, *Music Director*

Bryce Little, *Youth Intern*

Holly Shepley, *North Macon*

Megan Cathey, *Interim Children's  
Ministry Director*

*Preschool Director*

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