

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

October 15, 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.

Open wide your mouth and I will fill it.
Psalm 81:10b

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 36:5-9

- Pastor: Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies.
- People: **Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the great deep.**
- Pastor: O LORD, you preserve both man and beast!
- People: **How priceless is your unfailing love!**
- Pastor: Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of your wings.
- People: **They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights.**

*Praise Hymn

#4 - All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above
verses 1, 2, 3 & 4

** those who are able please stand*

* 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*

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Chorus

Words and Music by Matt Redman and Jonas Myrin

Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh my soul. Wor-ship His ho - ly name.
Sing like ne-ver be-fore, oh my soul. I wor-ship Your ho - ly name.
The sun comes up. It's a new day dawn - ing -
You're rich in love and You're slow to an - ger -
And on that day when my strength is fail - ing -
It's time to sing Your song a - gain. What -
Your name is great and Your heart is kind. For
the end draws near and my time has come,
ev - er may pass and what - ev - er lies be - fore me,
all Your goodness I will keep on sing - ing
Still my soul will sing Your praise un-end - ing
let me be sing - ing when the ev'n - ing comes.
ten thou - sand rea - sons for my heart to find. **To Chorus**
ten thou - sand years and then for - ev - er more.

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Call to Prayer

Matthew 7:7-11

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

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

Isaiah 60
page 606 in the pew Bible

*Hymn of Preparation

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts
printed on page 5

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

Woe, Woe, O Great City!
Revelation 18:9-24

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Hymn of Response

O Church Arise (Arise, Shine)
printed on page 6

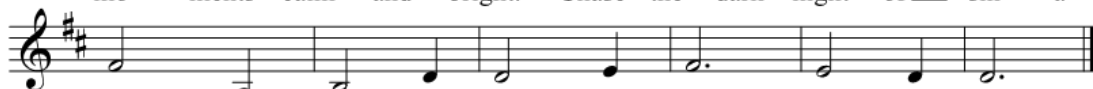
Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts



Je - sus, Thou joy of lov - ing hearts, Thou fount of
Thy truth un - changed hath ev - er stood, Thou sav - est
 We taste of Thee, O liv - ing bread and long to
Our rest - less spi - rits yearn for Thee, where' - er our
 O Je - sus ev - er with us stay, make all our



life, Thou light of men From the best bliss that earth im -
those that on Thee call. To them that seek Thee Thou art
 feast u - pon Thee still. We drink of Thee the foun - tain -
change - ful lot is cast Glad when Thy gra - cious smile we
 mo - ments calm and bright. Chase the dark night of sin a -



parts, we turn un - filled to Thee a - gain.
good, to them that find Thee all in all.
 head and thirst our souls from Thee to fill.
see, blessed when our faith can hold Thee fast.
 way, shed over the world Thy ho - ly light.

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*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

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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

O Church Arise (Arise, Shine)

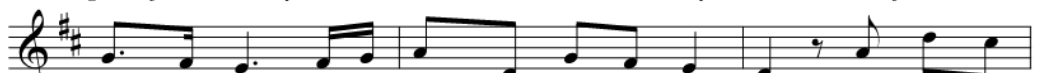
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1. O Church, a - rise, and put your ar - mour on; Hear the
2. Our call to war, to love the cap - tive soul, but to
3. Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the
4. So Spi - rit come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give —




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.

• The Preached Word •

Title: *Woe, woe, O Great City!*

Text: Revelation 18:9-24

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 1001 in the pew Bible

Pray for Our Members:

Richard Fyke
Patrick, Andrea, Ella & Wiley Goff
Howard Gordon
Becky Gorman

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month:

Noah & Karleigh Stephens are church planters in Bangkok, Thailand

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) & Ember Bentley (3/13)

Newborns: June Adams, Ryder Newell, Eleanor Freel & Ben McKenzie

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

Recovering/Sick: Dick Manwaring (stroke) & Mark Ballard (surgery)

Bereaved: Susana, Sarah Jane & Oscar Sandefur (Chris); Beth McSween (John); Cathy Smith (JC); Madeline Thompson (mom & sister); Mary Clare Freel (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); Rebecca Lober (dad)

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)

Men's Small Groups

Women's Bible Study on Lamentations

Adult Bible Study on Romans taught by Rev. Eric Freel

Menu: Roast Beef w/Gravy, Potatoes, Carrots, Salad Bar & Ice Cream.

• Financial Update •

September 30, 2023

General Operations		Faith Promise for Missions	
2023 Receipts:	\$ 961,161	Paid out June 30:	\$ 28,950
2023 Expenses:	\$ 957,388	to support our 18 missionaries for the first half of 2023	
		Needed by Dec. 30:	\$ 30,550
		Cash available:	\$ 30,928

• Announcements •

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

Strong Tower Fellowship - STF a Fall Fest this Thur, Oct 19th at 5:30 PM. If you would like to bake goods or volunteer to serve, call Amy Drummond at 215-264-8650.

Mercer Bears Tailgate - On Sat, Oct 21st at 2:30 PM we will gather at Mercer University for a tailgate, followed by the football game at 4 PM (Mercer vs. Wofford). Bring your chairs and a favorite tailgate dish to share. Register on REALM or contact Megan Cathey.

Mug and Muffin - Mug and Muffin for NMPC ladies will be October 28 (9-11 AM) at the home of Beth McSween (107 Howard Oaks Drive). Bring your favorite coffee mug and enjoy a fall morning with our ladies and a word from Karen Brunson.

Reformation Day Celebration: Join us on Sunday, October 29th at 5:00 PM for our annual Reformation Day celebration! Come enjoy a BBQ dinner, inflatables, games, snow cones and more! We are asking last names A-L to bring a side dish and M-Z a dessert. Please register on REALM and contact Megan Cathey if you would like to help.

Sacred Road Mission Trip - The 2024 Sacred Road Mission Trip will be June 1-8, 2024. Please contact Bob Brunson (bob@nmpe.net) if you are interested in participating.

Flowers - The flowers today are given to the glory of God by the flower committee.



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

Paul McCommon²³

Ed Grimsley^{23*}

Rob Morton²³

Neal Ham^{24*}

Charlie Parrish²⁵

Tommy James^{25*}

Howard Reed²³

Diaconate

Joshua Buckner²⁵

Rick Funk²⁵

Lee Burch^{23*}

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*

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 Assistant*

Holly Shepley, *North Macon*

Megan Cathey, *Interim Children's
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