

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

November 12, 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.

*To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne,
just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne.
Revelation 3:21*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Revelation 5:6, 9-14

Pastor: Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. And they sang a new song:

People: **You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.**

Pastor: Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they sang:

People: **Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and praise!**

Pastor: Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing:

People: **To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor, glory and power, for ever and ever!**

Pastor: The four living creatures said, 'Amen!', and the elders fell down and worshiped.

*Praise Hymn

#295-Crown Him with Many Crowns

*Invocation

Rev. Bob Brunson

*Confession of Faith

Philippians 2:5-11

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.

* those who are able please stand

Look, Ye Saints! The Sight is Glorious



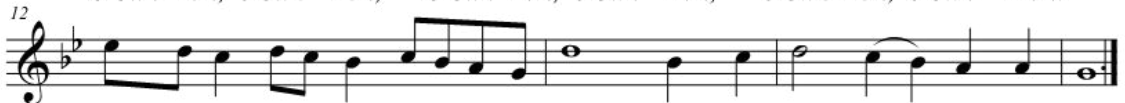
Look, ye saints! the sight is glo - rious: See the Man of — Sor - rows now;
Crown the Sav - ior! an - gels, crown Him; Rich the tro - phies Je - sus brings;
 Sin - ners in de - ri - sion crowned Him, Mock - ing thus the — Sa - vior's claim;
Hark, those bursts of ac - cla - ma - tion! Hark, those loud tri - um - phant chords!



From the fight re - turned vic - to - rious, Ev' - ry knee to — Him shall bow;
In the seat of pow'r en - throne Him, While the vault of — hea - ven rings:
 Saints and an - gels crowd a - round Him, Own his ti - tle, praise His name:
Je - sus takes the high - est sta - tion; O what joy the sight af - fords!



Crown Him, crown Him, Crown Him, crown Him, Crown Him, crown Him.
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Crowns be - come the Vic - tor's brow, Crowns be - come the — Vic - tor's brow.
Crown the Sa - vior King of — kings, Crown the Sa - vior King of kings.
 Spread a - broad the Vic - tor's fame, Spread a - broad the — Vic - tor's fame.
King — of kings, and Lord of — lords! King of kings, and Lord of lords!

Receiving New Members

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Jake, Laura, Waylon, Willie & June Adams; Karen Brunson; Eric & Mary Clare Freck;
Recce Freck; Mia Geiger; Bill & Rebecca Lober; Cody & Lucy Varner*

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope except in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and depend upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes a follower of Jesus Christ?
4. Do you promise to serve Christ in His Church by supporting and participating in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to further its purity and peace?

Right Hand of Fellowship

NMPC Elders

The Sacrament of Baptism

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

George William & June Maranatha Adams

Baptismal Vows

1. Do you acknowledge your children's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your children to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?
4. Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of these children?

Call to Prayer

2 Timothy 2:11-13

Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Rev. Bob Brunson

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

*Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery
printed on page 6*

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Children's Church is for children 4 years old through 1st grade.

Please check-in your child for Children's Church at the registration station located in the narthex.

Also, we have a "Cry Room" for our young families where you can see & hear the service.

Sermon

*The Millennium
Revelation 20:1-6*

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Hymn of Response

*For All the Saints
printed on page 7*

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery



Come be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, in the dawn-ing of the King. He the
Come be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, He the per - fect Son of Man. In His
Come be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, Christ the Lord up - on the tree. In the
Come be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, slain by death, the God of life. But no



theme of heav-en's praise - es, robed in frail hu - man-i - ty. In our
liv - ing, in His suf - fring, ne - ver trace, nor stain of sin. See the
stead of ru - ined sin - ners hangs the Lamb in vic - to - ry. See the
grave could e'er re - strain Him. Praise the Lord, He is a - live! What a



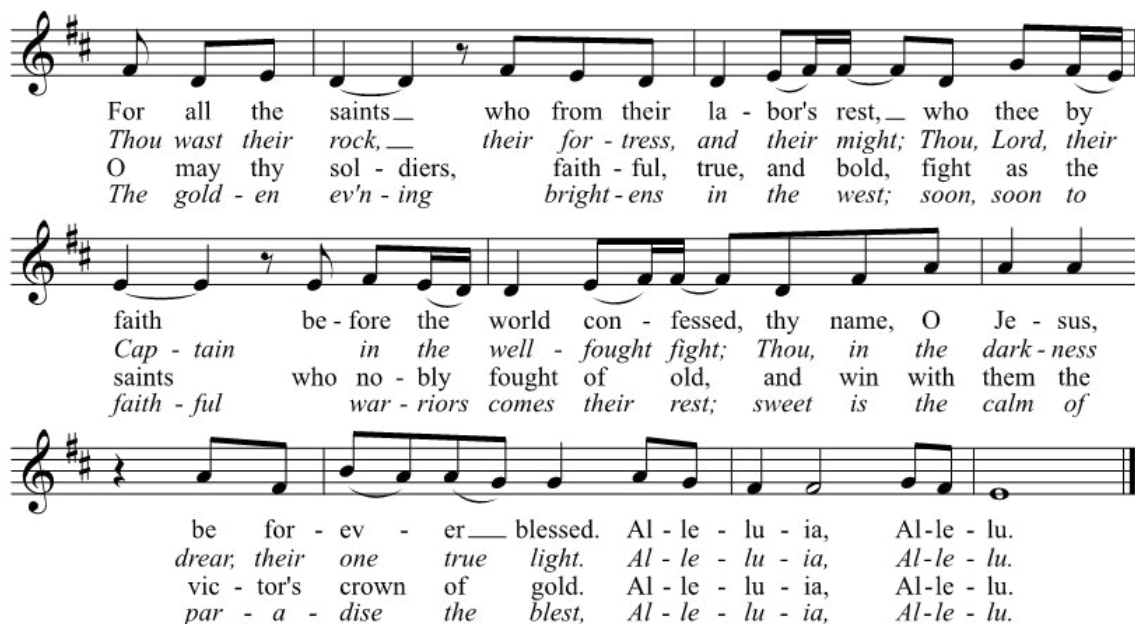
long - ing, in our dark - ness, now the light of life has come. Look to
true and bet - ter A - dam, come to save the hell-bound man. Christ, the
price of our re - demp - tion, see the Fa - ther's plan un - fold. Bring - ing
fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance, how un - wa - ver - ing our hope. Christ in



Christ, who con - de - scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.
great and sure ful - fill - ment of the law, in Him we stand.
man - y sons to glo - ry; grace un - meas - ured, love un - told.
pow - er res - ur - rect - ed, as we will be when He comes.

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For All the Saints



For all the saints— who from their la - bor's rest,— who thee by
Thou wast their rock,— their for - tress, and their might; Thou, Lord, their
 O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold, fight as the
The gold - en ev'n - ing bright - ens in the west; soon, soon to

faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy name, O Je - sus,
Cap - tain in the well - fought fight; Thou, in the dark - ness
 saints who no - bly fought of old, and win with them the
faith - ful war - riors comes their rest; sweet is the calm of

be for - ev - er— blessed. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu.
drear, their one true light. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu.
 vic - tor's crown of gold. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu.
par - a - dise the blest, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu.

5. But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;
 The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
 The King of glory passes on his way, Alleluia, Allelu.

6. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast
 Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
 Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, Allelu.

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*Benediction

Revelation 1:5b-6

Now to him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power 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

• The Preached Word •

Title: *The Millennium*

Text: Revelation 20:1-6

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 1075 in your pew Bible

Revelation 17-22: A Tale of Two Cities

Babylon the Harlot (17:1-19:10) & Jerusalem the Bride (21:9-22:9)
and the Transition between the Two Cities (19:11-21:8)

Beginning of the section (17:1-19:10)

One of the 7 angels who had the 7 bowls came and said to me, “Come, I will show you the punishment of the great prostitute, who sits on many waters...

Then the angel carried me away in the Spirit into a desert. There I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast (17:1-3).

End of the section (17:1-19:10)

And he added, “These are the true words of God.”

At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, “Do not do it. I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! (19:9b-10).

Beginning of the section (21:9-22:9)

One of the 7 angels who had the 7 bowls full of the 7 last plagues came and said to me, “Come I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.”

And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain...and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem (21:9-11).

End of the section (21:9-22:9)

The angel said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true...”

I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel... But he said to me, “Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers...who keep the words of this book. Worship God!” (22:6-9).

Consequently, Revelation 17-22 is a large interpretive REVIEW of the 6th & 7th bowls of God’s wrath (Rev 16:12-21). It is best to view the visions in Revelation 17-22 as *varying camera angles on the same, final judgment* in which Christ will triumph over all His (and out) enemies and bring the consummation of the Kingdom of God.

The Transition Between the Two Cities (19:11-21:8)

(17:15-16)	(The destruction of Babylon the Harlot)
19:11-21	The destruction of the 2 Beasts
20:1-10	The destruction of the Dragon
20:11-15	The destruction of Death & Hades
21:1-8	The revelation of Jerusalem the Bride

The Relationship between 19:11-21 and 20:1-10

These two sections are **parallel** (not chronological or linear), because 19:17-21 and 20:8-10 narrate the SAME battle from DIFFERENT perspectives. 19:17-21 focuses on the destruction of the 2 Beasts, while 20:8-10 focuses on the destruction of the Dragon. (Both sections are also parallel to Rev 16:12-21 and 17:12-14 and fulfill Ezekiel 38-39)

Note the common themes in each section:

- Deception with miraculous signs by the Dragon, Beast & False Prophet
- The gathering together of all the kings (nations) of the earth
- Making war against the Lamb and His followers
- The triumph of the Lamb & His army and the destruction of His enemies

The same, climactic battle—The Battle of Armageddon—concludes BOTH sections. Therefore, Revelation 19:11-21 and 20:1-10 are **parallel** (not chronological or linear).

Revelation 20:1-3 & and the 1st Coming of Christ

- Rev 12:5, 7-9 She gave birth to a son, a male child, who will rule all the nations with an iron scepter. And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne. ...And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.
- Matt 12:29 ...how can anyone enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man? Then he can rob his house.
- Luke 10:17-19 The seventy-two returned with joy and said, Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name. He replied, I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.
- John 12:31-33 Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself. He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.
- Col 2:15 And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. (cf. Heb 2:14-15)
- 2 Thess 2:6 And now you know what is holding him back, so that he may be revealed at the proper time.

Revelation 20:4-6 and the Intermediate Heaven

- Rev 3:21 To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne.
- 2 Tim 2:11-13 Here is a trustworthy saying; If we died with him, we will also live with him; **if we endure, we will also reign with him.** If we disown him, he will also disown us; if we are faithless, he will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself.
- Rev 2:26-27 To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations—'He will rule them with an iron scepter; he will dash them to pieces like pottery'—just as I have received authority from my Father.
- Matt 19:28 Jesus said to them, I tell you the truth, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.
- Luke 22:28-30 You are those who have stood by me in my trials. And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.
- 1 Cor 6:1-3 If any of you has a dispute with another, dare he take it before the ungodly for judgment instead of before the saints? Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if you are to judge the world, are you not competent to judge trivial cases? Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more the things of this life!

Revelation 20:7-10 and 2nd Coming of Christ

- 2 Thess 2:5-12 Don't you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things? And now you know what is holding him back, so that he may be revealed at the proper time. For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming. The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.

Pray for Our Members:

Lyn Hogg

Eric, Jennifer, Anderson & Benjamin Hornick; Nicholas & Abigail McCullough

Reba Hudson

Charles & Patricia Hughes

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month:

Josh and Ruth Tsavatewa are working among the Yakama Tribe in Washington State where Josh is a Teaching Elder with Sacred Road Ministries.

Pray for Those in Need:

Expecting: Lizzie Gossett (12/7), Katie Singleton (12/23), Bonnie Andree (1/7) & Ember Bentley (3/13)

Newborns: Eden Lyles, Jack Henning, June Adams, Ryder Newell, Eleanor Freel & Ben McKenzie

Members Caring for Loved Ones: 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); Becky Gorman (Randy).

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

Adult Bible Study on Romans taught by Rev. Eric Freel

Menu: White Chicken Chili w/Toppings, Salad Bar, Cornbread & Peach Cobbler

• 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.

Christmas Shoeboxes - Once again, we invite you to put together a Christmas shoebox to be distributed to the children of Sacred Road Ministries. The deadline is Sunday, November 19th. Please pick up a flyer with all the information at the coffee bar today.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness - Please join us tonight at 6:15 PM to hear the testimony of our own dear Mary Jane Leggett. Her story of trial and victory will be a blessing to all who hear it. The Women's Ministry would like to invite everyone, including our men and youth, to attend in the Fellowship Hall.

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Naomi Barnes' children & grandchildren.



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*
Bob Brunson, *Executive Pastor*
Mark Ballard, *Youth Director*
Bryce Little, *Youth Assistant*
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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