

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

November 19, 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.

*With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
Isaiah 12:3*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 105:1-4

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD! Call on his name! Make known among the nations what he has done.

People: **Sing to him! Sing praise to him! Tell of all his wonderful acts.**

Pastor: Glory in his holy name! Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

People: **Look to the LORD and his strength. Seek his face always.**

***Praise Hymn**

#53 - Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

***Invocation**

Rev. Bob Brunson

** those who are able please stand*

Q. What is baptism?

A. Baptism is a sacrament of the New Covenant,
in which Christ has ordained the washing with water
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,
to be a sign and seal
of being grafted into himself;
of remission of sins by his blood and regeneration by his Spirit;
and of adoption into his family and resurrection to everlasting life.
By this the people baptized are solemnly admitted into the visible church
and enter into an open and professed engagement
to be wholly and only the Lord's. Amen.

*The Westminster Larger Catechism expresses the truths 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

#693 - *Blessed Assurance*

Receiving New Members

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Kristy Alvarez; Tyler & Erin Kelly; Joc, Mackenzie, Jane, Nora, Simon & Eden Lyles

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

Kristy Simpson Alvarez

Call to Confession

Isaiah 57:15

For this is what the high and exalted One says—he who lives forever, whose name is holy: I live in a high and holy place, but also with the one who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.

Corporate Confession

O LORD, you have searched us and you know us. You know when we sit down and when we rise up; you discern our thoughts from far away. Even before a word is on our tongues, O LORD, you know it completely. We cannot flee from your Spirit, nor your presence. You search out our paths and our lying down, and are acquainted with all our ways. Search us, O God, and know our hearts; test us and know our thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting. Through your Son, Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

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.*

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

Look, Ye Saints! The Sight is Glorious

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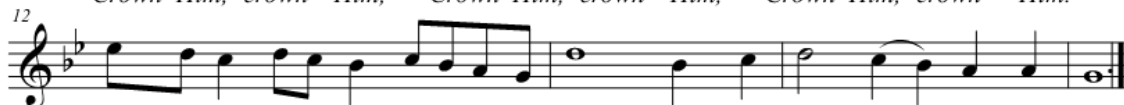
Look, ye saints! the sight is glo - rious: See the Man of — Sor - rows now;
Crown the Sav - ior! an - gels, crown Him; Rich the tro - phies Je - sus brings;
Sin - ners in de - ri - sion crowned Him, Mock - ing thus the — Sa - vior's claim;
Hark, those bursts of ac - cla - ma - tion! Hark, those loud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



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!

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 Triumph of Christ and His Followers
Revelation 20-1-15

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Hymn of Response

Yct Not I But Through Christ in Me
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*Benediction

Romans 16:20

The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you. 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

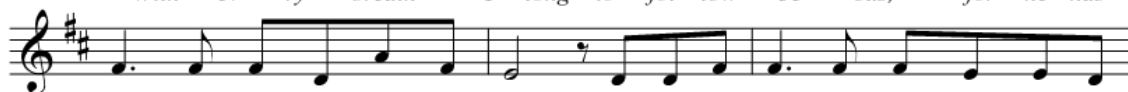
Visitors:

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.*

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



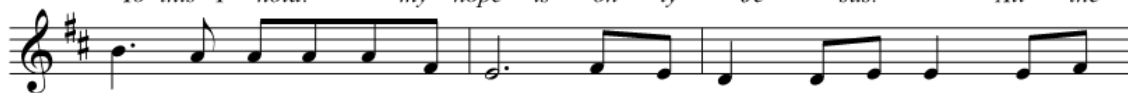
more for hea - ven now to give. He is my joy, my right - eous - ness and
side the Sav - ior, he will stay. I la - bor on in weak - ness and re -
 sure, the price, it has been paid. For Je - sus bled and suf - ferred for my
 said that he will bring me home. And day by day I know he will re -



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 can
 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.**

• The Preached Word •

Title: *The Triumph of Christ and His Followers*

Text: Revelation 20:1-15

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 1003 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).

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 our) enemies and bring the consummation of the Kingdom of God.

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

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

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).

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

These two sections are **parallel** (not chronological or linear), because 19:19-21 and 20:7-10 narrate the SAME battle from DIFFERENT perspectives. 19:19-21 focuses on the destruction of the 2 Beasts, while 20:7-10 focuses on the destruction of the Dragon. *The events are narrated separately (for emphasis), but they are not separate events.*

(Both sections are also parallel to Rev 16:12-21 and 17:12-14 and fulfill Ezekiel 38-39. Read each section & note the common themes:

- 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)

Thus, 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 (the decisive defeat of the Dragon)

- Matt 12:29 ...how can anyone enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up (de,w) the strong man? Then he can rob his house.
- Matt 4:8-9 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. All this I will give you, he said, if you will bow down and worship me.
- 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.
- Heb 2:15 Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.
- Matt 28:18-20 Then Jesus came to them and said, All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...

Revelation 20:4-6 and the Intermediate Heaven (the Saints share in Christ's victory over the Dragon)

- 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 2:11-12 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...
- 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 6:2-3 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 the 2nd Coming of Christ (the final destruction of the Dragon)

- 2 Thess 1:7-8 This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.
- 2 Thess 2:5-8 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.

Revelation 20:11-15 and the Day of Judgment (final judgment of the wicked & vindication of the saints)

- Dan 12:2 Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.
- John 5:28-29 Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out—those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned.
- Rev 11:18 The nations were angry; and your wrath has come. The time has come for judging the dead, and for rewarding your servants the prophets and your saints and those who reverence your name, both small and great—and for destroying those who destroy the earth.
- Ps 62:11-12 One thing God has spoken, two things have I heard: that you, O God, are strong, and that you, O Lord, are loving. Surely you will reward each person according to what he has done.
- Matt 16:27 For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done.
- Rom 2:6-8 God will give to each person according to what he has done. To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life. But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger.
- 2 Cor 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.
- 1 Cor 15:26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Pray for Our Members:

Tommy & Lolly James
Pat Jenkins
Glen & Helen Johnson
Lydia Johnson

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

There will be no Wednesday Night Activities this week.

• Financial Update •

October 31, 2023

General Operations		Faith Promise for Missions	
2023 Receipts:	\$ 1,077,457	Paid out June 30:	\$ 28,050
2023 Expenses:	\$ 1,093,413	to support 18 missionaries	
		Paid out October 31:	\$ 30,550
		To support 19 missionaries	
		Cash Available	\$ 1,973

• 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 today. Please pick up a flyer with all the information at the coffee bar today. You may also give a donation so that our students can purchase items & put together the shoeboxes for you.

Wednesday Night Activities - We will not have Wednesday Night Activities this week.

Office - The Church Office will be closed Wednesday, Thursday & Friday this week.

Poinsettias - You may pick up a flyer on the coffee bar if you would like to place a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone. Deadline: **Dec 8th**.

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Al & Margaret Rogers 35th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!



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*

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