

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

November 26, 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.

*Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name,
he gave the right to become children of God - children born not of natural descent,
nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God
John 1:12-13*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 100

Pastor: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth!

People: Serve the LORD with gladness! Come before him with joyful songs!

Pastor: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

People: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him and praise his name!

Pastor: For the LORD is good, and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

*Praise Hymn

#125 - Let All Things Now Living

* those who are able please stand

*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 86

Q. We have been delivered from our misery by God's grace alone through Christ and not because we have earned it: why then must we still do good?

A. To be sure, Christ has redeemed us by his blood.

But we do good because

Christ by his Spirit is also renewing us to be like himself,
so that in all our living
we may show that we are thankful to God
for all he has done for us,
and so that he may be praised through us.

And we do good

so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits,
and so that by our godly living
our neighbors may be won over to Christ. 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.*

*Hymn

*Jesus, Thank You
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Jesus, Thank You

Pat Szebel

1. The mys - t'ry of the cross I can - not com - pre - hend,
2. By Your per - fect sac - ri - fice I've been brought near.

the ag - o - nies of Cal - va - ry.
your en - e - my You've made Your friend.

You, the per - fect Ho - ly One, crushed Your Son,
Pour - ing out the rich - es of Your glo - rious grace,

drank the bit - ter cup re - served for me.
Your mer - cy and Your kind - ness know no end.

Chorus: Your blood has washed a - way my sin. — Je - sus, thank You. The Fa - ther's wrath

com - plete - ly sat - is - fied Je - sus, thank You. Once Your en - e - my, —

now seat - ed at Your ta - ble, Je - sus, thank _____ You. *2nd time to Bridge*

Bridge: Lov - er of my soul, I want to live for You. *2nd time to Chorus*

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Call to Confession

Philippians 1:9-11

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

Corporate Confession

Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your loving kindness is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive us for our frivolous attitude toward life, our callousness towards suffering, our envy of those who have more than we have, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

1 John 2:1b-2

But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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

Psalm 118:1-7, 19-29

*Hymn of Preparation

My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness

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My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who bore my pain;
My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who walks be - side;
My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who reigns a - bove;

Who plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and gave me life a - gain;
Who floods my weak-ness - es with strength and caus-es_ fears to fly.
Whose wis - dom is my per-fect peace, whose ev - 'ry_ thought is love.

Who crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness and clothed me_ with his light
Whose ev - 'ry pro - mise is e - nough for ev - 'ry step I take.
For ev - 'ry day I have on earth is giv - en by the King.

and wrote his law of right-eous-ness with pow'r up - on my heart.
Sus - tain - ing me with arms of love and crown - ing me with grace.
So I will give my life, my all, to love and fol - low Him.

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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.

Scrmon

*A Thanksgiving Feast
Philippians 1:3-8*

Rev. Bob Brunson

*Hymn of Response

#98 - Now Thank We All Our God

*Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace both now and forevermore. 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.*

• The Preached Word •

Title: *A Thanksgiving Feast*

Text: Philippians 1:3-8

Pastor: Rev. Bob Brunson

pg. 950 in your pew Bible

Pray for Our Members:

Paul Johnson
Jeff & Cindy Kross
John & Judy LaPish
George & Sally Lee

Pray for Our Missionary of the Month:

Josh and Ruth Tsavatewa are working among the Yakama Tribe in Washington State with Sacred Road Ministries, and Josh is the pastor of Hope Fellowship Church

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: Monni Parrish (dad); Joseph Egloff (mom); Rana Munna (mom); Margaret Rogers (mom); Pam Cook (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 Frecl

Menu: Bar-b-que, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Salad Bar & Brownie Trifle

• 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.

Poinsettias - Please help us decorate the sanctuary for Christmas! You can pick up a flyer on the coffee bar if you would like to place a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone. The deadline is Friday, December 8th.

Sacred Road Shoebox Report— Thanks to all who participated in our efforts to gather and send Christmas Shoeboxes to the children of Sacred Road Ministries in White Swan, WA. We collected over 30 packed shoeboxes, and the youth group added over 50 additional boxes, using the funds donated for the project.

Lessons & Carols - Please mark your calendars for an “Evening of Lessons and Carols” on Wednesday, December 6th at 6:45 PM. This will be a special Christmas service filled with singing featuring our children, the ensemble, and instrumentalists. Invite a friend!

Christmas Eve - Our Christmas Eve Candlelight worship service will be at 5:00 PM.

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of J. Philip Elder by Jim & Phyllis Gamble.



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*

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