

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

November 5, 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.

*Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest.
Matthew 11:28*

Preclude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalms 107

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever!

People: **Let the redeemed of the LORD say so!**

Pastor: Some wandered in desert wastelands, hungry and thirsty, and their lives ebbed away. Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress.

People: **Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men!**

Pastor: Some sat in darkness and the deepest gloom. Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress.

People: **Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men!**

Pastor: Some became fools through their rebellious ways and suffered affliction because of their iniquities. Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress.

People: **Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men!**

*Praise Hymn

#310 - Rejoice, the Lord is King

* those who are able please stand

*Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 20.1

Pastor: What do you believe about the liberty Christ has purchased for you?

People: The liberty which Christ has purchased for us under the gospel
consists in our freedom from
the guilt of sin,
the condemning wrath of God,
and the curse of the moral law;
and in our being delivered from
this present evil world,
bondage to Satan,
dominion of sin,
the evil of afflictions,
the sting of death,
the victory of the grave,
and everlasting damnation;
and also in our free access to God,
and our yielding obedience unto him, not out of slavish fear,
but a child-like love, and willing mind.

All which were common also to believers under the law;
but under the New Testament,
the liberty of Christians is further enlarged
in our freedom from the yoke of slavery to the ceremonial law,
to which the Jewish Church was subjected,
and in greater boldness of access to the throne of grace,
and in fuller communications with the Spirit of God,
than believers under the law did ordinarily partake.

*The Westminster Confession of Faith expresses the teachings of the Bible in summary form.
It was comprised at the Westminster Assembly in London (1643-1648), and it sets forth the doctrinal stand-
ards of our church and our denomination, the Presbyterian Church in America.*

Before the Throne of God Above

Bancroft/Cook



Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect plea;
When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair and tells me of my guilt with - in.
 Be - hold Him there the ri - sen Lamb, my per - fect spot - less Right - eous - ness;



A great High Priest whose name is love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me.
Up - ward I look and see Him there who made an end of all my sin.
 the Great un - change - a - ble I Am, the King of Glo - ry and of grace.



My name is gra - ven on His hands; My name is writ - ten on His heart.
Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed free.
 One with Him - self I can - not die; my soul is pur - chased by His blood.



I know that while in heav'n He stands, **no tongue can bid me thence de - part.**
For God, the just, is sat - is - fied, to look on him and par - don me.
 My life is hid with Christ on high, **with Christ my Savi - ior and my God.**

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Call to Prayer

Isaiah 55:1-3a

Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live.

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, Ye Sinners

Come Ye Sinners



Come ye sin - ners, poor and wretch-ed, weak and wound - ed,
Come ye need - y, come and wel - come; God's free boun - ty
 Come ye wea - ry, hea - vy lad - en, bruised and bro - ken
Let not con - science make you lin - ger; nor of fit - ness
 Lo! Th'in - car - nate God, as - cend - ed; pleads the mer - it



sick and sore. Je - sus, read - y stands to save you,
glor - i - fy; True be - lief and true re - pent - ance,
 by the fall. If you tar - ry 'til you're bet - ter,
fond - ly dream. All the fit - ness He re - qui - res
 of His blood. Ven - ture on Him; ven - ture whol - ly,



full of pi - ty joined with pow'r. He is a - ble,
ev' - ry grace that brings you nigh. With - out mon - ey,
 you will nev - er come at all. Not the right - eous,
is to feel your need of Him. This He gives you,
 Let no o - ther trust in - trude. None but Je - sus,



He is a - ble, He is wil - ling; doubt no more.
with - out mon - ey, Come to Je - sus Christ and buy.
 not the right - eous; Sin - ners Je - sus came to call.
this He gives you, 'tis the Spir - it's ris - ing beam.
 none but Je - sus can do help - less sin - ners good.

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

When You're All Give Out
Hebrews 12:1-3

Rev. Bob Brunson

The Sacrament of Communion

All those who have placed their faith and trust in Christ alone for their salvation, are baptized, and are members in good standing of a Bible-believing, evangelical church are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper this morning. All others, please allow the elements to pass, as you consider your relationship with Christ and His Church.

*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

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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

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 •

Title: *When You're All Give Out*

Text: Hebrews 12:1-3

Pastor: Rev. Bob Brunson

pg. 975 in your pew Bible

Pray for Our Members:

Kate Harrison
Jason, Allison, Benjamin & Patton Hawkins
Caleb, Hannah & Jack Henning
Ron & Robin Henning

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

Women's Bible Study on Lamentations

Adult Bible Study on Romans taught by Rev. Eric Freel

Menu: Chicken Pot Pic, Rice, Salad, Rolls, Cookies

• 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 Nov. 12 @ 6:15 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 today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Andrei & Caitlin Parrish.



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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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