

THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

December 24, 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.

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*The LORD says to my Lord:  
Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.  
Psalm 110:1*

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Prelude Piano Duet by *Meloni*

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship Psalm 98:1-4

Pastor: Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!  
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him!

People: The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his  
**righteousness to the nations.**

Pastor: He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God!

People: **Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth! Burst into  
jubilant song with music!**

\*Praise Hymn *#218 – Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

\*Invocation Rev. Bob Brunson

*\* those who are able please stand*

Pastor: Christian, why was it required that the Mediator should be God?

People: It was required that the Mediator should be God,  
that he might sustain and keep the human nature  
from sinking under the infinite wrath of God,  
and the power of death;  
give worth and efficacy to his sufferings, obedience and intercession;  
and to satisfy God's justice,  
obtain his favor,  
purchase a particular people,  
give his Spirit to them,  
conquer all their enemies,  
and bring them everlasting salvation.

Pastor: Why was it required that the Mediator should be man?

People: It was required that the Mediator should be man,  
that he might advance our nature,  
perform obedience to the law,  
suffer and make intercession for us in our nature,  
and have a fellow-feeling of our infirmities;  
so that we might receive the adoption of sons,  
and have comfort and access with boldness  
to the throne of grace. Amen.

*The Westminster Larger Catechism summarizes the teachings of Scripture in a question and answer format. It was comprised at the Westminster Assembly in London (1643-1648), and it sets forth the doctrinal standards of North Macon Presbyterian Church and our denomination, the Presbyterian Church in America.*

Once you spoke in a vision, to your faithful people you said: I have bestowed strength on a warrior; I have exalted a young man from among the people. I have found David my servant; with my sacred oil I have anointed him. My hand will sustain him; surely my arm will strengthen him. No enemy will subject him to tribute; no wicked man will oppress him. I will crush his foes before him and strike down his adversaries. My faithful love will be with him, and through my name his horn will be exalted. I will set his hand over the sea, his right hand over the rivers. He will call out to me, 'You are my Father, my God, the Rock my Savior.' I will also appoint him my firstborn, the most exalted of the kings of the earth. I will maintain my love to him forever, and my covenant with him will never fail. I will establish his line forever, his throne as long as the heavens endure.

## Pastoral Prayer &amp; 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

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent*

Let all mortal flesh keep silence and with fear and trembling stand.  
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for, with blessing in His hand,  
Christ our God to earth descended, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood;  
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood.  
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank, the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,  
as the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day.  
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish, as the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye,  
veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
“Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord Most High!”

**Scripture Reading**

2 Samuel 7:1-29  
*page 245 in the pew Bible*

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

*#207 - Good Christian Men, Rejoice*

**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 Promised Son of David*  
Luke 1:26-38

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

**\*Hymn of Response**

*#195 – Joy to the World*

**\*Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon 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**

# • The Preached Word •

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**Title:** *The Promised Son of David*

**Text:** Luke 1:26-38

**Pastor:** Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 831 in your pew Bible

# • Christmas Poinsettias •

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*To the Glory of God and in Memory of:*

John McSween  
Charlotte Laurens  
Jean Snow

Mark & Meg Baxter

Janice & Jim Bealle

Rodger, Tricia & Ben Barton

Willard Boyett

Donna Boyett, Nicholas & Abigail McCullough,  
Eric, Jennifer & Anderson Hornick

Charlotte Laurens  
Jo-Bess Grenga

Carol Dawson

Thomas Alexander

Eric & Mary Clare Freel

Mr. & Mrs. J. Philip Elder  
Mr. & Mrs. John B. Gamble  
Mrs. Jim Bruce  
Mrs. Jim Grier

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Gamble

Betty Vance

Mia Geiger

Dan H. Gibson  
Mr. & Mrs. James W. Robertson

Barbara Gibson & family

Charles & Oneida Gibson  
B. Gene & Norma Brown  
(parents of Jamie & Cindy Gibson)

Jamie & Cindy Gibson

Randy Gorman

Becky Gorman

Kamron Elijah Ward

The Griffin Family

John & Elizabeth Grimsley  
John & Faye Lee

Ed & Peggy Grimsley

Mr. & Mrs. Robert C. Ham, Sr.

Neal & Willa Ham

Jay & Benjamin Hawkins	Jason, Allison, Benjamin & Patton Hawkins
Robert & Evelyn Donnelly Jerry Hogg	Lyn & Aaron Hogg, Melissa Newell Lyn & Aaron Hogg; Maddie Vinson Melissa & Dustin Newell, Harley, Emerson, Lakelyn, Ryder
Joe & Fru Garrison Our Parents & Joanne Johansen	The LaPish Family
Isabel & John P. Tucker; John P. Tucker, Jr. Eunice and Buddy Lee	George & Sally Lee
Earnest A. Lange (Rebecca's Dad)	Bill & Rebecca Lober
Connie Manwaring George Watt	Dick & Sandy Manwaring
Jimmy McCallum Jamie McCallum Jackson	Diane McCallum
Buck Ream	Boo, Rebecca, Anna Helen & Michael McKelvey, Don & Heidi Ream
John McSween	Beth McSween
Dr. & Mrs. V.W. Parrish Mrs. Anne Asbell	The Charlie Parrish Family
Major & Mrs. Walter "Ed" Norwood Reverend & Mrs. Kenneth Goreveatte	The Pyles Family
Anna & Francis Daves Helen & Donald Ream	Liz Ream
Pauline Stevenson Martha Trupia	The Stevenson Family
Peggy Timberlake	Timberlake Family
Harry, Lola & Ronnie Hatfield Albert, Doris & Mike Timms Lester Westbrooks	John & Ann Timms
Jim Kennedy	David & Murray Todd



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*To the Glory of God and in Honor of:*

Rev. Brett & Bartges Barbee  
Rev. Hunter & Heather Stevenson

Cederick Andrews

Mrs. Charlie Pye  
Mrs. Josh Buckner  
Mrs. Charlie Parrish  
Mrs. John McSween

Anonymous

Mrs. Buck Ream  
Mrs. Albert Luce  
Rev. & Mrs. Hunter Stevenson  
Rev. & Mrs. Bob Brunson  
Mr. & Mrs. Billy Adams  
Mrs. & Mrs. Mark Baxter  
Rev. & Mrs. David Todd  
Mr. & Mrs. Paul McCommon  
Mr. & Mrs. Tommy James  
Mr. Joe Timberlake

Mr. & Mrs. Bert (Anna) Barnes, Bo & Hatch  
Mr. & Mrs. John (Bonnie) Andree, Noah

Naomi Barnes

Terry & Donna Rohn

Rodger, Tricia & Ben Barton

Hunter & Heather Stevenson  
Kathy Pye  
Monni Parrish  
Melanie Buckner  
Bob & Karen Brunson  
Liz Ream  
Beverly & Billy Adams

Meg & Mark Baxter

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Elizabeth, Cory, Will, Maisie & Reed Bennett  
Denby, Preston, Paul, Anne Preston, Betty, Mellie Rose & Andy Heard  
Jeanie Beth, David, Barrett, Raleigh & Lily Baxter  
John & Ellie Dukes  
Lauren Price  
Jake, Laura, Waylon, Willie & June Adams

Debi Reed, Women's Ministry Coordinator	Bible Study Team
With thanks for our new church family at NMPC	Bob & Karen Brunson
Melanie Buckner	Glenn & Deloris Cross
Kate Darley	Cathe Dondes
James Grace Gibson	Barbara Gibson
Everett & Hudson Gibson	
Dr. & Mrs. William H. Goodson, Jr.	Neal & Willa Ham
Juliana Hawkinson	Mr. & Mrs. Greg Hawkinson
Our Sons, Gary & Stephen	Bill & Rebecca Lober
Tommy James	Betty Luce
Rob & Anne Morton	
Heather Stevenson	Beth McSween
Karen Brunson	
Our Pastors & Staff	Rob & Anne Morton
The Parrish Family	Jan Odom
Mary Jane Leggett	
John & Ann Timms	Parrish Family
Joyce "Granny" Pyles	Maggie & Katie Pyles
Maggie & Katie Pyles	Jack & Sara Pyles
Liz Ream	Boo, Rebecca, Anna Helen & Michael McKelvey; Don & Heidi Ream
North Macon Pre-School Staff & Committee	Holly Shepley
Pat Jenkins	Shepley Family
Heather Stevenson	Hunter Stevenson
Liz Ream	The Stevenson Family
The Parrish Family	John & Ann Timms
Deloris Westbrook	
Our Children & Grandchildren	David & Murray Todd
Kathy Pye	

# • Discipleship Opportunities •

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## NMPC Men's Small Groups Winter/Spring - 2024

### Bible Study

*A Study of James* - Led by Bert Barnes & Steven Bloodworth. Will meet on Tuesday's at 6:30 AM at NMPC. Starts Tuesday, January 9th.

*A Study of First Samuel* - Led by Rick Funk and Josh Buckner. Will meet on Thursday's at 6:45 AM at NMPC. Starts Thursday, January 11th.

### Christian Living for Men

*Life Together: The Classic Exploration of Christian Community* - led by Charlie Parrish. Will meet on Sunday evenings at 6:15 PM at NMPC. Starts Sunday, January 7.

*What Did You Expect?: Redeeming the Realities of Marriage* - led by Cal Garretson. Will meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM at NMPC. Starts Wednesday, January 10th.

*Counterfeit Gods* - led by Howard Reed & Tommy James. Will meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM at NMPC. Starts Wednesday, January 10th.

### Winter/Spring Sunday School

Children, Youth and Adults classes will resume on January 7th at 9:30 AM. Details will follow in the next few weeks.

### Wednesday Night Activities

We will resume Wednesday Night Dinner & Activities on January 10th, 2024.

# • Financial Update •

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November 30, 2023

General Operations		Faith Promise for Missions	
2023 Receipts:	\$ 1,176,612	Paid out June 30:	\$ 28,050
2023 Expenses:	\$ 1,194,689	to support 18 missionaries	
		Paid out October 31:	\$ 30,550
		to support 19 missionaries	
		Cash Available	\$ 5,267

# • Announcements •

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**Christmas Eve** - We will have our Christmas Eve Candlelight service tonight at 5:00 PM. A nursery for 0-3 year olds will be provided. Also, we will take up a special offering for the PCA Ministerial Relief Fund, which is used to provide financial assistance for the widows and orphans of PCA ministers & missionaries. You can give at the service tonight, on Realm, or with a check with "PCA Relief Fund" on the memo line.

**Strong Tower** - Strong Tower is collecting new and gently used cold weather clothing and bedding to give away at Pleasant Hill. Please see Amy Drummond to donate, take to Strong Tower on Tuesday and Thursdays or put in the boxes proved here in the foyer.

**Perspectives on the World Christian Movement** - Perspectives is a 15-week discipleship course designed to help you find your place in God's global purpose. The class will be held on Sundays from 4:00-6:30 PM, beginning January 7, at The Annex at Ingleside on Riverside. Visit their website ([Perspectives.org](http://Perspectives.org)) to learn more and to register for the class.

**Perry Singleton** - Congratulations to Chase & Katie Singleton (and Susan Robertson) on the birth their son, Perry Ray Singleton. Perry was born on Tuesday, December 19, weighing 7.1 lbs and was 20.5 inches long.

**Flowers** - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God.