

THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

January 14, 2024



**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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*Jesus answered him,  
I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.  
Luke 23:43*

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Preclude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 116:1-7

Pastor: I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.

People: **Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.**

Pastor: The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came upon me;  
I was overcome by trouble and sorrow. Then I called on the name of the  
LORD: "O LORD, save me!"

People: **The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.  
The LORD protects the simplehearted; when I was in great need, he  
saved me.**

Pastor: Be at rest once more, O my soul, for the LORD has been good to you.

\*Praise Hymn

*#4 - All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above  
verses 1, 2, 3, 4*

\*Invocation

Rev. Bob Brunson

*\* those who are able please stand*

Q. 85. Christian, with death being the wages of sin, why are not the righteous delivered from death, seeing that all their sins are forgiven in Christ?

A. The righteous shall be delivered from death itself at the last day, and even in death are delivered from the sting and curse of it; so that, although they die, yet it is out of God's love, to free them perfectly from sin and misery, and to make them capable of further communion with Christ in glory, which they then enter upon.

Q. 86. What is the communion in glory with Christ, which the members of the invisible Church enjoy immediately after death?

A. The communion in glory with Christ, which the members of the invisible Church enjoy immediately after death, is, in that their souls are then made perfect in holiness, and received into the highest heavens, where they behold the face of God in light and glory; waiting for the full redemption of their bodies, which even in death continue united to Christ, and rest in their graves, as in their beds, till at the last day they be again united with their souls. Whereas the souls of the wicked are at their death cast into hell, where they remain in torments and utter darkness; and their bodies kept in their graves, as in their prisons, until the resurrection and judgment of the great day. 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.*

## Come Thou Fount

Robinson/Brown



Come thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
*Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;*  
 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;  
*O that day, when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy love - ly face;*

streams of mer - cy ne - ver ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
*and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.*  
 let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee.  
*cloth - ed then in blood washed lin - en, how I'll sing Thy sov - 'reign grace.*

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;  
*Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:*  
 Prone to wan - der — Lord, I feel it — prone to leave the God I love:  
*Come, my Lord, no long - er tar - ry, take my ran - somed soul a - way;*

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
*he, to res - cue me from dan - ger; in - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.*  
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts a - bove.  
*send Thine an - gels now to car - ry me to realms of end - less day.*

## Call to Confession

Psalm 73:23-26

Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory. Whom have I in heaven but you? And being with you I desire nothing on earth. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

## Corporate Confession

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge before you our sinful nature and our many offenses. We are prone to do evil and slow to do good. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your way, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Lord, we are ashamed and sorry for all the ways that we have displeased you. Father, teach us to hate our rebellious acts, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of your Son. Help us to love you with all our heart and mind and strength. And give us the power of your Holy Spirit so that we may walk in your ways and serve you all of our days.

## Silent Confession

## Words of Assurance

Romans 3:21-22a

*But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.*

## 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

## Scripture Reading

Philippians 1:20-26; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

# 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

## Chorus

Words and Music by Matt Redman and Jonas Myrin

Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh— my soul. Wor-ship His ho - ly name.  
Sing like ne-ver be-fore, oh my soul. I wor-ship Your ho - ly name.  
The sun comes up. It's a new day dawn - ing—  
You're rich in love and You're slow to an - ger—  
And on that day when my strength is fail - ing—  
It's time to sing Your song— a - gain. What -  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind. For  
the end draws near and my time has come,  
ev - er may— pass and what - ev - er lies be - fore me,  
all— Your—goodness I will keep on— sing - ing  
Still— my— soul will sing Your praise un-end - ing  
let me be sing - ing when the ev'n - ing comes.  
ten thou - sand rea - sons for my heart to— find. **To Chorus**  
ten thou - sand years and then for - ev - er— more.

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Prayer for Covenant Children

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*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 Intermediate Heaven*  
Revelation 6:9-11; 14:13, 20:4-6

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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

Jude 24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from falling and present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and dominion, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! 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.

# • The Preached Word •

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**Title:** *The Intermediate Heaven*

**Text:** Revelation 6:9-11; 14:13; 20:4-6

**Pastor:** Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 994 in your pew Bible



**Pray for Our Members:**

Curt, Amber, Abigail, Noah, Rachel & Luke Montgomery  
Kathy Moore  
Tate, Stephanie, Miles, Charlie & Tate Morris  
Rob & Ann Morton

**Pray for Our Missionary of the Month:**

Trey and Kiki Adams are planting churches in Thailand; Trey is pastoring a church

**Pray for Those in Need:**

Expecting: Ember Bentley (3/13)

Newborns: Charlee Andree, Grayson Gossett, Perry Singleton, Eden Lyles, Jack Henning, June Adams, Ryder Newell, & Elleanor Freel

Members Caring for Loved Ones: Monni Parrish (dad); Joseph Egloff (mom); Rana Munna (mom); Margaret Rogers (mom); Pam Cook (mom); Rod Baker (Bess)

Recovering/Sick: Dick Manwaring (stroke), Bess Baker (stroke)

Bereaved: Cathy Smith (JC); Madeline Thompson (mom & sister); Carol Dawson (sister); Lynn & Aaron Hogg & Melissa Newell (Jerry); Brad Bibb (mom); Helen Johnson (mom); Rebecca Lober (dad); Becky Gorman (Randy)

Our Leaders: the Session, Diaconate, and Staff; our local, state and federal governmental officials

# • Discipleship Opportunities •

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## Spring Sunday School Schedule

- 2-3 Year Old: *God's Son* taught by Amy Peed in Room 112
- 4k-2nd: *Jesus is God's Son* taught by Jill Bloodworth, Hays & Andrea Fyke and Matt & Megan Cathey in Room 121
- 3rd-5th: *The Biggest Story* taught by Myra Baker & Beth McSween 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: *The Gospel of Mark* taught by Steven Bloodworth, Cal Garretson, Tate Morris & Hunter Stevenson in the Fellowship Hall
- Older Adults: *The Good News We Almost Forgot* taught by Ed Grimsley, Neal Ham & Howard Reed in MC #2
- Senior Adults: *The Good News We Almost Forgot* 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

Adult Bible Study on Romans taught by Rev. Eric Freel

*Menu: Chicken Pot Pic, Rice, Salad, Rolls & Brownies*

## Men's Small Groups

- Life Together: A Classic Exploration of Christian Community* - led by Charlie Parrish, meeting on Sundays at 6:15 PM, beginning Sunday, January 7
- A Study of James* - led by Bert Barnes & Steven Bloodworth, meeting on Tuesdays at 6:15 AM, beginning Tuesday, January 9
- What Did You Expect?: Redecmng the Realities of Marriage* - led by Cal Garretson, meeting on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM, beginning on Wed, Jan 10
- Counterfeit Gods* - led by Howard Reed & Tommy James, meeting on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM, beginning Wednesday, January 10
- A Study of First Samuel* - Led by Rick Funk and Josh Buckner, meeting on Thursdays at 6:45 AM, beginning Thursday, January 11.

## Women's Bible Studies on 1 Peter

- Wednesday AM** - led by Anna Barnes, Mary Clare Freel & Murray Todd, beginning Wednesday, January 17 at 10:00 AM
- Wednesday PM** - led by Laura Adams, Kaleigh Freel, Robin Henning, Amy Self & Heather Stevenson, beginning Wednesday, January 17 at 6:30 PM
- Friday AM** - led by Myra Baker & Pat Jenkins, beginning Friday, January 12 at 10:00 AM

## • Announcements •

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**Monday Morning Prayer** - We will gather for prayer at 9 AM tomorrow morning.

**Youth Ministry Progressive Dinner** - Students in 6th-12th grades are invited to join us for our "Ring in the New Year Progressive Dinner" this Wed, Jan 17 from 6:00-9:30 PM.

**North Macon Preschool** - Registration for the 2024-2025 school year began January 10th for current families and church members. We will open it up to the community on February 1st. Applications can be found on the website or in the preschool office. Please direct any questions to our Preschool Director, Holly Shepley (holly@nmpc.net).

**Financials for 2023** - Our income was \$1,377,400 and our expenses were \$1,300,560. Thank you for your generous giving!

**Flowers** - The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Margaret Killen Adams (Mother Marg) by her granddaughter, Margaret (Mcg) Adams Baxter.



# 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.

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## Session

Cal Garretson<sup>25</sup>  
Neal Ham<sup>24\*</sup>  
Tommy James<sup>25\*</sup>

Paul McCommon<sup>26\*</sup>  
Rob Morton<sup>26\*</sup>  
Charlie Parrish<sup>25</sup>  
Howard Reed<sup>26\*</sup>

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## Diaconate

Joshua Buckner<sup>25</sup>  
Lee Burch<sup>24</sup>

Rick Funk<sup>25</sup>  
Hays Fyke<sup>25\*</sup>

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*The number indicates the officer's class; \*indicates the officer is at the end of a 2nd term and will roll off*

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## Staff

Every Member, *Ministers*  
Hunter Stevenson, *Senior Pastor*  
Bob Brunson, *Executive Pastor*  
Mark Ballard, *Youth Director*  
Bryce Little, *Youth Assistant*  
Megan Cathey, *Children's Ministry Director*

Kathy Pye, *Church Secretary*  
Monni Parrish, *Administrator,  
Financial Director & Pianist*  
Melanie Buckner, *Music Director*  
Holly Shepley, *North Macon  
Preschool Director*

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