

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

January 21, 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.

*Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—
in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.
For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.
1 Corinthians 15:51-52*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Revelation 7:9-12

Pastor: After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb.

People: **They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.**

Pastor: And they cried out in a loud voice:

People: **Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!**

Pastor: All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying:

People: **Amen! Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks, honor and power and strength, be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!**

*Praise Hymn

#310– *Rejoice, the Lord is King*

*Invocation

Rev. Bob Brunson

** those who are able please stand*

Q. 87. Christian, what are we to believe concerning the resurrection?

- A. We are to believe, that at the Last Day
there shall be a general resurrection of the dead,
both of the just and unjust.
At that time those who are found alive will be changed in a moment,
and the same bodies of the dead that were laid in the grave
will then be united to their souls again forever,
raised up by the power of Christ.
The bodies of the just, by the Spirit of Christ,
and by virtue of his resurrection as their head,
will be raised in power,
and will be spiritual, incorruptible, and made like his glorious body.
The bodies of the wicked will be raised up in dishonor by him,
as an offended judge.

Q. 90. What will be done to the righteous at the day of judgment?

- A. At the day of judgment, the righteous,
being caught up to Christ in the clouds,
will be set on his right hand,
and having been openly acknowledged and acquitted,
they will join with him in judging reprobate angels and people.
They will be received into heaven,
where they will be fully and forever freed from all sin and misery,
filled with inconceivable joys,
made perfectly holy and happy both in body and soul,
in the company of innumerable saints and holy angels,
but especially in the immediate vision and presence of
God the Father, of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit,
to all eternity.
This is the perfect and full communion
that the members of the invisible church will enjoy
with Christ in glory at the resurrection and day of judgment. Amen.

He Will Hold Me Fast

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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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Call to Confession

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

Corporate Confession

Heavenly Father, you have commanded us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, to live self-controlled and godly lives in all gentleness and kindness, speaking evil of no one and avoiding quarrels. But we confess that we often let this former way of life creep into the present. We have been foolish and disobedient; we have allowed ourselves to be led astray by the evil one; we have fallen prey to various passions and pleasures. And so we have become bitter and angry, full of envy and hateful to one another. Gracious Father, turn our hearts back to you. Renew us by your Holy Spirit that we might live as heirs of the glory of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Isaiah 44:22-23

I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist.

Return to me, for I have redeemed you.

Sing for joy, you heavens, for the LORD has done this! Shout aloud, you earth beneath!

*Burst into song, you mountains, you forest and all your trees,
for the LORD has redeemed Jacob! He displays his glory in Israel!*

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.

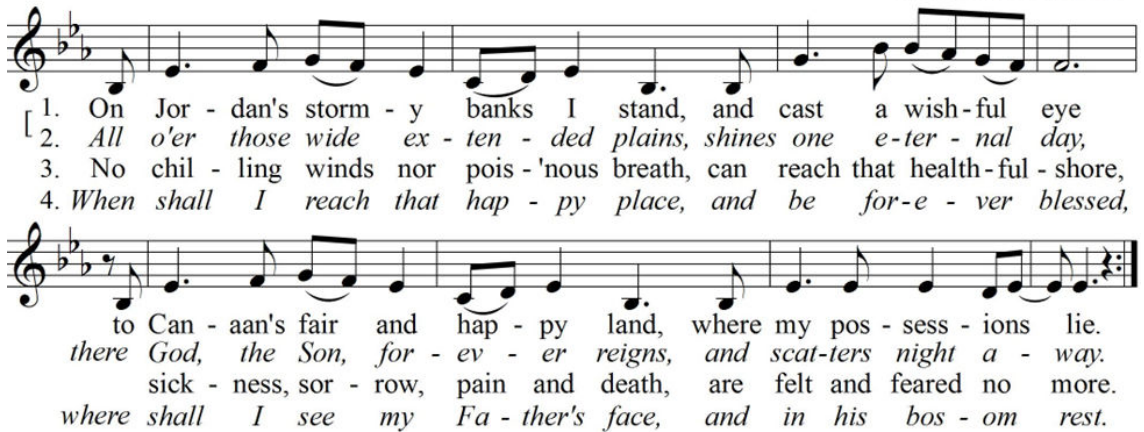
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Scripture Reading

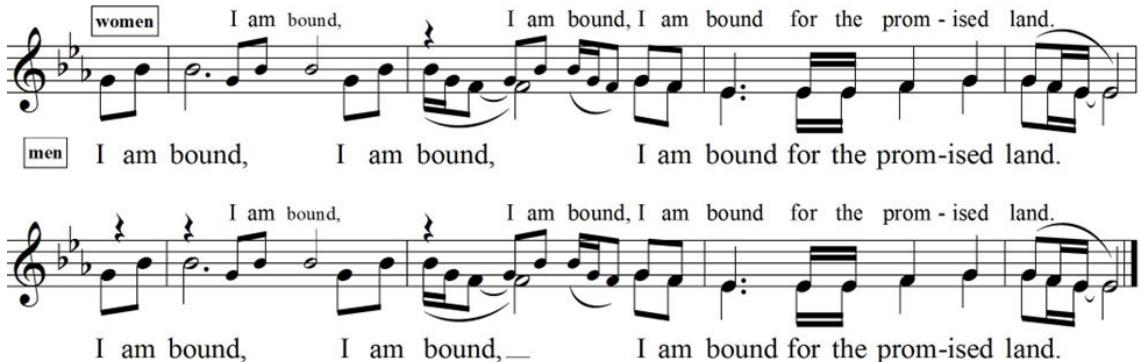
Romans 8:18-25 & Philippians 3:20-21 & Job 19:23-27
page 916, 952, 414 in the pew Bible

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

S. Stennett and C. Miner



1. On Jor - dan's storm - y banks I stand, and cast a wish - ful eye
2. All o'er those wide ex - ten - ded plains, shines one e - ter - nal day,
3. No chil - ling winds nor pois - 'nous breath, can reach that health - ful - shore,
4. When shall I reach that hap - py place, and be for - e - ver blessed,
to Can - aan's fair and hap - py land, where my pos - sess - ions lie.
there God, the Son, for - ev - er reigns, and scat - ters night a - way.
sick - ness, sor - row, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.
where shall I see my Fa - ther's face, and in his bos - om rest.



women I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the prom - ised land.
men I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the prom - ised land.
I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the prom - ised land.

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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.

Sermon

Resurrected Bodies
1 Corinthians 15:35-58

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Hymn of Response

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death



What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a-
What truth can calm the trou-bled soul? God is good, God is
Un - to the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He



lone. What is our on - ly con - fi - dence? That our souls to Him be-
good. Where is His grace and good-ness known? In our great Re-deem-er's
lives!" And what re - ward will heav - en bring? Ev - er - last - ing life with



long. Who holds our days with - in His hand? What comes, a -
blood. Who holds our faith when fears a - rise? Who stands a -
Him. There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and



part from His com-mand? And what will keep us to the
bove the storm - y trial? Who sends the waves that bring us
death will be de - stroyed, And we will feast in end - less



end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.____
nigh un - to the shore, the rock of Christ_____ O sing ha - le-
joy, When Christ is ours for - ev - er - more.____



lu-jah! Our hope springs e - ter-nal; O sing ha - le - lu - jah! Now and



ev - er we con - fess Christ our hope in life and death.

***Benediction**

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. 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 •

Title: *Resurrected Bodies*

Text: 1 Corinthians 15:35-58

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 934 in your pew Bible

Pray for Our Members:

Rana Munna & Joseph Egloff
Dustin, Melissa, Emerson, Lakelyn & Ryder Newell; Harley Langford
Greg & Cherri Nix
Kim Noegel

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 (3/7)

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); 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)

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

• Discipleship Opportunities •

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 & 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: Pork Loin, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad Bar, Rolls & Apple Caramel Cobbler

Men's Small Groups

Life Together: Sundays at 6:15 PM, Conference Room

A Study of James: Tuesdays at 6:15 AM, Conference Room

What Did You Expect: Wednesdays at 6:30 PM, sanctuary classroom (piano side)

Counterfeit Gods: Wednesdays at 6:30 PM, old conference room

A Study of First Samuel: Thursdays at 6:45 AM, Conference Room

Women's Bible Studies on 1 Peter

Wednesday AM Study: weekly at 10:00 AM, Conference Room

Wednesday PM Study: weekly at 6:30 PM, Conference Room

Friday AM Study: weekly at 10:00 AM, Conference Room

• Announcements •

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

North Macon Preschool Registration - 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 are on the website or in the preschool office. Contact our Preschool Director, Holly Shepley (holly@nmpe.net) with any questions.

Father/Child Mercer Basketball Game - It's a slam dunk for dads! On Saturday, February 3 at 2:00 PM, we will meet at Mercer University to cheer on the Bears and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship and fun. Tickets are \$5 per person/\$15 per family max. Please register on REALM or contact Megan Cathey.

Men's Retreat - NMPC men are encouraged to save the dates of March 1-3, 2024 (Fri-Sun), for our first Men's Retreat. The weekend get-away will focus on God's calling to men as leaders in their families, communities, and church. Mark the dates now and listen up for more information to follow.

Financials for 2023 - Our income was \$1,377,421 and our expenses were \$1,319,471. Thank you for your generous giving to NMPC!



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
Neal Ham^{24*}
Tommy James^{25*}

Paul McCommon^{26*}
Rob Morton^{26*}
Charlie Parrish²⁵
Howard Reed^{26*}

Diaconate

Joshua Buckner²⁵
Lee Burch²⁴

Rick Funk²⁵
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*
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
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