



THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

January 28, 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.

*If God is for us, who can be against us?
Romans 8:31*

Preclude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Bob Brunson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 46

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble.

People: **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.**

Pastor: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.

People: **God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.**

Pastor: Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; He lifts his voice, the earth melts.

People: **The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Pastor: Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in all the earth.

People: **The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

*Praise Hymn

#92 – A Mighty Fortress is Our God

*Invocation

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** those who are able please stand*

Q. Christian, what do you understand by the providence of God?

A. Providence is the almighty and ever present power of God,
by which he upholds—as with his hand—
heaven and earth and all creatures;
and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought,
fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness,
prosperity and poverty—all things, in fact,
come to us not by chance, but from his fatherly hand.

Q. How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

A. We can be patient when things go against us,
thankful when things go well,
and for the future we can have good confidence
in our faithful God and Father,
that nothing will separate us from his love.
All creatures are so completely in his hand,
that without his will, they can neither move nor be moved.

*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.*

Call to Confession

1 John 1:8-10

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

Corporate Confession

O most great, most just, and most gracious God, your eyes are too pure to look at iniquity. Yet you have promised mercy through Jesus Christ to all that repent and believe in him. We confess that we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. We have neglected and abused your holy worship. We have dealt unjustly and unlovingly with our neighbors. We have not sought first your kingdom. You have revealed your wonderful love to us in Christ and have offered us pardon and salvation in him; but we have turned away. We have run into temptation. The sin that we should have hated, we have committed. Have mercy on us, most merciful Father! In your Son is our salvation, and in your promises are our hope. Remind us that we are your children, and make us alive with your Holy Spirit, and in the end, receive us into your glory, through Jesus Christ our only Savior. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

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

*Hymn of Preparation

Isaiah 43

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1. When you pass through the wa-ters, I will be with you. And the
2. When you walk through the fire, you'll not be burned. And the



waves will not ov-er-come you. Do not fear for I have re-
flames will not con - sume you. Do not fear for I have re-



deemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine.
deemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine.



Women: I am the Lord your God.

Men: For I am the Lord your God. I am the Lord your



God. I am the Ho-ly One of Is-ra-el, your Sa - vior. I am the Lord.



fear. Do not fear. Do not fear. Do not fear.

I am the Lord. I am the Lord. I am the Lord.

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Bob Brunson

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

Kingdom Thinkers
Matthew 6:33

Rev. Eric Freeland

*Hymn of Response

#642 - *Be Thou My Vision*

*Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 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.

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.* We are so glad you came to worship with us today!

• The Preached Word •

Title: *Kingdom Thinkers*

Text: Matthew 6:33

Pastor: Rev. Eric Freel

pg. 788 in the pew Bible

North Macon Presbyterian Church

NMPC exists to glorify and enjoy God, love and equip His people for the work of His ministry, and make disciples of all nations.

More specifically, NMPC seeks to glorify God and make disciples by...

Providing a Home

- Warm & welcoming
- Connected & caring for one another
- Vulnerable & gracious

Proclaiming the Gospel

- Christ-centered worship & expository preaching
- Classes to educate, encourage & equip
- Small Groups to disciple & deepen relationships

Partnering with Ministries

- North Macon Preschool
- *RUF, STF, CCS, EE, CC and OOD*
- 20 Missionaries & 2 short-term Mission Trips
- Central GA Presbytery & General Assembly

*Local Ministries

RUF – Reformed University Fellowship (Mercer, Wesleyan, CSU & VSU)

STF – Strong Tower Fellowship

CCS – Covenant Care Services

EE – Evangelism Explosion

CC – Campus Clubs

OOD – Out of Darkness

Pray for Our Members:

Andrei & Caitlin Parrish
Charlie, Monni & Nicole Parrish
Seth, Amy, Henry, Lewis & Caroline Peed
Will, Molly, Noah, Annie & Amelia Prestwood

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: Taco Salad & Peach 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.

Jonathan Wisdom - One of our former members & worship leaders, Jonathan Wisdom, is being ordained as a Teaching Elder at New Covenant PCA in Anderson, SC today and Pastor Hunter is participating in the service. Congratulations to Jonathan & Emily!

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!



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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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