

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

January 7, 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.

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel,
because it is the power of God that brings salvation
to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.
Romans 1:16*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Bob Brunson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 117

Pastor: Praise the LORD, all you nations! Extol him, all you peoples!

People: **For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD
endures forever. Praise the LORD!**

*Praise Hymn

#1 - All People That on Earth Do Dwell

*Invocation

Dr. David Todd

** those who are able please stand*

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe?

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God;
begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven;
He became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.

He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;

He suffered and was buried;

The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.

He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead.

His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.

He proceeds from the Father and the Son,

and with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified;

He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,

and to life in the world to come. Amen.

The Nicene Creed is a statement of the orthodox faith of the early Christian church in opposition to certain heresies, especially Arianism, which taught that neither Jesus nor the Holy Spirit were divine. In its present form this creed goes back partially to the Council of Nicea (A.D. 325) with additions by the Council of Constantinople (A.D. 381). It was accepted in its present form at the Council of Chalcedon in 451.

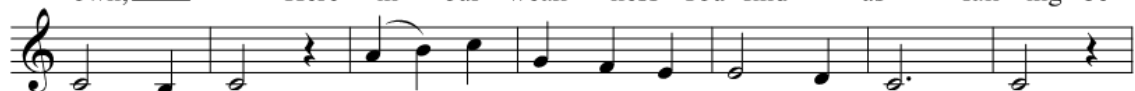
Wonderful, Merciful Savior



1. Won - der - ful, mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, pre - cious Re - deem - er and
 2. Coun - se - lor, Com - fort - er, Keep - er, Spir - it we long to em -
 3. Al - might - y, in - fin - ite Fa - ther, faith - ful - ly lov - ing Your



Friend; — Who would have thought that a Lamb could res - cue the
 brace; — You of - fer hope when our hearts have hope - less - ly
 own; — Here in our weak - ness You find us fall - ing be -



souls of men? Oh, — You res - cue the souls of men. — (to vs. 2)
 lost the way. Oh, — we hope - less - ly lost the way. —
 fore Your throne. Oh, — we're fall - ing be - fore Your throne. —



You are the One that we praise, — You are the One we a - dore. —



— You give the heal - ing and grace our hearts al - ways hun - ger



for, oh, — our hearts al - ways hun - ger for.

Call to Prayer

Psalm 95:6-7

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, he flock under his care.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Dr. David Todd

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

Isaiah 55
page 602 in the pcw Bible

*Hymn of Preparation

#565 - All For Jesus

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

The Myth of the Comfortable Life
Philippians 1:12-18a

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.

Lord Jesus, I want to become your follower. I come to You acknowledging I am a sinner justly deserving eternal condemnation. I realize there is nothing I can do to make myself acceptable to you through my own efforts. I believe you are God the Son who became a man, lived a perfect life, and then allowed Yourself to be crucified. I believe that as You hung on the cross, God the Father, knowing all about me, took all my sins—past, present, and future—and put them on You, and punished You in my place. I believe You took the wrath of God for me, and you died. I believe your body was placed in a tomb, but after paying for all my sins, You came back from the dead and are alive forevermore. I trust You to save me from my sins and the condemnation I deserve. You are able to do that because You were condemned in my place. I ask You to forgive my sins and give me the gift of eternal life with You. I ask You to save me to a new life lived with and for You. Thank You for Your love. Give me the grace I need so that I might learn Your ways and follow You every day. Amen.

*Hymn of Response

*O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus
printed on page 6*

*Benediction

2 Thessalonians 3:16

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way.
The Lord be with all of you. 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

Oh the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Samuel T. Francis/Bob Kauflin

Oh the deep, deep love of Je - sus, vast un-meas - ured, bound-less free,
Oh the deep, deep love of Je - sus, spread His praise from shore to shore,
Oh the deep, deep love of Je - sus, far sur-pass - ing all the rest,
rol - ling as a might - y o - cean in its full - ness o - ver me,
how He came to pay our ran - som through the sav - ing cross He bore;
it's an o - cean full of bless - ing in the midst of e - very test.
un - der neath me all a - round me is the cur - rent of Your love,
how He watch - es o'er His loved ones, those He died to make his own,
Oh the deep, deep love of Je - sus, might - y Sav - ior pre - cious friend,
lead - ing on - ward, lead - ing home - ward to Your glo - rious rest a - bove.
how for them He's in - ter - ce - ding plead - ing now be - fore the throne.
You will bring us home to glo - ry where Your love will ne - ver end.
Oh the deep, deep love, all I need and trust is the deep, deep love of Je - sus.

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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: *The Myth of the Comfortable Life*

Text: Philippians 1:12-18a

Pastor: Rev. Bob Brunson

pg. 951 in your pew Bible

Pray for Our Members:

Boo, Rebecca, Anna Helen & Michael McKelvey
Collier, Meredith, West, Harrison & Ben McKenzie
Beth McSween
John & Joyce Meadows

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, Perry Singleton, Eden Lyles, Jack Henning, June Adams,
Ryder Newell, Eleanor Freel & Ben McKenzie

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 •

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: Roast Beef, Roasted Red Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls & Dessert.

Men's Small Groups

Life Together: A Classic Exploration of Christian Community - led by Charlie Parrish, meeting on Sundays at 6:15 PM at NMPC, beginning Sunday, January 7

A Study of First Samuel - Led by Bert Barnes & Steven Bloodworth, meeting on Tuesdays at 6:15 AM at NMPC, and begins Tuesday, January 9

What Did You Expect?: Redeeming the Realities of Marriage - led by Cal Garretson, meeting on Wednesday's at 6:30 PM at NMPC, beginning on Wed, Jan 10

Counterfeit Gods - led by Howard Reed & Tommy James, meeting on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM at NMPC, beginning Wednesday, January 10

A Study of James - Led by Rick Funk and Josh Buckner, meeting on Thursdays at 6:45 AM at NMPC, 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 •

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!

North Macon Preschool - Registration for the 2024-2025 school year begins 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).

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of our Elders & Deacons by Neal & Willa Ham.



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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