

THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

February 11, 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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*And in Christ you too are being built together to become  
a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.  
Ephesians 2:22*

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### Preclude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

### Introit

Call to Worship

1 Peter 2:4-5, 9-10

Pastor: As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him—

People: **You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

People: **Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.**

*\* those who are able please stand*

# May the Peoples Praise You

Getty, Townend, Cash, and Zimmer



1. [ You have called us out of dark - est night, in - to Your glo - rious  
May our ev - 'ry breath re - tell the grace that broke in - to our
2. [ All the earth is Yours and all with - in, each harv - est is your  
May the seeds of mer - cy grow in us for those who have not
3. This our ho - ly priv - 'lege to de - clare Your prais - es and Your



[ light, that we may sing the won - ders of the ris - en Christ.  
[ strife with bound - less love and deep - est joy, with end - less life.  
[ own, and from Your hand we give to You, to make Christ known.  
[ heard, may songs of praise build lives of grace to spread Your Word.  
Name to ev - 'ry na - tion, tribe, and tongue Your church pro - claim.



**Chorus** May the peo - ples praise You, let the na - tions be - glad!



All Your bless - ing comes that we may praise, may praise the Name of Je - sus.  
*after v. 3 to Bridge*



**Bridge** Ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord Al - might - y. Wor - thy, wor - thy



is the Lamb who was slain. Ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord Al - might - y.



All cre - a - tion praise Your glo - ri - ous Name. May the

**to Chorus**

\*Invocation

Rev. Bob Brunson

\*Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe?

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*The Apostles' Creed was not written by the apostles but is a summary of their teachings.  
It dates back to the 4th century and has been used by the church to identify believers,  
instruct new converts, and provide a confession of faith for worship.*

\*Hymn

#101– Come, Thou Almighty King

LORD, who may dwell in your sanctuary? Who may live on your holy hill? He whose walk is blameless and who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from his heart and has no slander on his tongue, who does his neighbor no wrong and casts no slur on his fellowman, who despises a vile man but honors those who fear the LORD, who keeps his oath even when it hurts, who lends his money without usury and does not accept a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things will never be shaken.

### Corporate Confession

We have sinned against you, O Lord, our Maker, our Defender, and our Redeemer. Our natures are corrupt and sinful; prone to fall away from you, sluggish to do good and swift to do evil. Vain thoughts have come upon us and found lodging within us, defiling and disquieting our minds, and keeping out good thoughts. We have burdened ourselves with that care which you have commanded us to cast upon you. We have failed in our duties one to another, and have provoked one another as much to folly and anger as to love and good works. We have been cold in our love to you, weak in our desires toward you, unsteady in our walking with you, and are even at this time poorly prepared to serve you. We beseech you-- Forgive all our sins, for Christ's sake, and be at peace with us in Him Who died to make peace and lives to make intercession for us. Amen.

### 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

1 Kings 6:11-35  
page 269 in the pcw Bible

## Hymn of Preparation

*Speak, O Lord*

# Speak, O Lord

Townend and Getty



Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re - ceive the food of Your  
*Teach us Lord full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu -*  
Speak, O Lord, and re - new — our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your  
ho - ly word. Take Your truth, plant it deep — in us; — Shape and  
*mil - i - ty. — Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the*  
plans for us. — Truths un - changed from the dawn — of time, that will  
fash - ion us — in Your like — ness, that the light of Christ might be  
*ra - di - ance of Your pur - i - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our*  
e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your  
seen to-day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -  
*eyes to see Your ma - je - stic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can*  
pro - mi - ses, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your  
fill — in us — all Your pur - po - ses for Your glo - ry.  
*ne - ver fail; Let their truth — pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.*  
church — is built, and the earth — is filled with Your glo - ry.

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 Most Holy Place*  
Revelation 21:15-21

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

\*Hymn of Response

#355 - *We Are God's People*

\*Benediction

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word. 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

# • The Preached Word •

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**Title:** *The Most Holy Place*

**Pastor:** Rev. Hunter Stevenson

**Text:** Revelation 21:15-21

pg. 1004 in your pew Bible



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## Prayer Guide

### Providing a Home

Members of the Week:

Chip & Cathy Ridley

Susan Robertson

David, Martha, Harvey & Seaborn Roddenberry

Al & Margaret Rogers

Expecting: Ember Bentley (3/7) & Jessie Schnetzer (7/23)

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

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

Recovering: 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)

### Proclaiming the Gospel

Church's Leaders: The Session, Diaconate, and Staff

Ministry of the Week: Men's Ministry & upcoming retreat (March 1-3)

### Partnering with Ministries

Missionary of the Month: *Stan & Connie Beasley* are with the 18:26 Network Ministry, a division of MTW that focuses on vocational missions

Sister Church of the Week: Dayspring Presbyterian Church (Forsyth)

Campus Ministry of the Week: RUF at Mercer University

Local Ministry Partner of the Week: Campus Clubs

# Discipleship Opportunities

## Spring Sunday School

9:30 – 10:30 AM

2-3 Year-Olds: *God's Son* (room 112). Teacher: Amy Peed

4k-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: *Jesus is God's Son* (room 121). Teachers: Steven & Jill Bloodworth, Hays & Andrea Fyke, Matt & Megan Cathey

3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade: *The Biggest Story* (room 122). Teachers: Myra Baker, Beth McSween

6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade: *I Peter* (youth room). Teachers: Mark Ballard, Bryce Little

Young Adults: *Let's Study I Corinthians* (Modular Classroom 1)

Middle Adults: *The Gospel of Mark* (Fellowship Hall)

Older Adults: *The Good News We Almost Forgot*, part 2 (Modular Classroom 2)

Senior Adults: *The Good News We Almost Forgot*, part 1 (Conference Room)

## Women's Bible Studies

*I Peter: A Living Hope in Christ*, Wednesday Mornings, 10 am (Conference Room)

*I Peter: A Living Hope in Christ* Wednesday Evenings, 6:30 pm (Conference Room)

*I Peter: A Living Hope in Christ*, Friday Mornings, 10 am (Conference Room)

## Men's Small Groups

*A Study of James*, Tuesday mornings, 6:30 am (Conference Room).

*A Study of 1 Samuel*, Thursday mornings, 6:45 am (Conference Room)

*Life Together: The Classic Exploration of Christian Community*, Sunday evenings, 6:15 pm (Conference Room)

*What Did You Expect? Redeeming the Realities of Marriage*, Wednesday evenings, 6:30 pm (Conference Room)

*Counterfeit Gods: The Empty Promises of Money, Sex, and Power, and the Only Hope that Matters*, Wednesday evenings (old Conference Room).

## Wednesday Nights @ NMPC

Join us for dinner with the church family at 5:45, then stay for Catechism Club for children (pre-K - 5<sup>th</sup> grade), Youth Group (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade), or Adult Bible Study in Romans with Eric Freel at 6:30. Dinner is \$5/adults/teen, \$2/child, with a family max \$15.

Menu: Chicken with lemon butter mushroom sauce, rice, oven roasted vegetables, full salad bar, rolls & Valentine dessert

## Announcements

**Welcome, Guests!** – We are so glad you’ve come to worship with us today! Please feel free to speak with one of the pastors after the service. They would be glad to answer any questions you may have and would enjoy meeting you. Be sure to sign the Book of Friendship when it’s passed during the offering time this morning so we can say thank you for joining us in worship today.

**Monday Morning Prayer** – Each Monday we gather at 9 AM in the conference room to pray for the needs of the congregation and the work of the church—come join us tomorrow!

**Faith Promise** - The way NMPC supports its 20 missionaries around the world is through Faith Promise giving. Ask the Lord how much He would have you contribute to the spread of the gospel around the world this year, and then commit to give that amount as God provides. You’re welcome to turn in a response card anytime before Sun, Feb 25. Extra cards are available in the narthex.

**A Heart for Ministry** - The NMPC Women’s Ministry is hosting “A Heart for Ministry,” a celebration of our local ministry partnerships, for the whole church family on Sun, Feb 25 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a panel discussion with representatives from 5 local ministries, with an emphasis on volunteer opportunities. Dessert and coffee will be served, and childcare will be available. Register on Realm or stop by the table in the narthex today.

**Men’s Retreat** – Registration continues this week for our inaugural Men’s Retreat, March 1-3, 2024 (Fri-Sun) at Little Ocmulgee State Park & Lodge in McRae-Helena. The weekend get-away will focus on God’s calling to men as leaders in their families, communities, and church with speaker Eric Freel, along with plenty of time for fellowship and fun as well. The cost will be \$200 per person (double occupancy), or \$400 if you prefer a single room. Dads are welcome to bring their high-school aged sons too. Register on Realm or stop by the table in the Narthex today.

**Sanctuary Flowers** - There are plenty of dates available in 2024 to place flowers in memory or in honor of a loved. The suggested donation for a Sunday arrangement is \$75; please provide at least two-weeks’ notice to allow time to order materials from the florist. To schedule a date, contact Kathy Pye in the church office at [kathy@nmpc.net](mailto:kathy@nmpc.net) or 478-477-7777.

<b>January Finances</b> - Income:	\$ 133,523	Faith Promise giving:	\$ 2,543
	Expenses: \$ 87,143	Needed by June:	\$ 28,950

**Church App** – The best way to stay up-to-date and informed is by downloading our church’s app, Realm Connect. To request instructions on how to download the app, email Monni in the church office at [monni@nmpc.net](mailto:monni@nmpc.net).



# 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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