

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

February 18, 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 the earth will be filled with the knowledge
of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.
Habakkuk 2:14*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 108:1-5

Pastor: My heart is steadfast, O God. I will sing and make music with all my soul!

People: **Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn.**

Pastor: I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples.

People: **For great is your love, higher than the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies!**

Pastor: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, and let your glory be over all the earth.

* *those who are able please stand*

Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him

Praise the Lord: ye heav'ns a - dore him, praise him, an - gels, in — the
Praise the Lord, for he is glo - rious; ne - ver shall his pro - mise
Wor - ship, hon - or, glo - ry, bless - ing, Lord, we of - fer un - to
height; sun and moon re - jice be - fore — him; praise him all ye
fail: God hath made his saints vic - to - rious; sin and death shall
thee; young and old, — thy praise ex - press - ing, in glad hom - age
stars of light. Praise the Lord, for he hath spo - ken; worlds his
not — pre - vail. Praise the God of our sal - va - tion; hosts on
bend the knee. All the saints in heav'n a - dore thee; we would
might - y voice o - beyed: laws — which ne - ver shall be
high, his pow'r pro - claim; heav'n and earth and all — cre -
bow — be - fore — thy throne: as — thine an - gels serve be -
bro - ken for their guid - dance hath he made.
a - tion, laud and mag - ni - fy his name.
fore — — — — — thee, so on earth — — — — — thy will be done.

Q. Christian, what is your only comfort in life and death?

A. That I am not my own,
but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.
He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven;
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.
Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.

*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.*

*Hymn

#32 - Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Call to Confession

Isaiah 57:15

For this is what the high and exalted One says—he who lives forever, whose name is holy: I live in a high and holy place, but also with the one who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.

Corporate Confession

Holy Father, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of you and for ignoring your immensity and greatness. Lord Jesus, forgive us when we forget that you rule the nations and our small lives. Holy Spirit, we offend you in minimizing your power and squandering your gifts. We confess that our blindness to your glory, O triune God, has resulted in shallow confession, tepid conviction, and only mild repentance. Have mercy upon us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Isaiah 1:18

Come now, let us settle the matter, says the LORD. Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.

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

Isaiah 60:1-22
page 606 in your pew Bible

Behold Our God

Baird and Altrogge



Who has held the o - ceans in his hands? Who has num - bered ev - 'ry grain of sand?
Who has gi - ven coun - sel to the Lord? Who can ques - tion an - y of his words?
 Who has felt the nails up - on His hands, bear - ing all the guilt of sin - ful man?



Kings and na - tions trem - ble at his voice. All cre - a - tion ris - es to re - joice.
Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fath - om all his won - drous deeds?
 God e - ter - nal hum - bled to the grave, Je - sus, Sav - ior, ri - sen now to reign!



Chorus: Be - hold our God. seat - ed on his throne. Come let us a - dore Him.



Be - hold our King, noth - ing can com - pare, come, let us a - dore _____ Him!



Men: You will reign for - ev - er, Je - sus Christ our Sav - ior.
Women: *Let your glo - ry fill the earth. All cre - a - tion sings Your worth.*



You will reign for - ev - er, _____ Je - sus Christ our Sav - ior. Be -
Let your glo - ry fill the earth. All cre - a - tion sings,



hold our God. seat - ed on his throne. Come let us a - dore Him.



Be - hold our King, noth - ing can com - pare, come, let us a - dore Him! Be -

*(repeat
chorus)*

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 City of the LORD
Revelation 21:22-27

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Hymn of Response

Oh Church Arise (Arise, Shine)
printed on page 7

*Benediction

Revelation 1:5b-6

Now to him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! 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

O Church Arise (Arise, Shine)

Getty, Tomlin and Townend




1. O Church, a - rise, and put your ar - mour on; Hear the
2. *Our call to war; to love the cap - tive soul, but to*
3. Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the
4. *So Spi - rit come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give*—



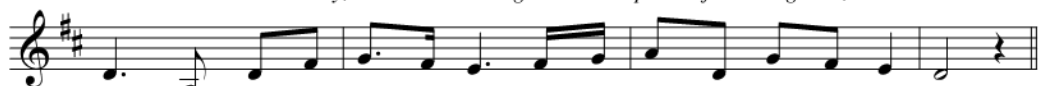
call of Christ our Cap - tain. For now the weak can say that
rage a - gainst the cap - tor; And with the sword that makes the
Son of God is strick - en; Then see his foes lie crushed be -
grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle, that we may run with faith to



they are strong in the strength that God has gi - ven. With shield of
wound - ed whole, we will fight with faith and val - or. When faced with
neath his feet, for the Con - quer - or has ri - sen! And as the
win the prize of a ser - vant good and faith - ful. As saints of




faith and belt of Truth, we'll stand a - gainst the de - vil's lies; An ar - my
trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the out - come is se - cure, and Christ will
stone is rolled a - way and Christ e - mer - ges from the grave, this vic - t'ry
old still line the way, re - tell - ing tri - umphs of His grace, we hear their



bold, whose bat - tle cry is love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness. *(to vs. 2)*
have the prize for which he died, an in - her - i - tance of na - tions. (chorus)
march con - ti - nues 'til the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see Him. *(to vs. 4)*
calls and hun - ger for the day when with Christ we stand in Glo - ry. (chorus)

CHORUS



A - rise, shine, for your Light has come. A - rise,
shine for the ris - en - Son. Lift your eyes, we are His
ra - diant bride. A - rise O Church, a - rise.

• The Preached Word •

Title: *The City of the LORD*

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Text: Revelation 21:22-27

pg. 1004 in your pew Bible

Prayer Guide

Providing a Home

Members of the Week:

Terry & Donna Rohn

Ryan, Jessie, Evie, Emerson, Elle & Frankie Schnetzer

Shane, Amy, Dalton & Colby Self

Matt, Holly, Lucy, Simon, Luke & Clifton Jake Shepley

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), Bill Lober (surgery)

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: Women's Ministry & upcoming "A Heart For Ministry" Event

Partnering with Ministries

Missionary of the Month: *Stan & Connie Beasley* are mobilizers for MTW's Southeast Hub, developing new missionaries and encouraging local congregations in their missions efforts

Sister Church of the Week: Strong Tower Fellowship (Macon)

Campus Ministry of the Week: RUF at Valdosta State University

Local Ministry Partner of the Week: Covenant Care

Discipleship Opportunities

Spring Sunday School

9:30 – 10:30 AM

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

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

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

6th-12th 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 - 5th grade), Youth Group (6th-12th 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: Hamburger & Hot Dog Bar, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Salad Bar & 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.

Closures This Week: The church office will be closed tomorrow for Presidents’ Day, and the church parking lot will be unavailable on Monday and Tuesday so that we can reseal the asphalt and add additional handicap parking spaces. We’ll return to normal operation on Wednesday.

No Monday Morning Prayer Tomorrow – We won’t be meeting tomorrow, but Monday Prayer will resume the following Monday at 9 AM in the conference room—come join us!

Faith Promise - Faith Promise is how we each indicate the amount we are trusting God to provide this year to enable us to support global missions here at NMPC. The deadline for submitting your Faith Promise card is next Sunday, February 25. Extra Faith Promise cards are available in the narthex, & there is a digital option available on the Realm Connect app as well.

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. Registration continues on Realm Connect, or register in person at the sign-up 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. For more information or to register, checkout the post on Realm Connect or stop by the table in the Narthex.

Sacred Road Mission Trip: Registration applications for this year’s mission trip to serve the Yakima people with Sacred Road Ministries are available through the Realm Connect app and in the Narthex today. The trip is planned for June 1-8, and is open to youth and adults of NMPC.

Caregiver Support Group – Are you a caregiver for an aging parent, an ailing spouse, or someone else in need of care? Join us the third Tuesday of each month, 10:30 am-noon, as we meet to support and pray for one another during this challenging season. Men are welcome too. For more information, email Becky Gorman at bgormanuga@gmail.com.

Sanctuary Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Pat Jenkins for 20 years of leadership in the Ladies’ Friday Morning Bible Study by the Ladies’ Friday Morning Bible Study Group and the Women’s Ministry Bible Study Committee.

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.