

THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

February 25, 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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*For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd;  
He will lead them to springs of living water.  
And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.  
Revelation 7:17*

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### Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

### Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-7a

- Pastor: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD! Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation!
- People: **Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song!**
- Pastor: For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.
- People: **In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.**
- Pastor: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.
- People: **Come, let us bow down in worship! Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker!**
- Pastor: For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

# Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY/Henry Van Dyke



Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
*All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,*  
 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,  
*Mor - tals join the might - y cho - rus, which the morn - ing stars be - gan;*



Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, open - ing to the sun a - bove.  
*Stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cent - er of un - bro - ken praise;*  
 Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!  
*Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us, broth - er love binds man to man.*



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.  
*Field and for - est, vale and mount - ain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,*  
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;  
*Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife;*



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
*Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.*  
 Teach us how to love each oth - er; lift us to the joy di - vine.  
*Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.*

Q. Christian, how is our baptism to be improved by us?

A. The needful but much neglected duty of improving our baptism, is to be performed by us all our life long, especially in the time of temptation, and when we are present at the administration of it to others;

by serious and thankful consideration of the nature of it, and of the ends for which Christ instituted it, the privileges and benefits conferred and sealed thereby, and our solemn vow made therein;

by being humbled for our sinful defilement, our falling short of, and walking contrary to, the grace of baptism, and our engagements;

by growing up to assurance of pardon of sin, and of all other blessings sealed to us in that sacrament;

by drawing strength from the death and resurrection of Christ, into whom we are baptized, for the mortifying of sin, and quickening of grace;

and by endeavoring to live by faith, to have our conversation in holiness and righteousness, as those that have therein given up their names to Christ; and to walk in brotherly love, as being baptized by the same Spirit into one body. Amen.

*The Westminster Larger Catechism expresses the truths of the Bible in summary form. It was comprised at the Westminster Assembly in London (1643-1648), and it sets forth the doctrinal standards of our church and our denomination, the Presbyterian Church in America.*

\*Hymn

*My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness*

## My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness

Townend and Getty



My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who bore my pain;  
*My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who walks be - side;*  
My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who reigns a - bove;



Who plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and gave me life a - gain;  
*Who floods my weak-ness - es with strength and caus-es\_\_ fears to fly.*  
Whose wis - dom is my per-fect peace, whose ev - 'ry\_\_ thought is love.



Who crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness and clothed me\_\_ with his light  
*Whose ev - 'ry pro - mise is e - nough for ev - 'ry step I take.*  
For ev - 'ry day I have on earth is giv - en by the King.



and wrote his law of right-eous - ness with pow'r up - on my heart.  
*Sus - tain - ing me with arms of love and crown - ing me with grace.*  
So I will give my life, my all, to love and fol - low Him.

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Sacrament of Baptism

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Charlotte Joyce Andree*

Congregational Prayer

*Take My Life and Let It Be*

*Take her life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee  
Take her moments and her days; let them flow in ceaseless praise  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

## Call to Prayer

John 7:37-39

On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice: Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink! Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within him. By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

## 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

Ezekiel 47:1-12  
*page 717 in your pew Bible*

## \*Hymn of Preparation

*Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*  
*printed on page 6*

## 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

*Abundant Life*  
Revelation 22:1-5

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

## \*Hymn of Response

*#699 - Like A River Glorious*

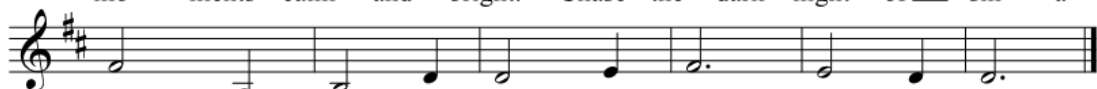
# Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts



Je - sus, Thou joy of lov - ing hearts, Thou fount of  
*Thy truth un - changed hath ev - er stood, Thou sav - est*  
 We taste of Thee, O liv - ing bread and long to  
*Our rest - less spi - rits yearn for Thee, where' - er our*  
 O Je - sus ev - er with us stay, make all our



life, Thou light of men From the best bliss that earth im -  
*those that on Thee call. To them that seek Thee Thou art*  
 feast u - pon Thee still. We drink of Thee the foun - tain -  
*change - ful lot is cast Glad when Thy gra - cious smile we*  
 mo - ments calm and bright. Chase the dark night of sin a -



parts, we turn un - filled to Thee a - gain.  
*good, to them that find Thee all in all.*  
 head and thirst our souls from Thee to fill.  
*see, blessed when our faith can hold Thee fast.*  
 way, shed over the world Thy ho - ly light.

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## \*Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up the light of His countenance upon you and give you peace, now and forevermore. 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:** *Abundant Life*

**Text:** Revelation 22:1-5

**Pastor:** Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 1005 in your pew Bible



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## Prayer Guide

### Providing a Home

Members of the Week:

Mike & Cheryl Simmons  
Chase, Katie, Eli & Perry Singleton  
Cathy Smith  
Matt, Ashlee, Maddie & Reid Smith

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: Music & Worship Ministry (especially the Ensemble's preparations for Good Friday & Easter)

### 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: First Presbyterian Church (Macon)

Campus Ministry of the Week: RUF at Columbus State University

Local Ministry Partner of the Week: Evangelism Explosion

# 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: Bar-b-que, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Buns, Chips, Salad Bar & Cookies

## 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 to pray for the needs of the congregation and the work of the church at 9AM in the conference room—come join us!

**Faith Promise - Today is the Day!** 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. If you can, please turn in your Faith Promise card during the offering time today so we can make final support plans for the year. 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 is Tonight** - The NMPC Women's Ministry is hosting "A Heart for Ministry," a celebration of our local ministry partnerships, for the whole church family tonight at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We look forward to seeing you then!

**Men's Retreat** – Registration has been strong for our inaugural Men's Retreat coming up next weekend, March 1-3, 2024 (Fri-Sun), at Little Ocmulgee State Park & Lodge in McRae-Helena. A few spaces are still available, so check out the post on Realm Connect or stop by the table in the narthex after the service today to register.

**Sacred Road Mission Trip:** We will once again be sending a team this summer to Sacred Road Ministries in White Swan, Washington to minister to the Yakama Tribe of Native Americans. Registration applications for this year's mission trip are available on the Realm Connect app as well as in the narthex today. The trip is planned for June 1-8, and is open to youth and adults of NMPC.

**Sanctuary Flowers** - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Neal & Willa Ham.

**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@nmipc.net](mailto:monni@nmipc.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.

## 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>

## Diaconate

Joshua Buckner<sup>25</sup>  
Lee Burch<sup>24</sup>

Rick Funk<sup>25</sup>  
Hays Fyke<sup>25\*</sup>

*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*  
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