

THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

March 3, 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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*Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people;  
and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin,  
but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.  
Hebrews 9:28*

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### Prelude

### Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

### Introit

### Call to Worship

Revelation 5:6, 9-14

Pastor: Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. And they sang a new song:

People: **You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.**

Pastor: Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they sang:

People: **Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and praise!**

Pastor: Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing:

People: **To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor, glory and power, for ever and ever!**

Pastor: The four living creatures said, 'Amen!', and the elders fell down and worshiped.

\*Praise Hymn

#295 - *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

\*Invocation

Rev. Bob Brunson

\*Confession of Faith

Belgic Confession, Article 20

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe?

People: We believe that God  
—who is perfectly merciful and also very just—  
sent his Son to assume the nature  
in which the disobedience had been committed,  
in order to bear in it the punishment of sin  
by his most bitter passion and death.  
So God made known his justice toward his Son,  
who was charged with our sin,  
and he poured out his goodness and mercy on us,  
who are guilty, and worthy of damnation,  
giving to us his Son to die, by a most perfect love,  
and raising him to life, for our justification,  
in order that by him  
we might have immortality and eternal life. Amen.

*The Belgic Confession was composed in 1561 by Guido de Brés. It was adopted at the Synod of Dordt in 1619 as one of the doctrinal standards to which all office bearers in the Reformed churches were required to subscribe. The confession stands as one of the best symbolical statements of Reformed doctrine.*

\* *those who are able please stand*

# How Deep the Father's Love For Us

Stuart Townend



1. How Deep the Fath-er's love for us, how vast be-yond all meas-ure.  
2. *Be - hold the Man up - on the cross, my sin up - on His shoul-ders.*  
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing: No gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom.



that he should give his on - ly Son to make a wretch his trea - sure.  
*A - shamed, I hear my mock-ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers.*  
But I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His death and res - ur-rec - tion.



How great the pain of sear - ing loss. The Fa - ther turns his face a - way  
*It was my sin that held him there un - til it was ac - com - plished;*  
Why should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer.



as wounds which mar the cho - sen one, bring man - y sons to glo - ry.  
*His dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished.*  
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

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## Call to Confession

Psalm 51:17

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

## Corporate Confession

based on the Ten Commandments

Lord, we have been a stiff-necked people who love unfaithfulness. We have loved other gods before you and have become their slaves. We have not worshipped you in Spirit and in truth, and so we have mocked your glory. We have used your name in vain and profaned your reputation on earth. We have desecrated the Lord's Day because we have not trusted you to give us rest. We have not honored our fathers and mothers, and so we have proved ourselves rebels. We have hated our neighbors and murdered them in our hearts. We have made adulterers of ourselves in the lust of our eyes or in the deeds of our flesh. We have stolen honor and wealth and privileges that are not ours. We have lied and falsely accused for we have loved gossip more than truth. We have coveted blessings you wisely and righteously gave to others. O LORD, have mercy on us for we have not kept your good and holy law. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us all our sins. Renew us and lead us by your Holy Spirit so that we may delight in your law and walk joyfully in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

## Silent Confession

## Words of Assurance

Isaiah 53:5

*But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.*

## 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**

#672 - Trust and Obey  
vs. 1 all, vs. 2 women, vs. 3 men, vs. 4-5 all

**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**

*Behold, I am Coming Soon!*  
Revelation 22:6-12

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

**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.*

**\*Hymn of Response**

*Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery*  
*printed on page 6*

**\*Benediction**

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

# Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery



Come be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, in the dawn-ing of the King. He the  
*Come be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, He the per - fect Son of Man. In His*  
Come be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, Christ the Lord up - on the tree. In the  
*Come be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, slain by death, the God of life. But no*



theme of heav-en's praise - es, robed in frail hu - man-i - ty. In our  
*liv - ing, in His suf - fring, ne - ver trace, nor stain of sin. See the*  
stead of ru - ined sin - ners hangs the Lamb in vic - to - ry. See the  
*grave could e'er re - strain Him. Praise the Lord, He is a - live! What a*



long - ing, in our dark - ness, now the light of life has come. Look to  
*true and bet-ter A - dam, come to save the hell-bound man. Christ, the*  
price of our re - demp - tion, see the Fa - ther's plan un - fold. Bring - ing  
*fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance, how un - wa - ver - ing our hope. Christ in*



Christ, who con - de - scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.  
*great and sure ful - fill - ment of the law, in Him we stand.*  
man - y sons to glo - ry; grace un - meas - ured, love un - told.  
*pow - er res - ur - rect - ed, as we will be when He comes.*

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## \*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.

## \*Postlude

# • The Preached Word •

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**Title:** *Behold, I am Coming Soon*

**Pastor:** Rev. Hunter Stevenson

**Text:** Revelation 22:6-12

pg. 1005 in your pew Bible



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## Prayer Guide

### Providing a Home

Members of the Week:

Bryan, Vanessa, Dallas, Caleb & Aiden Smith  
Hunter, Heather, Mia, Stone & Hunt Stevenson  
Steve & Julie Strange  
Dan & Connie Strawn

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); Rebecca Lober (Bill)

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: Youth Ministry

### Partnering with Ministries

Missionaries of the Month: *Brian & Mandy* are preparing to continue their work in Southeast Asia where Brian is a lead pastor of a city-centered church  
*Rodney & Jana Davila* are transitioning to El Salvador to continue their work of planting churches and teaching and training pastors.

Sister Church of the Week: Houston Lake Presbyterian Church (Kathleen)

Campus Ministry of the Week: RUF at Mercer

Local Ministry Partner of the Week: Out of Darkness

# 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: Grilled & Fried Fish, Cheese Grits, 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.

**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 Update** - Thanks so much to everyone who turned in a Faith Promise card in February. To date, we have received 39 cards committing \$43,510 in giving to global missions in 2024. It's not too late to participate if you want—Faith Promise cards are available in the narthex and you're welcome to put them in the offering plate during worship today.

**Sacred Road Mission Trip:** – Registration applications for this year's mission trip (June 1-8) to minister to the Yakama Tribe of native Americans with Sacred Road Ministries are available on the Realm Connect app as well as at the table in the narthex. The trip is open to youth and adults.

**Easter is coming soon!** – Events & services include:

**NMPC Kids Resurrection Garden** (Sunday, March 17th at 3 pm) - Join us as we create a resurrection garden to celebrate our risen Savior to serve as a visual reminder of the new life found in Christ.

**Egg Hunt** (Saturday, March 23rd at 10 am) - A fun gathering for our littlest ones (ages 4K and younger) to enjoy the sweetness of Easter!

**Palm Sunday Worship** (March 24, 10:45 am) – Palm Sunday will be marked by our children and adult ensemble leading us to celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus!

**Good Friday Service of Remembrance** (Friday, March 29, 6:30 pm) – Join us for this unique service of scripture, music, and communion focusing on Christ's sacrifice as we prepare our hearts for Easter morning.

**Easter Brunch** (Sunday, March 31, 9:30 am) – Join with the whole church for good food and fellowship during the Sunday School hour as we begin our Easter celebration together.

**Easter Sunday Worship** (March 31, 10:45 am) – Come celebrate Christ, the Risen King!

**Sanctuary Flowers** - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Heather Stevenson & Karen Brunson on the occasion of Pastors Wives Appreciation Month by the Women's Ministry.

**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.

## 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*  
Monni Parrish, *Administrator, Financial Director & Pianist*  
Melanie Buckner, *Music Director*  
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