

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

March 10, 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.

*Blessed are those who wash their robes,
that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.
Revelation 22:14*

Preclude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 98:1-4

Pastor: Sing to the LORD a new song for he has done marvelous things!

People: **His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.**

Pastor: The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

People: **He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel.**

Pastor: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

People: **Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth! Burst into jubilant song with music!**

***Praise Hymn**

*#296--All Hail the Power of Jcsus' Name
vs. 1, 3, 5 & 6*

** those who are able please stand*

*Invocation

Dr. David Todd

*Confession of Faith

Romans 8:1-2, 28, 38-39

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe?

We believe that there is now no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus,
because through Christ Jesus,
the law of the Spirit of life
set us free from the law of sin and death.

And we know that in all things
God works for the good of those who love Him,
who have been called according to His purpose.

For we are convinced
that neither death nor life,
neither angels nor heavenly rulers,
neither the present nor the future,
nor any powers,
neither height nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn

#307 – Nothing but the Blood

Call to Confession

1 John 1:8-9

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Corporate Confession

Gracious Savior and Lord, you have every right to ask us, "Do you love me?" For like Peter, we have denied you with our words and actions. You said that to love you was to keep your commandments, yet we have disobeyed both the letter and the spirit of your holy law. You said that whoever loves you will also love his neighbor, yet we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Forgive us for not finding our delight in you. Forgive us for failing to declare your praises and for failing to live as your ambassadors in this world. Forgive us for not seeking first your kingdom nor considering you our most precious treasure. Forgive us for forsaking you, our first love. Cause us to recognize how far we have fallen, repent of our sins, and return to you with all of our heart. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Isaiah 43:25

*I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake,
and remembers your sins no more.*

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

*Hymn of Preparation

Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit



Ho - ly Spi - rit, liv - ing Breath of God, breathe new
Ho - ly Spi - rit, come a - bide with - in, may Your
Ho - ly Spi - rit, from cre - a - tion's birth, giv - ing

3
life in - to my will - ing soul. Let the pres - ence of the
joy be seen in all I do. Love e - nough to cov - er
life to all that God has made, show Your pow - er once a -

6
ris - en Lord come re - new my heart and make me whole.
ev - 'ry sin, in each thought and deed and at - ti - tude.
gain on earth, cause Your church to hun - ger for Your ways.

9
Cause Your word to come a - live in me; Give me faith for what I
Kind - ness to the great - est and the least, gen - tle - ness that sows the
Let the fra - grance of our pray'rs a - rise; Lead us on the road of

12
can - not see, give me pas - sion for Your pu - ri - ty; Ho - ly
path of peace. Turn my striv - ings in - to works of grace; Breath of
sac - ri - fice, that in u - ni - ty the face of Christ may be

15
Spi - rit breathe new life in me.
God show Christ in all I do.
clear for all the world to see.

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

Exhortations to Holy Living
Revelation 22:13-21

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Hymn of Response

Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me
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*Benediction

Jude 24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and dominion, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

*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

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me



What gift of grace is Je - sus, my Re - deem - er. There is no
The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en, for by my
 No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en, the fu - ture
With ev - 'ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus, for he has



more for hea - ven now to give. He is my joy, my right - eous - ness and
side the Sav - ior, he will stay. I la - bor on in weak - ness and re -
 sure, the price, it has been paid. For Je - sus bled and suf - ferred for my
said that he will bring me home. And day by day I know he will re -



free - dom, my stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less peace.
joic - ing, for in my need, his pow - er is dis - played.
 par - don, and he was raised to o - ver - throw the grave.
new me un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne.



To this I hold: my hope is on - y Je - sus. For my
To this I hold: my Shep - herd will de - fend me. Through the
 To this I hold: my sin has been de - feat - ed. Je - sus
To this I hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. All the



life is whol - ly bound to His. Oh how strange and di - vine, I can
deep - est val - ley he will lead. Oh the night has been won, and I
 now, and ev - er, is my plea. Oh the chains are re - leased, I can
glo - ry ev - er - more to him. When the race is com - plete, still my



sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
shall o - ver - come! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
lips shall re - peat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

• The Preached Word •

Title: *Exhortations to Holy Living*

Text: Revelation 22:13-21

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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Prayer Guide

Providing a Home

Members of the Week:

Dan, Holly, Ellie Grace, Annabelle & Hayley Taylor
Madeline & Will Thompson
Joc Timberlake
John & Ann Timms

Expecting: Jessie Schnetzer (7/23)

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

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); Carol Dawson (sister); Lynn & Aaron Hogg &
Melissa Newell (Jerry); Helen Johnson (mom); Dan Taylor (dad); Lonnie
Dyc (sister); Madeline Thompson (dad, mom & sister)

Proclaiming the Gospel

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

Ministry of the Week: Sacred Road Mission Team (traveling to Washington State
to minister to the Yakama Tribe the week of June 1-8.

Partnering with Ministries

Missionary 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: Perry Presbyterian Church

Campus Ministry of the Week: RUF at Columbus State

Local Ministry Partner of the Week: Strong Tower Fellowship

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: Baked Spaghetti, Salad Bar, Garlic Bread & Lemon Cake with Frosting.

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!

Sacred Road Deadline March 17 – The deadline to join the Sacred Road mission team is Sunday, March 17. Registration applications are available on the table in the narthex and on the Realm Connect app as well. The trip is planned for June 1-8, and is open to youth and adults of NMPC.

New Church Directory Coming Soon – We're planning to release a new church directory later this spring & we want your picture to be in it! Church photographer Skip Yetter will be taking pictures in the Fellowship Hall after church the next two Sundays, March 17 and 24, so be sure to stop in and get your picture done (or redone) then.

Easter is coming soon! – Events & services include:

NMPC Kids Resurrection Garden (Sunday, March 17th at 3 pm) - Join us next Sunday afternoon as we create a resurrection garden to celebrate our risen Savior. This meaningful centerpiece will serve as a visual reminder of the new life found in Christ and the joy of our salvation! Please register on Realm Connect by Friday, March 15th.

Easter Egg Hunt (Sat, March 23rd at 10 am) - A fun gathering for our littlest ones (ages 4K and younger) to enjoy the sweetness of Easter! Also, if you are interested in donating eggs for the hunt, please drop them off at the church office by Friday, March 22nd.

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!

Financial Update -	Income: \$ 207,790	Faith Promise giving: \$ 24,868
	Expenses: \$ 188,753	Needed by June 30: \$ 32,150

Sanctuary Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Randy Gorman by Becky Gorman. His birthday would have been March 14th.

Church App – The best way to stay informed is by downloading our church's app, Realm Connect. To request instructions on how to download the app, email Monni (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 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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