

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

March 24, 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 is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Psalm 118:26a*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Bob Brunson

Introit

Blessed is He

Call to Worship

Psalm 118:24-29

Pastor: This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: O LORD, save us. O LORD, grant us success.

Pastor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you.

People: The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine upon us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.

Pastor: You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

People: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

***Praise Hymn**

#235 - All Glory, Laud, and Honor

***Invocation**

Rev. Bob Brunson

** those who are able please stand*

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.

*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.*

Come Thou Fount

Robinson/Brown



Come thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;
O that day, when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy love - ly face;



streams of mer - cy ne - ver ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee.
cloth - ed then in blood washed lin - en, how I'll sing Thy sov - 'reign grace.



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:
 Prone to wan - der — Lord, I feel it — prone to leave the God I love:
Come, my Lord, no long - er tar - ry, take my ran - somed soul a - way;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
send Thine an - gels now to car - ry me to realms of end - less day.

Grayson Scott Gossett

Baptismal Vows

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?
4. Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

Congregational Prayer

Take My Life and Let It Be

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

Call to Prayer

1 Peter 5:7

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

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

Hosanna to the King Who Comes!

Scripture Reading

Daniel 7:13-14
page 726 in the pew Bible

*Hymn of Preparation

#165 - Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

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 Path to Greatness
Mark 10:32-11:11

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Hymn of Response

#644 - May the Mind of Christ My Savior

*Benediction

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! 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

• The Preached Word •

Title: *The Path to Greatness*

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Text: Mark 10:32-11:11

pg. 822 in the pew Bible

North Macon Presbyterian Church

NMPC exists to glorify and enjoy God, love and equip His people for the work of His ministry, and make disciples of all nations.

Providing a Home

- Warm & welcoming to all who come
- Connected & caring for one another
- Vulnerable & gracious with one another

Proclaiming the Gospel

- Christ-centered worship & expository preaching
- Classes for all ages to educate, encourage & equip
- Small Groups to disciple & deepen relationships

Partnering with Ministries

- North Macon Preschool
- Global Missionaries & Annual Mission Trip
- Central GA Presbytery & The General Assembly of the PCA
- Ministry Partners
 - Reformed University Fellowship (Mercer, Wesleyan, CSU & VSU)
 - Strong Tower Fellowship
 - Covenant Care Services
 - Evangelism Explosion
 - Campus Clubs
 - Out of Darkness

Prayer Guide

Providing a Home

Members of the Week:

Stewart, Shannon, Stewart & Sloan Vernon
Joan Voltmer
Chuck & Jackie Wachob
Helen Watson

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 Dye (sister); Madeline Thompson (dad, mom & sister); Becky Gorman (Randy and her brother Mark)

Proclaiming the Gospel

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

Ministry of the Week: Adult Christian Education Committee

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: Northgate Presbyterian Church, Albany

Campus Ministry of the Week: RUF at Mercer

Local Ministry Partner of the Week: Covenant Care Adoptions

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 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 2 Samuel, Thursday mornings, 6:45 am (Conference Room)

A Study of Daniel, Sunday evenings, 6:15 pm (Conference Room)

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

What is Reformed Theology? 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: Roast Beef, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad Bar, Rolls, Peach Cobbler

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!

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 today, so be sure to stop in and get your picture done (or redone) today.

Easter is Upon Us! – Events & services include:

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!

Communicant’s Class: Pastor Hunter will be teaching the Communicant’s Class for students in 5th grade and up who are interested in becoming communing members of NMPC during the Sunday School hour on April 21st - May 12th. Please contact Megan Cathey (megan@nmnpc.net) to sign up.

Ladies’ Spring Social - A Spring Social will be held for the Ladies’ of NMPC on April 24, 2024 at 10:30 at the home of Debi Reed. Please register on Realm or by calling Kathy at 477-7777

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. The flowers in the narthex today are given in honor of Karen Brunson’s birthday by Suzanne Heninger.

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@nmnpc.net).



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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
Preschool Director*

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