

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

March 31, 2024



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship
Sunday, March 31

*Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:
The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!
Psalm 118:15*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

from Psalm 118

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good!

People: **His love endures forever.**

Pastor: Let Israel say:

Women: **His love endures forever.**

Pastor: Let the house of Aaron say:

Men: **His love endures forever.**

Pastor: Let those who fear the LORD say:

People: **His love endures forever!**

Pastor: Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:

Women: **The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!**

Men: **The LORD's right hand is lifted high!**

All: **The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!**

Pastor: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone.

People: **The LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes!**

Pastor: This is the day the LORD has made!

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

*Please turn off all cellular devices during the worship service
and do not bring food or drink into the sanctuary.*

*Praise Hymn

#277 - *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*
vs.1-4

*Invocation

Rev. Bob Brunson

*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 45 & 49

Q. Christian, how does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

A. First, by his resurrection he has overcome death,
so that he might make us share in the righteousness
he won for us by his death.
Second, by his power we too
are already now resurrected to a new life.
Third, Christ's resurrection
is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection.

Q How does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us?

A. First, he pleads our cause in heaven
in the presence of the Father.
Second, we have our own flesh in heaven—
a guarantee that Christ our head
will take us, his members, to himself in heaven.
Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a further guarantee.
By the Spirit's power
we make the goal of our lives,
not earthly things, but the things above
where Christ is sitting at God's right hand. Amen.

*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.*

* those who are able please stand

*Hymn

#286 - *Worship Christ, the Risen King!*

Call to Confession

Proverbs 20:9

Who can say, "I have kept my heart pure; I am clean and without sin?"

Corporate Confession

O great and everlasting God, who dwells in unapproachable light, who searches and knows the thoughts and intentions of our hearts; we confess that we have not loved you with all our heart, nor with all our soul, nor with all our mind, nor with all our strength; nor our neighbors as ourselves. We have loved what we ought not to have loved. We have coveted what is not ours. We have not been content with your provisions for us. We have complained in our hearts about our family, about our friends, about our health, about our occupations, about your church, and about our trials. We have sought our security in those things which perish rather than in you, the Everlasting God. Chasten, cleanse, and forgive us, through Jesus Christ, who is able for all time to save us, who approach you through Christ, since he always lives to make intercession for us. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Romans 4:25

*Jesus Christ was delivered over to death for our sins
and was raised to life for our justification.*

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.

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:22-39
pg. 883 in the pew bible

*Hymn of Preparation

Turn Your Eyes

Turn Your Eyes

Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus look full in His won-der-ful
 Turn your eyes to the hill - side where jus - tice and mer - cy em -
 Turn your eyes to the morn - ing and see Christ the li - on a -
 Turn your eyes to the hea - vens, our King will re - turn for His

face. and the things of earth will grow strange - ly dim, in the
 brace. There the Son of God gave His life for us, and our
 wake. What a glo - rious dawn, fear of death is gone, for we
 own. Ev - ery knee will bow, ev - ery tongue will shout "All the

light of His glo - ry and grace. (to 2nd vs.) Je - sus to You we lift our
 mea - sure - less debt was e - rased.
 car - ry His life in our veins.
 glo - ry to Je - sus a - lone!"

eyes. Je - sus our glo - ry and our prize. We a - dore You be -

hold You our Sav - ior ev - er true. Oh Je - sus we turn our eyes to You.

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

He Has Risen, Just as He Said
Matthew 27:62 - 28:15

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

***Hymn of Response**

In Christ Alone
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***Benediction**

Hebrews 13:20-21

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.

***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**

In Christ Alone

Getty and Townend



1. In Christ a-lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
2. *In Christ a-lone, who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help-less babe!*
3. There in the ground His bod-y lay, Light of the world by dark-ness slain;
4. *No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;*



This Cor-ner-stone, this sol-id ground, firm through the fierc-est drought and storm.
This gift of love and right-eous-ness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
Then burst-ing forth in glo-rious day, up from the grave He rose a-gain!
From life's first cry to fin-al breath, Je-sus com-mands my des-ti-ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-ings cease.
'Til on that cross as Je-sus died the wrath of God was sat-is-fied.
And as He stands in vic-to-ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev-er pluck me from His hand;



My Com-for-ter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
For ev'-ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the prec-ious blood of Christ.
'Til He re-tURNS or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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Title: *Hc Has Risen, Just as Hc Said*

Text: Matthew 27:62 - 28:15

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 811 in your pew Bible

Prayer Guide

Providing a Home

Members of the Week:

Cheryl Willis
Wayne & Pat Yarbrough
Skip & Debbie Yetter

Expecting: Jessie Schnetzer (7/23)

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

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)

Caring for Loved Ones: Monni Parrish (dad); Joseph Egloff (mom); Rana Munna
(mom); Margaret Rogers (mom); Rod Baker (Bess)

Proclaiming the Gospel

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

Ministry of the Week: Children's Ministry

Partnering with Ministries

Missionaries of the Month:

Brian & Mandy are working 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: New Life Presbyterian Church, Tifton

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-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

Ruth, Wednesday Evenings, 6:30 pm (Conference Room)

Ruth, 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: Chicken Tetrizzini, Peas & Carrots, Salad Bar, Garlic Bread & Brownies

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.

Church Office Closed Tomorrow – The church office will be closed tomorrow for Easter Monday. It will reopen on Tuesday morning at 9 am. Monday Morning Prayer will resume next Monday, April 8, at 9 AM in the conference room, so plan to join us then!

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

Save the Date! Mother/Child Mercer Baseball Game – The Children's Ministry is planning a mother-child outing to a Mercer baseball game on Friday evening, April 19. Plan now to join us for this special time together—details to follow soon!

BBQ for Missions - Our annual BBQ fundraiser is planned for Sat, April 20th to raise money for our Sacred Road Mission Team. Tickets will be on sale starting Tuesday, April 2nd. Prices are: \$10 for a plate, \$12 for a pound, \$9 for a quart & \$5 for a pint of stew, & \$35 for a Boston Butt.

Ladies' Spring Social - A Spring Social will be held for the Ladies' of NMPC on April 27, 2024 at 10:30 at the home of Debi Reed. Please register on Realm or by calling Kathy in the church office at 477-7777.

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary today are dedicated to the glory of God and in commemoration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead on the third day.

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 by providing a home, proclaiming the Gospel, and partnering with ministries.

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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