

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

April 21, 2024



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship
Sunday, April 21

*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Matthew 28:19*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 89:1-2, 5-8

- Pastor: I will sing of the LORD's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.
- People: **I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.**
- Pastor: The heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.
- People: **For who in the skies above can compare with the LORD? Who is like the LORD among the heavenly beings?**
- Pastor: In the council of the holy ones God is greatly feared; he is more awesome that all who surround him.
- People: **O LORD God Almighty, who is like you? You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you.**

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

*Praise Hymn

#100 - *Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Invocation

Rev. Bob Brunson

*Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Questions 1, 4, 5 & 6

Q. Christian, what is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

Q. What is God?

A. God is a Spirit,
infinite, eternal, and unchangeable,
in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

Q. Are there more Gods than one?

A. There is but one only, the living and true God.

Q. How many persons are in the Godhead?

A. There are three persons in the Godhead:
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,
and these three are one God,
the same in substance, equal in power and glory. Amen.

The Westminster Shorter Catechism expresses the teachings 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

#101 - *Come, Thou Almighty King*

* those who are able please stand

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

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

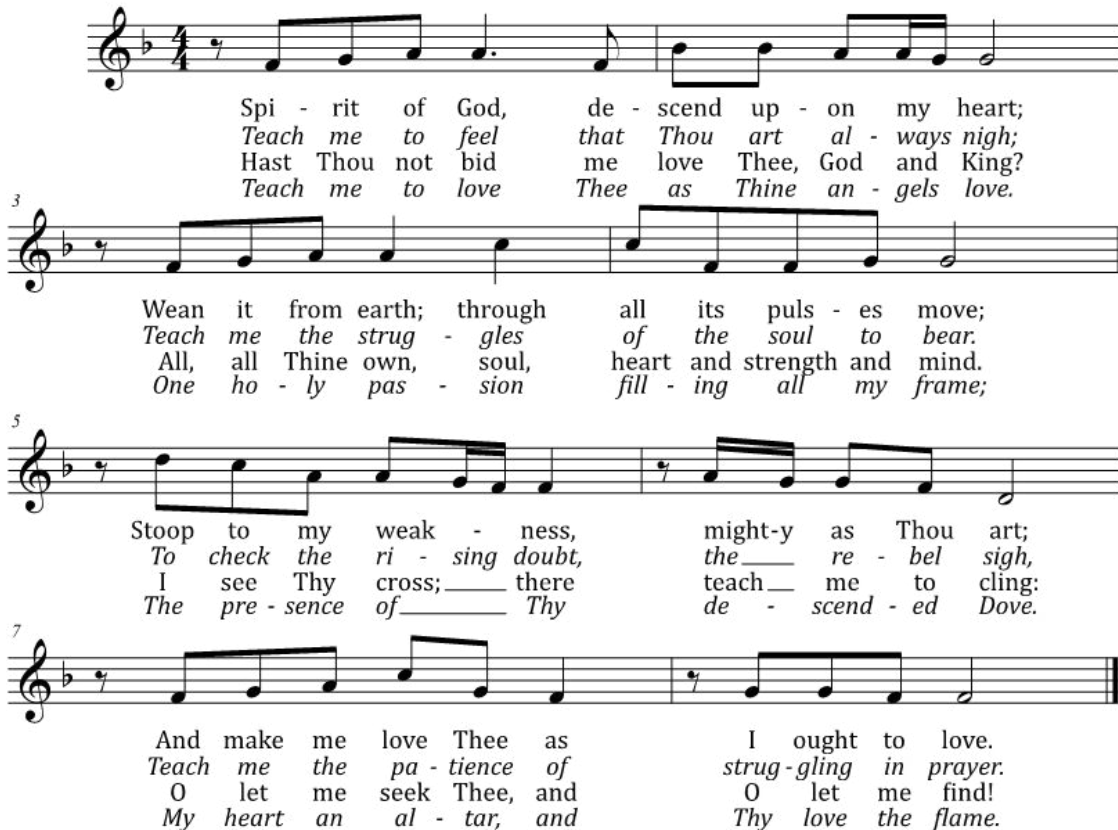
Deuteronomy 6:4-5; 32:39 & Isaiah 44:6-8

Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

See now that I myself am He! There is no god besides me. I put to death and I bring to life, I have wounded and I will heal, and no one can deliver out of my hand.

This is what the LORD says—Israel's King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God. Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and lay out before me what has happened since I established my ancient people, and what is yet to come—yes, let him foretell what will come. Do not tremble, do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me? No, there is no other Rock; I know not one.

Spirit of God



Spi - rit of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 Teach me to feel that Thou art al - ways nigh;
 Hast Thou not bid me love Thee, God and King?
 Teach me to love Thee as Thine an - gels love.

Wean it from earth; through all its puls - es move;
 Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear.
 All, all Thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind.
 One ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

Stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as Thou art;
 To check the ri - sing doubt, the re - bel sigh,
 I see Thy cross; there teach me to cling;
 The pre - sence of Thy de - scend - ed Dove.

And make me love Thee as I ought to love.
 Teach me the pa - tience of strug - gling in prayer.
 O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!
 My heart an al - tar, and Thy love the flame.

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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.

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me? Jesus replied, Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness. Then John consented. As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:13-17).

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth (John 14:16-17a).

Then Jesus came to them and said, All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age (Matthew 28:18-20).

Hymn of Response**#355 - *We Are God's People*Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 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 Trinity in Scripture*

Text: Selected Scriptures

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Only 1 God:

Deut 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD is one.

Deut 32:39 See now that I myself am He! There is no god besides me. I put to death and I bring to life, I have wounded and I will heal, and no one can deliver out of my hand.

Is 46:9-10 Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come.

OT Hints: Gen 1:26. Elohim. The Angel of the LORD. The Messiah.

3 Distinct Persons in the Godhead:

Jesus' baptism. The outpouring of the Spirit. The Great Commission. Revelation 1:4-5.

1 Peter 1:1-2 To God's elect, strangers in the world... who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood.

Same in substance, equal in power and glory:

Each is called God, share the attributes of God, acts as God, and is worshipped as God,

Gen 1:1-2 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ...and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; with him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men.

John 5:26 For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself.

John 6:63 The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing.

Acts 5:3-4 Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit...You have not lied to men but to God."

Hebrews 9:14 How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

See also Hebrews 1:1-3; Colossians 1:15-20; Titus 2:11-14; John 10:30; Revelation 22:13.
See also Psalm 139:7-10; Isaiah 40:13-14; 1 Corinthians 12:7-11; Job 33:4; Romans 8:11

Prayer Guide

Providing a Home

Members of the Week:

Rodger, Tricia & Ben Barton
Mark & Meg Baxter
Will, Ember, Holland & Heidi Bentley
Brad, Shannon, Lexi & Sarah Bibb

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: Women's Ministry & upcoming Spring Social (4/27)

Partnering with Ministries

Missionaries of the Month:

Jonas & Christina Davison are part of a church planting team in Japan where they use the arts to build bridges for evangelism & discipleship.

Rich & Chrissy Greete have a counseling ministry to MTW missionaries here in the States and on mission fields in other parts of the world.

Sister Church of the Week: New Life Presbyterian Church - Tifton

Campus Ministry of the Week: Columbus State University

Local Ministry Partner of the Week: Campus Clubs

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: *Living Life Backward* (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 (Room 144)

Chosen By God by R.C. Sproul, Wednesday evenings, 6:30 pm (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: Fried Chicken, Deviled Eggs, Peas, 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 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!

Pray for the 2024 Sacred Road Mission Team: Mark Ballard, Ben Barton, Adrian Boyd, Clayton Burnett, Sam Copeland, Connor Crosby, Becky Gorman, Hannah & Grant Harmon, Wade Howard, Lydia Johnson, Daniel Jones, Sharon Kostedt, James Noland, Nicole Parrish, Harvey & Seaborn Roddenberry, and Simon Shepley.

The Edge - It's time to sign up for the EDGE! The EDGE is a week-long summer camp for rising 7th graders through rising 9th graders, the week of June 17- 21 on the campus of Covenant College. The cost is \$400. Sign up on REALM. Deadline is April 24.

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.

NMPC Finances (3/31) -	Income: \$ 331,455	Faith Promise giving: \$ 39,394
	Expenses: \$ 315,737	Needed by June 30: \$ 33,750

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary today are dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of John McSween by Beth McSween.

Church App – The best way to stay informed is by downloading our church's app, Realm Connect. Email Monni (monni@nmpc.net) if you need help to download the app.



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*
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