

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

April 28, 2024



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship
Sunday, April 28

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.

1 Peter 1:1-2

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Ephesians 1:3-8

- Pastor: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ!
- People: **For he chose us in Christ before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.**
- Pastor: In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—
- People: **To the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves!**
- Pastor: In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins,
- People: **In accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.**

*Praise Hymn

#55 - *To God Be the Glory*

*Invocation

Rev. Bob Brunson

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

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe?

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God;
begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven;
He became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified;
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.

The Nicene Creed is a statement of the orthodox faith of the early Christian church in opposition to certain heresies, especially Arianism, which taught that neither Jesus nor the Holy Spirit were divine. In its present form this creed goes back partially to the Council of Nicea (A.D. 325) with additions by the Council of Constantinople (A.D. 381). It was accepted in its present form at the Council of Chalcedon in 451.

* those who are able please stand

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

1. Won - der - ful, mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, prec - ious Re - deem - er and
 2. Coun - se - lor; Com - fort - er; Keep - er; Spir - it we long to em -
 3. Al - might - y, in - fin - ite Fa - ther, faith - ful - ly lov - ing Your

Friend;— Who would have thought that a Lamb could res - cue the
brace;— *You of - fer hope when our hearts have hope - less - ly*
 own;— Here in our weak - ness You find us fall - ing be -

souls of men? Oh,— You res - cue the souls of men. _____ (*to vs. 2*)
lost the way. *Oh,— we hope - less - ly lost the way.* _____
 fore Your throne. Oh,— we're fall - ing be - fore Your throne. _____

You are the One that we praise,— You are the One we a - dore.—

— You give the heal - ing and grace our hearts al - ways hun - ger

for, oh,— our hearts al - ways hun - ger for.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Perry Ray Singleton

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 Confession

Ephesians 1:17

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

Corporate Confession

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge before you our sinful nature and our many offenses. We are prone to do evil and slow to do good. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your way, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Lord, we are ashamed and sorry for all the ways that we have displeased you. Father, teach us to hate our rebellious acts, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of your Son. Help us to love you with all our heart and mind and strength. And give us the power of your Holy Spirit so that we may walk in your ways and serve you all of our days.

Words of Assurance

1 John 2:1b-2

But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

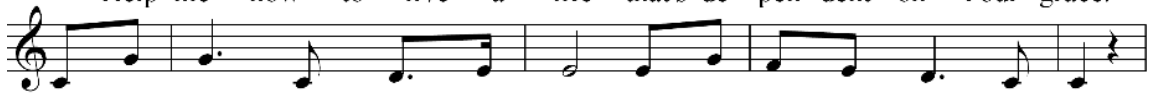
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Bob Kauflin



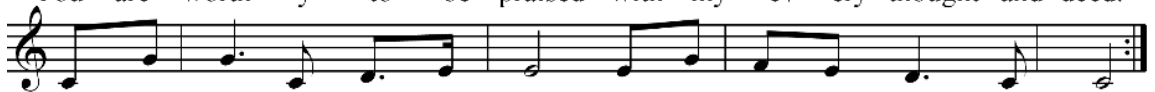
O Great God of high - est heav'n, oc - cu - py my low - ly heart.
I was blind - ed by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,
Help me now to live a life that's de - pen - dent on Your grace.



Own it all and reign su - preme con - quer ev - ery re - bel pow'r.
did not know Your love with - in, had no taste for heav - en's joys.
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the e - vils that I face.



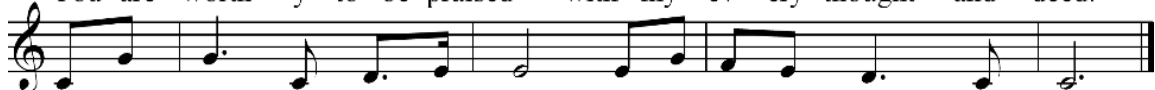
Let no vice or sin re - main that re - sists Your ho - ly war.
Then Your Spir - it gave me life, o - pened up Your Word to me,
You are worth - y to be praised with my ev - ery thought and deed.



you have loved and pur - chased me, make me Yours for - ev - er more.
through the gos - pel of Your Son, gave me end - less hope and peace.
O great God of high - est heav'n, glo - ri - fy Your Name through me.



You are worth - y to be praised with my ev - ery thought and deed.



O great God of high - est heav'n, glo - ri - fy Your Name through me.

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 Trinity in Salvation
Selected Scriptures*

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Hymn of Response

#529 - Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*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 Salvation*

Text: Selected Scriptures

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Prayer Guide

Providing a Home

Members of the Week:

Steven, Jill, Anderson, Isaiah, Lowndes & Nolan Bloodworth
Larry & LuAnn Breed
Jane Brooks
Bob & Karen Brunson

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: Worship & Music (the Ensemble, the Worship Team, &
the A/V Team)

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 Greec 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: Christ Community, Thomasville

Campus Ministry of the Week: RUF at Valdosta State University

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 Love* (room 112). Teacher: Amy Peed

4k-2nd Grade: *Jesus is the Savior* (room 121). Teacher: 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: Lemon Pepper Chicken Breast, Baked Sweet Potatoes, Turnip Greens, 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.

BBQ for Missions - We were able to raise \$11,000.00 for the Sacred Road Mission Team through the BBQ fundraiser! Thank you to everyone who made this fundraiser possible and for purchasing BBQ and donating desserts!

VBS Volunteer Sign-Up – Calling all volunteers for VBS (June 24-28)! God uses every type of gift and talent for VBS so please go to REALM and select the area in which you may be interested in serving. If you have any questions, please contact Megan Cathey.

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

Church App – The best way to stay informed is by downloading our church's app, Realm Connect. Email Monni (monni@nmpe.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*
Monni Parrish, *Administrator, Financial Director & Pianist*
Melanie Buckner, *Music Director*
Holly Shepley, *North Macon Preschool Director*

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