

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

April 7, 2024



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship
Sunday, April 7

*In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples;
the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.
Isaiah 11:10*

Preclude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Revelation 7:9-12

Pastor: After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb.

People: **They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.**

Pastor: And they cried out in a loud voice:

People: **Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!**

Pastor: All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying:

People: **Amen! Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks, honor and power and strength, be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!**

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

*Praise Hymn

#302 - *Come Christians, Join to Sing*

*Invocation

Rev. Bob Brunson

*Confession of Faith

Philippians 2:5-11

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe?

We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the only Savior for sinners,
who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God
something to be grasped,
but made himself nothing,
taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

** those who are able please stand*

At the Name of Jesus

At the name of Je - sus ev - 'ry knee shall bow,
Hum - bled for a sea - son to re - ceive a name
 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due
Broth - ers, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,

ev - 'ry tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now.
from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,
 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true;
with his Fa - ther's glo - ry, with his an - gel train;

'Tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord,
faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
 crown him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;
for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,

who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed.
 let his will en - fold you in its light and pow'r.
and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

Call to Confession

Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the LORD while he may be found. Call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

Corporate Confession

Most just and most gracious God, your infinite greatness no one can fathom, but we have thought little of you and ignored your immensity, power and glory. You give us access to the worship of heaven before your throne, but we have neglected and abused this holy privilege. You rule the nations and all of our lives, but we have not sought first your kingdom. You have made us to be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation, but we have forsaken this high calling to serve ourselves. You shower us with abundant grace in Christ, but we have turned away, squandering your gifts and seeking to save ourselves. Have mercy on us, most merciful Father! Your Son, the Lamb of God, is our salvation, and your promises our hope. Remind us that we are your children, enliven us with the Spirit of your Son, and in the end receive us into your glory, through Jesus Christ our only Savior.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Colossians 1:13-14

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

Come Ye Sinners

Come ye sin - ners, poor and wretch-ed, weak and wound - ed,
 Come ye need - y, come and wel - come; God's free boun - ty
 Come ye wea - ry, hea - vy lad - en, bruised and bro - ken
 Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness
 Lo! Th'in - car - nate God, as - cend - ed; pleads the mer - it
 sick and sore. Je - sus, read - y stands to save you,
 glor - i - fy; True be - lief and true re - pent - ance,
 by the fall. If you tar - ry 'til you're bet - ter,
 fond - ly dream. All the fit - ness He re - qui - res
 of His blood. Ven - ture on Him; ven - ture whol - ly,
 full of pi - ty joined with pow'r. He is a - ble,
 ev' - ry grace that brings you nigh. With - out mon - ey,
 you will nev - er come at all. Not the right - eous,
 is to feel your need of Him. This He gives you,
 Let no o - ther trust in - trude. None but Je - sus,
 He is a - ble, He is wil - ling; doubt no more.
 with - out mon - ey, Come to Je - sus Christ and buy.
 not the right - eous; Sin - ners Je - sus came to call.
 this He gives you, 'tis the Spir - it's ris - ing beam.
 none but Je - sus can do help - less sin - ners good.

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Prayer for Covenant Children

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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.

Sacrament of Communion

All those who have placed their faith and trust in Christ alone for their salvation, are baptized, and are members in good standing of a Bible-believing, evangelical church are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper this morning. All others, please allow the elements to pass, as you consider your relationship with Christ and His Church.

***Hymn of Response**

O Church Arise (Arise, Shine)
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***Benediction**

Revelation 1:5b-6

Now to him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

***Doxology**

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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**

O Church Arise (Arise, Shine)

Getty, Tomlin and Townend



1. O Church, a - rise, and put your ar - mour on; Hear the
2. *Our call to war, to love the cap - tive soul, but to*
3. Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the
4. *So Spi - rit come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give—*



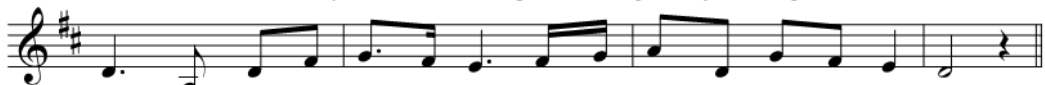
call of Christ our Cap - tain. For now the weak can say that
rage a - gainst the cap - tor; And with the sword that makes the
Son of God is strick - en; Then see his foes lie crushed be -
grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle, that we may run with faith to



they are strong in the strength that God has gi - ven. With shield of
wound - ed whole, we will fight with faith and val - or. When faced with
neath his feet, for the Con - quer - or has ri - sen! And as the
win the prize of a ser - vant good and faith - ful. As saints of



faith and belt of Truth, we'll stand a - gainst the de - vil's lies; An ar - my
trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the out - come is se - cure, and Christ will
stone is rolled a - way and Christ e - mer - ges from the grave, this vic - t'ry
old still line the way, re - tell - ing tri - umphs of His grace, we hear their



bold, whose bat - tle cry is love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness. *(to vs. 2)*
have the prize for which he died, an in - her - i - tance of na - tions. (chorus)
march con - ti - nues 'til the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see Him. *(to vs. 4)*
calls and hun - ger for the day when with Christ we stand in Glo - ry. (chorus)



A - rise, shine, for your Light has come. A - rise,



shine for the ris - en - Son. Lift your eyes, we are His



ra - diant bride. A - rise O Church, a - rise.

• The Preached Word •

Title: *Making Disciples of All Nations*

Text: Matthew 28:16-20

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 811 in the pew Bible

Prayer Guide

Providing a Home

Members of the Week:

Billy & Beverly Adams
Jake, Laura, Waylon, Willie & June Adams
Javier, Kristy & Heisman Alvarez
Benjamin Baker

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: Men's Ministry

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 Gracet 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: Redeemer Presbyterian Church - Tifton

Campus Ministry of the Week: RUF at Valdosta State University

Local Ministry Partner of the Week: Out of Darkness

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, 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: Beef Tips, Rice, Broccoli Casserole, 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!

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 (megan@nmpc.net) to sign up; the deadline is April 14.

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, April 19. Plan now to join us for this special time together—details to follow soon!

BBQ for Missions Tickets Now On Sale- Our annual BBQ fundraiser is planned for Sat, April 20th to raise money for our Sacred Road Mission Team. Tickets can be purchased from any team member or at the Missions Committee table in the narthex: \$10 for a plate, \$12 for a pound, \$9 for a quart & \$5 for a pint of stew, & \$35 for a Boston Butt.

2024 Sacred Road Mission Team: Mark Ballard, Ben Barton, Connor Crosby, Hannah & Grant Harmon, Wade Howard, Lydia Johnson, Daniel Jones, Sharon Kostedt, Harvey & Scaborn Roddenberry, and Simon Shepley.

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.

***byFaith* Is Now Exclusively Online** – The official magazine of the PCA, *byFaith*, is now being published exclusively online and is offering more content than ever. For news of the denomination and so much more delivered for free right to your inbox, go to byfaithonline.com and sign up for twice-weekly updates.

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary today are dedicated to the glory of God and in honor of Beverly Adams birthday with love from all of her grandchildren.

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.