



THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

July 21, 2024



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship
Sunday, July 21

*Ask and it will be given to you. Seek and you will find.
Knock and the door will be opened to you.
Matthew 7:7*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 34:1, 3-4, 6, 8, 10

Pastor: I will extol the LORD at all times! His praise will always be on my lips!
People: **Glorify the LORD with me! Let us exalt his name together!**
Pastor: For I sought the LORD, and he answered me. He delivered me from all my fears.
People: **This poor man called out, and the LORD heard him. He saved him out of all his troubles.**
Pastor: Taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.
People: **The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.**

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

***Praise Hymn**

#53 – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

***Invocation**

Rev. Bob Brunson

***Confession of Faith**

WSC 98 & 99

Q. Christian, what is prayer?

A. Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God,
for things agreeable to his will,
in the name of Christ,
with confession of our sins,
and thankful acknowledgment of his mercies.

Q. What rule has God given for our direction in prayer?

A. The whole Word of God is of use to direct us in prayer;
but the special rule of direction is that form of prayer
which Christ taught his disciples,
commonly called The Lord's Prayer. 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.

** those who are able please stand*

He Will Hold Me Fast

Habershon(1906)/M. Merker(2013)

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
 2. *Those He saves are His de-light,* Christ will hold me fast;
 3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;

When the tempt - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.
Pre - cious in his ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.
 Just - ice has been sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast.

I could nev - er keep my hold through life's fear - ful path;
He'll not let my soul be lost; His prom - is - es shall last;
 Raised with Him to end - less life, He will hold me fast

For my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me fast.
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
 'till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
 For my Sa - vior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

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Call to Confession

Psalm 5:1-3

Give ear to my words, O LORD, consider my sighing. Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray. In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

Corporate Confession

Most Merciful God, as those who have been delivered from the wrath to come through the blood of Jesus Christ, we come now to confess our sins, and to seek the grace and mercy that can only be found in you, our God and Savior. You have called us to be people of faith, hope and love, but we are guilty of unbelief, hopelessness, and hatred. When we should have delighted in Jesus Christ, we have sought refuge in created things. When we should have endured trials with patience and hope, we have grumbled against you. When we should have loved you with all of our heart, and our neighbor as ourselves, we have been self-absorbed. Have mercy on us, O God, and bear fruit in us by your Word. Turn our faces and our hearts upward to heaven, so that we will live as those who await the glorious appearing of our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

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

Mark 10:32-52
page 822 in the pcw Bible

*Hymn of Preparation

Spirit of God

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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 Children's wing. Also, we have a "Cry Room" for our young families where you can see & hear the service.

Sermon

*What is Your Heart's Desire?
1 Kings 3:4-28*

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Hymn of Response

#642 - Be Thou My Vision

*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: *What is Your Heart's Desire?*

Text: 1 Kings 3:4-28

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 266 in your pew Bible

Prayer Guide

Providing a Home

Members of the Week:

Kate Harrison
Jason, Allison, Benjamin & Patton Hawkins
Juliana Hawkinson
Caleb, Hannah & Jack Henning

Newborns: Parker Schnetzer, Heidi Bentley, Charlee Andree, Grayson Gossett,
Perry Singleton, Eden Lyles, Jack Henning

Recovering: Dick Manwaring (stroke); Bess Baker (stroke)

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: Youth Ministry & Sweat Fest

Partnering with Ministries

Missionaries of the Month:

Brian and Megan Moore are involved in evangelism and church planting
in Nuremburg am Rhein, Germany.

Victor and Nosizo Nakah are serving in Africa where Dr. Nakah is the
international director of missions for Sub-Sahara Africa.

Sister Church of the Week: Penfield Presbyterian - Penfield, GA

Local Ministry Partner of the Week: Out of Darkness

Discipleship Opportunities

Summer Sunday School

9:30 – 10:30 AM

2-3 Year-Olds: *God's Love* (room 112). Teacher: Seth & 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: *The Screwtape Letters* (youth room). Teachers: Mark Ballard, Bryce Little

Community-focused Adult Classes

(combined for summer)

9:30-10:30 AM

Young Adults/Older Adults: *The Screwtape Letters* (Modular 2)

Middle Adults/Senior Adults: *The Screwtape Letters* (Fellowship Hall)

Men's Small Groups

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

Ladies' Bible Study

The Friday morning Ladies' Bible Study meets on Friday mornings at 10:00 am.

Wednesday Nights @ NMPC

Wednesday Night Fellowship This Week – Join us this Wednesday for our last Wednesday Fellowship of the summer as we hear a report from our youth on this year's Sweat Fest. Come for dinner at 6 pm, stay for the report at 6:30, and enjoy good food and fellowship around the table with the church family. Our regular Wednesday Night dinner and studies will resume on Wednesday, August 28, at 5:45 pm, so plan now to make this part of your spiritual growth routine this fall.

Menu for this week: Lasagna, Garlic Toast, 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!

SweatFest Team - This week 21 of our students & leaders will be on an in-town mission trip, serving the needy in our community. Please pray for our SweatFest Team!

Students & Leaders: Mark Ballard, Anderson Bloodworth, Isaiah Bloodworth, Clayton Burnett, Cami Cline, Ella Goff, Breck Griffin, Grant Harman, Hannah Harman, Wade Howard, Bryce Little, Tate Morris, Caroline Peed, Maggie Pyles, Sara Pyles, Harvey Roddenberry, Seaborn Roddenberry, Luke Shepley, Simon Shepley, Hannah Strange & Caleb Tripp.

NMPC Kids Summer Movie Night – We will be celebrating the end of summer and our summer reading with a pizza and movie night on Saturday, August 10th @ 4 pm. We will enjoy a viewing of “The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe” along with a pizza party. Registration is available at “Events” on the Realm Connect App.

The Screwtape Letters -It’s not too late to join us as we explore our summer reading book, C.S. Lewis’ *The Screwtape Letters*, on Sunday mornings in Sunday School. Pick up your free copy in the narthex today. Check out the class options on the opposite page and come for the conversation on letters 19-21 next week.

Ladies’ Summer Social-Ladies, plan now to join us on Saturday, August 3, 10:30 am, for food and fellowship at the home of Jane Brooks, 5300 Zebulon Rd., GH #65. Go to the Events page on the Realm app to sign-up now!

NMPC Finances (06/30) -Income: \$ 617,733 Faith Promise giving: \$ 48,350
Expenses: \$ 639,014 Needed by Dec. 31: \$ 33,750

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and celebration of the marriage of Daniel Jones & Lydia Johnson.

Church App – The best way to stay informed is by downloading our church’s app, Realm Connect. Email Monni (monni@nmnpc.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*
Lydia Johnson, *Youth Intern*
Melanie Buckner, *Music Director*

Megan Cathey, *Children's Ministry Director*
Kathy Pye, *Church Secretary*
Monni Parrish, *Administrator, Financial Director & Pianist*
Holly Shepley, *North Macon Preschool Director*

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