



THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

July 7, 2024



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship
Sunday, July 7

*It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.
Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.
Galatians 5:1*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Bob Brunson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-8

Pastor: Praise the LORD, O my soul! All my inmost being, praise his holy name!

People: Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

Pastor: He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases. He redeems my life from the pit and crowns me with love and compassion.

People: He satisfies my desires with good things, so that my youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Pastor: The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:

People: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

*Praise Hymn

#55 – To God Be the Glory

* those who are able please stand

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

*Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 20.1

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe about the liberty Christ has purchased for you?

People: The liberty which Christ has purchased for us under the gospel
consists in our freedom from
 the guilt of sin,
 the condemning wrath of God,
 and the curse of the moral law;
and in our being delivered from
 this present evil world,
 bondage to Satan,
 dominion of sin,
 the evil of afflictions,
 the sting of death,
 the victory of the grave,
 and everlasting damnation;
and also in our free access to God,
and our yielding obedience unto him, not out of slavish fear,
 but a child-like love, and willing mind.

All which were common also to believers under the law;
but under the New Testament,
the liberty of Christians is further enlarged
 in our freedom from the yoke of slavery to the ceremonial law
 to which the Jewish Church was subjected,
 and in greater boldness of access to the throne of grace,
 and in fuller communications with the Spirit of God,
 than believers under the law did ordinarily partake. Amen.

The Westminster Confession of Faith 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.

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Newton, Tomlin, and Giglio

1. A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re - lieved.
 3. Through ma - ny dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - rea - dy come;
 4. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright shin - ing as the sun,

I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see. (to v. 2)
 How pre - cious did the grace ap - pear, the hour I first be - lieved.
 'tis grace that brough me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first be - gun.

Chorus: My chains are _____ gone. I've been set _____ free. My God, my
 Sav - ior has ran - somed _____ me. And like a _____ flood His mer - cy
 _____ rains, un - end - ing love, _____ a - maz - ing grace. _____

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Call to Prayer

Psalm 103:10-12

He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

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.

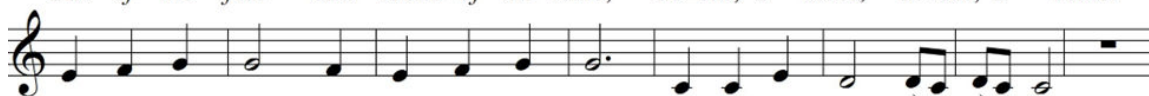
Offertory

Jesus, I Come

William Sleeper and Greg Thompson



Out of my bond - age, sor - row and night, Je - sus, I come; Je - sus, I come.
Out of my shame - ful fail - ure and loss, Je - sus, I come; Je - sus, I come.
 Out of un - rest and ar - ro-gant pride, Je - sus, I come; Je - sus, I come.
Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Je - sus, I come; Je - sus, I come.



In - to Thy free - dom, glad-ness, and light Je - sus, I come to Thee.
In - to the glo - rious gain of Thy cross, Je - sus, I come to Thee.
 In - to Thy bless - ed will to a - bide, Je - sus, I come to Thee.
In - to the joy and light of Thy home, Je - sus, I come to Thee.



Out of my sick - ness — in - to Thy health, Out of my want - ing and in - to Thy wealth,
Out of earth's sor - rows — in - to Thy balm, Out of life's storms — and in - to Thy calm,
 Out of my self — to dwell in Thy love, Out of de - spair in - to rap - tures a - bove,
Out of the depths — of ru - in un - told, In - to the peace of Thy shelt - er - ing fold,



Out of my sin — and in - to Thy - self, Je - sus, I come to Thee.
Out of dis - tress in - to ju - bi - lant psalm, Je - sus, I come to Thee.
 Up - ward for - ev - er on wings like a dove, Je - sus, I come to Thee.
Ev - er Thy glo - ri - ous face to be - hold, Je - sus I come to Thee.

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Bob Brunson

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

*True Freedom
Galatians 5:1*

Rev. Eric Freeland

The 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 come forward and partake of the Lord's Supper this morning. All others, please remain in your seats, as you consider your relationship with Christ and His Church.

*Hymn of Response

#691 - It Is Well with My Soul

*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

• The Preached Word •

Title: *True Freedom*

Text: Galatians 5:1

Pastor: Rev. Eric Freeland

pg. 945 in your pew bible

North Macon Presbyterian Church

NMPC exists to glorify and enjoy God, love and equip His people for the work of His ministry, and make disciples of all nations.

Providing a Home

- Warm & welcoming to all who come
- Connected & caring for one another
- Vulnerable & gracious with one another

Proclaiming the Gospel

- Christ-centered worship & expository preaching
- Classes for all ages to educate, encourage & equip
- Small Groups to disciple & deepen relationships

Partnering with Ministries

- North Macon Preschool
- Global Missionaries & Annual Mission Trip
- Central GA Presbytery & The General Assembly of the PCA
- Ministry Partners
 - Reformed University Fellowship (Mercer, Wesleyan & Columbus State)
 - Strong Tower Fellowship
 - Covenant Care Services
 - Out of Darkness
 - Campus Clubs

Prayer Guide

Providing a Home

Members of the Week:

Skylar, Lizzie & Gray Gossett
Jim Grier
Adam, Joanna, Sam, Breck & Ruthie Griffin
Ed & Peggy Grimsley

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)

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

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: Lake Oconee Presbyterian Church - Eatonton

Local Ministry Partner of the Week: Covenant Care Adoptions

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

Our Wednesday night Summer Fellowships begin at 6:00 PM.

Menu for this week: Chicken Salad, Shrimp & Pasta Salad, Fruit, 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!

The Screwtape Letters -We are discussing our summer reading book, *The Screwtape Letters* on Sunday mornings in Sunday School. Pick up your free copy in the narthex today; a discussion schedule/bookmark is inside. Check out the class options on the opposite page and join us for the conversation next Sunday.

NMPC Finances (05/31) -Income: \$ 524,685 Faith Promise giving: \$ 47,385
Expenses: \$ 518,154 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@nmnpc.net) if you need help to download the app.



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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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