



THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

October 27, 2024



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship
Sunday, October 27, 2024

*The LORD reigns! Let the earth be glad!
Let the distant shores rejoice!
Psalm 97:1*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 99:1-5

Pastor: The LORD reigns. Let the nations tremble. He sits enthroned between the cherubim. Let the earth shake.

People: Great is the LORD in Zion! He is exalted over the nations.

Pastor: Let them praise your great and awesome name—he is holy.

**People: The King is mighty, he loves justice—you have established equity.
In Jacob you have done what is just and right.**

Pastor: Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his footstool—he is holy.

*Praise Hymn

#38 - Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

** 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 2.1

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe about God?

We believe there is only one true and living God,
 who is infinite in being and perfection.
He is a most pure spirit, invisible,
 with neither body, parts, nor passive properties.
He is unchangeable, boundless, eternal, and incomprehensible.
He is almighty, most wise, most holy, most free, and most absolute.
He works all things according to the counsel
 of his own unchangeable and most righteous will,
 for his own glory.
He is most loving, gracious, merciful, long-suffering,
 abundant in goodness and truth,
 forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin,
 and he is the rewarder of those who diligently seek him.
He is also most just and terrifying in his judgments,
 hating all sin, and will by no means acquit the guilty. 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.

*Hymn

#660 - O God Beyond All Praising

Call to Confession

Psalm 32:1-7

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them. You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

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

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.

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

My Worth Is Not In What I Own

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1. My worth is not in what I own; not
 2. **My worth is not in skill or name; in**
 3. As sum - mer flowers we fade and die; Fame,
 4. **I will not boast in wealth or might, or**
 5. Two won - ders here that I con - fess: My



in the strength of flesh and bone. But in the cost - ly wounds of
win or lose, in pride or shame. But in the blood of Christ that
 youth and beau - ty hur - ry by. But life e - ter - nal calls to
hu - man wis - dom's fleet - ing light. But I will boast in know - ing
 worth and my un - worth - i - ness. My va - lue fixed, my ran - som

Refrain



love at the cross. (to vs. 2)
flowed at the cross.
 us at the cross. (to vs. 4)
Christ at the cross.
 paid at the cross.

I re-joice in my Re-deem-er Great-est trea - sure, Well-spring



of my soul. I will trust in Him, no oth-er my soul is sa-tis-fied in Him a-lone.

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

*God's Grace to King Ahab
1 Kings 20:1-30*

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Hymn of Response

#672—Trust and Obedience

*Benediction

Jude 24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and dominion, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! 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

• The Preached Word •

Title: *God's Grace to King Ahab*

Text: *1 Kings 20:1-30*

Text: Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 286 in the 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

Providing a Home

Members of the Week:

Chase, Katie, Eli & Perry Singleton
Bryan, Vanessa, Dallas, Caleb & Aiden Smith
Cathy Smith
Matt, Ashlee, Maddie & Reid Smith

Expecting: Elizabeth Bowen Foster & Kristen Vaughn

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

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

Bereaved: Lynn & Aaron Hogg & Melissa Newell (Jerry); Dan Taylor (dad);
Madeline Thompson (dad, mom & sister); Fiona Leggett (mom);
Kathy Little (dad); Bryce Little & Hannah McCommon
(grandfather); Donna Rohn (Terry); Anna Barnes (grandmother)

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: Missions Committee

Officer Training: Jim Gamble, Ed Grimsley & Charles Hall (elder nominees);
Matt Cathey & Jack Pyles (deacon nominees)

Partnering with Ministries

Missionaries of the Month:

Noah & Karleigh Stephens are church planters in Bangkok, Thailand
Steve Young ministers to a Japanese community in Tennessee

Sister Church of the Week: Lake Oconee Presbyterian Church (Eatonton)

Local Ministry Partner of the Week: RUF - Covenant Care Adoptions

Discipleship Opportunities

Fall Sunday School

9:30 – 10:30 AM

2-3 Year-Olds: *God's Family* (room 112). Teacher: Seth & Amy Peed

4k-2nd Grade: *Growing in God* (room 121). Teacher: Megan Cathey

3rd-5th Grade: *The Biggest Story* (room 122). Teachers: Myra Baker, Beth McSween

6th-12th Grade: *Gospel of Mark* (youth room). Teachers: Mark Ballard, Bryce Little

Community-focused Adult Classes

9:30-10:30 AM

20's-30's: *Let's Study 2 Corinthians* (Modular 1)

30's-50's: *The Good News We Almost Forgot, part 1* (Modular 2)

50's-60's: *Let's Study Mark* (Fellowship Hall)

66+: *The Good News We Almost Forgot, part 2* (conference room)

Men's Small Groups

(all studies meet at NMPC)

Wednesdays (6:30-7:30 pm): *The Disciplines of a Godly Man* (sanctuary cry room)

Wednesdays (6:30-7:30 pm): MRGB: *The Bruised Reed* (sanctuary music room)

Thursdays (6:45-7:45 am): *Trusting God in the Darkness (Job)* (conference room)

Sundays (6:15-7:30 pm): *The Letters of John* (conference room)

Ladies' Bible Study

(all studies meet in conference room at NMPC)

Tuesdays (10-11:30 am): *Behold & Believe* (childcare available on request)

Wednesdays (6:30-7:30 pm): *Behold & Believe* (childcare available)

Fridays (10-11:30 am): *Aging with Grace*

Wednesday Nights @ NMPC

Join us for dinner with the church family at 5:45, then stay for groups and studies for children, youth, & adults from 6:30 - 7:30. Adult Bible Study: Ephesians (Eric Freel)

Dinner is \$7/adults/teen, \$3/child, with a family max \$20.

Menu: Hamburger Stroganoff w/noodles, Salad Bar, Garlic Bread, Lemon Sponge Cake

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.

If you desire to receive email communications from the church, please email Monni Parrish at monni@nmnpc.net and she will add you to the distribution list.

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!

Hurricane Helene – NMPC is working with the PCA's relief agency, MNA Disaster Response, to provide help and supplies to those affected by Hurricane Helene in Georgia and around the southeast. To give toward this effort, put your gift in today's offering or give online through the Realm Connect app (be sure to select "Disaster Relief" from the dropdown menu).

Reformation Celebration - Join us tonight at 5:00 pm as we gather here at NMPC for our annual Reformation Celebration! Come enjoy a BBQ dinner, inflatables, games, snow cones and more! We are asking last names A-L to bring a side dish and M-Z a dessert to share. See you this evening!

Lunch on the Grounds - Join us for a catered lunch and homemade desserts after church on Sunday, Nov 10 to celebrate NMPC's 37th anniversary and our newly elected Pastor Emeritus, David Todd, and his wife, Murray. Sign up to come on Realm today!

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in Bill & Rebecca Lober's 40th Wedding Anniversary.



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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 Garretson
Neal Ham
Tommy James

Paul McCommon
Rob Morton
Charlie Parrish
Howard Reed

Diaconate

Joshua Buckner
Lee Burch

Rick Funk
Hays Fyke

Staff

Every Member, *Ministers*
Hunter Stevenson, *Senior Pastor*
Bob Brunson, *Executive Pastor*
David Todd, *Pastor Emeritus*
Mark Ballard, *Youth Director*
Bryce Little, *Youth Assistant*
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*

North Macon belongs to the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), a denomination seeking to be Faithful to the Scriptures, True to the Reformed Faith, and Obedient to the Great Commission.