



THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

November 24, 2024



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship
Sunday, November 24, 2024

*Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good!
His love endures forever.
Psalm 136:1*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 136:1-4, 23-26

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good!
All: His love endures forever.
Pastor: Give thanks to the God of gods.
Women: His love endures forever.
Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord of lords.
Men: His love endures forever.
Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord who alone does great wonders.
Women: His love endures forever.
Pastor: Give thanks to the one who remembered us in our low estate.
Men: His love endures forever.
Pastor: Give thanks to our God who freed us from our enemies.
Women: His love endures forever.
Pastor: Give thanks to our God who gives food to every creature.
Men: His love endures forever.
Pastor: Give thanks to the God of heaven.
All: His love endures forever.

*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

Romans 8:1-2, 28, 31b-32, 38-39

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe?

We believe there is now no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus,
because through Christ Jesus,
the law of the Spirit of life
set us free from the law of sin and death.

And we know that in all things
God works for the good of those who love Him,
who have been called according to His purpose.

If God is for us, who can be against us?
He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—
how will he not also, along with him,
graciously give us all things?

And we are convinced
that neither death nor life,
neither angels nor heavenly rulers,
neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,
neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

** those who are able please stand*

***Hymn**

#455 - *And Can It Be That I Should Gain*
vs. 1, 3-5

Call to Prayer

Psalm 116:12-14

How can I repay the LORD for all his goodness to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD. I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

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**

My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness
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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

The LORD Judges
1 Kings 22:1-40

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness

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My heart is filled with thank-ful - ness to Him who bore my pain;
My heart is filled with thank-ful - ness to Him who walks be - side;
My heart is filled with thank-ful - ness to Him who reigns a - bove;

Who plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and gave me life a - gain;
Who floods my weak - ness - es with strength and caus - es fears to fly.
Whose wis - dom is my per - fect peace, whose ev - 'ry thought is love.

Who crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness and clothed me with his light
Whose ev - 'ry pro - mise is e - nough for ev - 'ry step I take.
For ev - 'ry day I have on earth is giv - en by the King.

and wrote his law of right - eous - ness with pow'r up - on my heart.
Sus - tain - ing me with arms of love and crown - ing me with grace.
So I will give my life, my all, to love and fol - low Him.

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***Hymn of Response**

*In Christ Alone
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***Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace, both 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.

***Postlude**


Lord Jesus, I want to become your follower. I come to You acknowledging I am a sinner justly deserving eternal condemnation. I realize there is nothing I can do to make myself acceptable to you through my own efforts. I believe you are God the Son who became a man, lived a perfect life, and then allowed Yourself to be crucified. I believe that as You hung on the cross, God the Father, knowing all about me, took all my sins—past, present, and future—and put them on You, and punished You in my place. I believe You took the wrath of God for me, and you died. I believe your body was placed in a tomb, but after paying for all my sins, You came back from the dead and are alive forevermore. I trust You to save me from my sins and the condemnation I deserve. You are able to do that because You were condemned in my place. I ask You to forgive my sins and give me the gift of eternal life with You. I ask You to save me to a new life lived with and for You. Thank You for Your love. Give me the grace I need so that I might learn Your ways and follow You every day. Amen.

In Christ Alone


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1. In Christ a-lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
 2. In Christ a-lone, who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help-less babe!
 3. There in the ground His bod-y lay, Light of the world by dark-ness slain;
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;



This Cor-ner-stone, this sol-id ground, firm through the fierc-est drought and storm.
 This gift of love and right-eous-ness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
 Then burst-ing forth in glo-rious day, up from the grave He rose a-gain!
 From life's first cry to fin-al breath, Je-sus com-mands my des-ti-ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-ings cease.
 'Til on that cross as Je-sus died the wrath of God was sat-is-fied.
 And as He stands in vic-to-ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev-er pluck me from His hand;



My Com-for-ter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
 For ev'-ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
 For I am His and He is mine, bought with the prec-ious blood of Christ.
 'Til He re-tURNS or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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• The Preached Word •

Title: *The LORD Judges*

Text: 1 Kings 22:1-40

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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Providing a Home

Members of the Week:

Sally Vance
Cody & Lucy Varner
Chandler & Kristen Vaughn
Stewart, Shannon, Stewart & Sloan Vernon

Expecting: Elizabeth Bowen Foster (11/13), Kristen Vaughn (3/2) & Hannah McCommon (3/22)

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

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

Bereaved: Madeline Thompson (dad, mom & sister); Fiona Leggett (mom); Kathy Little (dad); Bryce Little & Hannah McCommon (grandfather); Donna Rohn (Terry); Amy Drummond (dad)

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: North Macon Preschool

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

Partnering with Ministries

Missionaries of the Month:

*Joshua & Ruth Tsavatewa are working among the Yakama Tribe in Washington State where Josh is a Teaching Elder with Sacred Roads
Trey & Kiki Adams are a part of a church planting team in Bangkok, Thailand*

Sister Church of the Week: Dayspring Presbyterian Church (Forsyth)

Local Ministry Partner of the Week: Campus Clubs

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: *Luke* (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+: *Let's Study the Letters of John* (conference room)

Men's Small Groups

(all studies meet at NMPC)

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)

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

Wednesday Nights @ NMPC

Wednesday Night Dinner & Activities are now on break for the holiday season. All groups and studies for men, women, children, youth, & the Fellowship Hall study for adults will resume on Wednesday, January 8, 2025. Thanks for a wonderful fall semester!

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@nmmpc.net and she will add you to the distribution list. She can also assist you with signing up for the church’s app, Realm Connect, as well!

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!

Church Office - The Church Office will be closed on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Christmas Poinsettias - Once again we will be decorating the church for the holidays with poinsettias placed in honor or memory of someone for Christmas. Each poinsettia will cost \$15 apiece, and you’re welcome to place as many as you would like. To place an order, pick up an order form at the center table in the narthex today. Please turn in your form by December 6.

Lessons & Carols – Plan now to start your celebration of the Christmas season with an “Evening of Lessons and Carols” on Wednesday, December 4th at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary (Dinner will not be serve beforehand). This will be a special Christmas service filled with singing featuring our children, the ensemble, and instrumentalists. Invite a friend!

Ladies' Christmas Dinner - Our Annual Ladies’ Christmas Dinner will be held here Tuesday, December 10th at 6:30 pm. Ladies may sign up on Realm or the table in the narthex. If you would like to decorate one of our tables for the event, please sign up in Narthex as well or call Debi. Dinner will be provided as well as a celebration of our Savior’s birth!!

Advent Season Dates to Save – As you begin to plan your celebration of the Christmas season, be sure keep the following events and services in mind:

Wednesday, 12/4 – An Evening of Lessons & Carols (7 pm)

Sunday, 12/8 – Officer Elections

Tuesday, 12/10 – Ladies Christmas Dinner (6:30 pm)

Sunday, 12/15 – Annual Christmas Fellowship Brunch (during the Sunday School hour)

Tuesday, 12/24 – Christmas Eve Service (5 pm)

Friday, 12/27 – Timberlake/Leggett Wedding (11am - the congregations is invited!)



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 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*

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