



THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

December 15, 2024



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship
Sunday, December 15, 2024

*A voice of one calling: In the wilderness prepare
the way for the LORD: make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Isaiah 40:3*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Isaiah 12:2-6

Pastor: The LORD is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation.

People: **Give thanks to the LORD! Call on his name. Make known among
the nations what he has done! Proclaim that his name is exalted!**

Pastor: Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things! Let this be known to
all the world!

People: **Shout aloud and sing for joy, O people of Zion, for great is the Holy
One of Israel among you!**

*Praise Hymn

#195 - Joy to the World! The Lord is Come

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

***Invocation**

Rev. Bob Brunson

***Confession of Faith**

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q 21 & 22

Q. 21. Christian, who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

A. The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ,
who being the eternal Son of God,
became man, and so was, and continues to be,
God and man in two distinct natures,
and one person, forever.

Q. 22. How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

A. Christ, the Son of God, became man,
by taking to himself a true body,
and a reasoning soul,
being conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
in the womb of the Virgin Mary,
and born of her,
yet without sin. Amen.

*The Westminster Shorter Catechism expresses the truths 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**

#203 - Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

** those who are able please stand*

Call to Confession

Isaiah 57:15

For this is what the high and exalted One says—he who lives forever, whose name is holy: I live in a high and holy place, but also with the one who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.

Corporate Confession

Holy Father, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of you and for ignoring your immensity and greatness. Lord Jesus, forgive us when we forget that you rule the nations and our small lives. Holy Spirit, we offend you in minimizing your power and squandering your gifts. We confess that our blindness to your glory, O triune God, has resulted in shallow confession, tepid conviction, and only mild repentance. Have mercy upon us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Psalms 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.

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

On Christmas Night

***Hymn of Preparation**

#194 - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
vs. 1,3,4,5

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 Elijah Who Was to Come
Matthew 3:1-12; 11:1-15*

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

***Hymn of Response**

#213- What Child Is This?

***Benediction**

2 Thessalonians 3:16

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way.
The Lord be with all of you. 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: The *Elijah Who Was to Come*

Text: Matthew 3:1-12; 11:1-15

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 784 in the pew Bible

Providing a Home

Members of the Week:

Billy & Beverly Adams
Jake, Laura, Waylon, Willie & June Adams
Javier, Kristy & Heisman Alvarez
Bill & Donna Anderson

Expecting: Kristen Vaughn (3/2) & Hannah McCommon (3/22)

Newborns: Adelaide Foster, 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: Men's Ministry

Partnering with Ministries

Missionaries of the Month:

**Julian and Rachel are part of a church planting team in Brussels. Rachel also works with Community Bible Study International.*

**Stan & Connie Beasley are mobilizers for MTW's Southeast Hub, focusing on a culture of missions among presbyteries, churches, seminaries and colleges.*

Sister Church of the Week: Perry Presbyterian Church (Perry)

Local Ministry Partner of the Week: RUF Mercer

• Christmas Poinsettias •

To the Glory of God and in Memory of:

Jane & Jim Baird
Isabelle & Allen Fleece
Jean Snow
Joanne Weaver
John Dukes, Sr.

Billy & Beverly Adams

Ron Barr
Cade Barr

Joan Barr

Terry Rohn

Rodger & Tricia Barton

Charlotte Laurens
John McSween
Margaret & Jake Adams
Jean Snow

Mark & Meg Baxter

Bonnie Dortch (Nonnie)

The Bloodworth Family

Melanie Grier
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Carstarphen
Dr. & Mrs. Berry Bowman

John & Dianne Bowman

Josh, Virginia & Malcolm Davies
Trevor Jr., Agnes & Trevor III Chatfield

Phil & Tina Davies

L.S. Dawson, Sr.
Charlotte M. Laurens

Carol Dawson & Family

Larry DeFore

Peggy DeFore

Our Loved Ones

Bill & Glenda Eaves

Thomas Alexander

Eric & Mary Clare Freel

Mr. & Mrs. J. Philip Elder
Mr. & Mrs. John B. Gamble

Jim & Phyllis Gamble

Charles & Oneida Gibson B. Gene & Norma Brown	Jamie & Cindy Gibson
Randy Gorman	Becky Gorman
John & Faye Lee John & Elizabeth Grimsley	The Grimsley Family
John McSween	His Family
Willard Boyett	Donna Boyett & the Hornick Family
Robert & Evelyn Donnelly Moley & Vonnice Hogg Jerry Hogg	Lyn, Aaron & Madison Hogg, Melissa, Dustin, Emerson, Lakelyn, Ryder Newell; Harley Langford
Monica Leggett	Fiona Leggett
Our Parents	Bill & Rebecca Lober
Jimmy McCallum Jamie McCallum Jackson	Diane McCallum
Larry Kemper	Alan, Kathy, Bryce & Olivia Little; Matt & Hannah McCommon
Buck Ream	Boo, Rebecca, Anna Helen & Michael McKelvey
Major & Mrs. Walter Edward Norwood Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth Layton Gorveatte	The Pyles Family
Terry Rohn, by his wife Herbert & Hilda Spilker (parents of Donna Rohn) John & Helen Rohn (parents of Terry Rohn)	Donna Rohn
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Farman Dr. & Mrs. Loy Strawn	Dan & Connie Strawn
Albert, Doris & Mike Timms Harry, Lola & Ronnie Hatfield Lester Westbrooks	John & Ann Timms
Jim Kennedy	David & Murray Todd
Jerry Willis	Cheryl Willis & Family

• Christmas Poinsettias •

To the Glory of God and in Honor of:

The Flower Committee

Billy & Beverly Adams

Liz Ream

Mark & Meg Baxter

The Flower Committee

Hunter & Heather Stevenson

Bob & Karen Brunson

The Session

Susan Robertson

David & Murray Todd

NMPC Family

Larry & LuAnn Breed

NMPC Family - Merry Christmas

Bob & Karen Brunson

The Turner Family

Peggy DeFore

Harrie, Philip & Sam King

Mimi & Doot

The Flower Committee

Neal & Willa Ham

Phyllis & Jim Gamble

Joe Timberlake & Mary Jane Leggett

Our Sons & Grandchildren

Bill & Rebecca Lober

My Loving Wife

Bill Lober

Liz Ream

Boo, Rebecca, Anna Helen & Michael McKelvey

Deacon & Elder Families

Beth McSween

Bert & Sharon Kostedt

Jan Odom

The Parrish Family

Kate Harrison

Mrs. Joyce Parks Pyles	The Pyles Family
Reverend & Mrs. Tommy Joe Neyman	
Reverend & Mrs. Hunter Stevenson	Maggie & Katie Pyles
Maggie & Katie Pyles	Jack & Sara Pyles
Our Children & Grandchildren	Howard & Debi Reed
Mrs. Pat Jenkins	Lucy, Simon, Luke & Clifton Jake Shepley
Heather Stevenson	Hunter Stevenson
Liz Ream	The Stevensons
Claire & Davis Manning	Dan & Connie Strawn
Madison & Reid Dean	
Charlie, Monni & Nicole Parrish	John & Ann Timms
Deloris Westbrooks	
Our 10 incredible grandchildren	Nay Nay & Mimi Todd

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. She can also assist you with signing up for the church’s app, Realm Connect, as well!

Sunday Serve – NMPC Kids and the Youth Group will be visiting Bolingbroke Nursing & Rehabilitation today at 1:30 pm to spread Christmas Cheer to the residents! Youth Group, stay after church to hang out and have lunch before riding the shuttle to the facility.

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!

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

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

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

Sunday, 12/29 – Worship & Celebration of the Lord’s Supper (10:45 am)

Sunday, 1/5 – Officer Ordination & Installation Service (10:45 am)

2025 Women’s Retreat SAVE THE DATE - Join us February 7-9 at the Callaway Gardens Lodge and Spa for the 2025 Women’s Retreat. Registration is now open on Realm!

SAVE the DATE: Sacred Road Mission Trip - Now is the time to start praying about joining the team heading to Washington State the week of May 31 - June 7 to serve the people of the Yakama Reservation once again next year. We’ll begin taking applications in early January-details coming soon!

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Charles & Patricia Hughes 58th Wedding Anniversary.

NMPC Finances (11/30) - Income:	\$ 1,177,037	Faith Promise giving:	\$ 33,762
Expenses:	\$ 1,185,852	Needed by Dec. 31:	\$ 33,750