



THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

March 2, 2025



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship
Sunday, March 2, 2025

*For Christ died for sins once for all,
the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.
1 Peter 3:18*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-7a

Pastor: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD! Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song!

Pastor: For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.

People: In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.

Pastor: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

People: Come, let us bow down in worship! Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker!

Pastor: For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

***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

Belgic Confession, Article 20

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe?

People: We believe that God
—who is perfectly merciful and also very just—
sent his Son to assume the nature
in which the disobedience had been committed,
in order to bear in it the punishment of sin
by his most bitter passion and death.
So God made known his justice toward his Son,
who was charged with our sin,
and he poured out his goodness and mercy on us,
who are guilty, and worthy of damnation,
giving to us his Son to die, by a most perfect love,
and raising him to life, for our justification,
in order that by him
we might have immortality and eternal life. Amen.

The Belgic Confession was composed in 1561 by Guido de Brés. It was adopted at the Synod of Dordt in 1619 as one of the doctrinal standards to which all office bearers in the Reformed churches were required to subscribe. The confession stands as one of the best symbolical statements of Reformed doctrine.

*Hymn

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How Deep the Father's Love For Us

Stuart Townend



1. How Deep the Fath-er's love for us, how vast be-yond all meas - ure.
2. *Be - hold the Man up - on the cross, my sin up - on His shoul-ders.*
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing: No gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom.



that he should give his on - ly Son to make a wretch his trea - sure.
A - shamed, I hear my mock-ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers.
But I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His death and res - ur-rec - tion.



How great the pain of sear - ing loss. The Fa - ther turns his face a - way
It was my sin that held him there un - til it was ac - com - plished;
Why should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer.



as wounds which mar the cho - sen one, bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
His dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

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Call to Confession

Psalm 32:1-7

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him 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 upon 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 everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found; surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him. You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

Corporate Confession

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Cleanse me, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

1 Peter 2:24

Jesus Christ bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness. By his wounds we have been healed.

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

Speak, O Lord

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Townend and Getty



Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re - ceive the food of Your
Teach us Lord full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu -
Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your
ho - ly word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and
mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the
plans for us. Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will
fash - ion us in Your like ness, that the light of Christ might be
ra - di - ance of Your pur - i - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our
e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your
seen to-day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
eyes to see Your ma - je - stic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can
pro - mi - ses, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your
fill ____ in us ____ all Your pur - po - ses for Your glo - ry.
ne - ver fail; Let their truth ____ pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
church ____ is built, and the earth ____ is filled with Your glo - ry.

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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.*

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. There is a prayer at the bottom of the page to help you reflect upon what it means to trust Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

***Hymn of Response**

*Jesus, Thank You
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***Benediction**

Revelation 1:5b-6

Now to him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

***Doxology**

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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.

Jesus, Thank You

Pat Sczabel

1. The mys - t'ry of the cross I can - not com - pre - hend,
2. By Your per - fect sac - ri - fice I've been brought near.

the ag - o - nies of Cal - va - ry.
your en - e - my You've made Your friend.

You, the per - fect Ho - ly One, crushed Your Son,
Pour - ing out the rich - es of Your glo - rious grace,

drank the bit - ter cup re - served for me.
Your mer - cy and Your kind - ness know no end.

Chorus: Your blood has washed a-way my sin. Je-sus, thank You. The Fa-ther's wrath
com - plete - ly sat - is - fied Je-sus, thank You. Once Your en - e - my,
now seat - ed at Your ta - ble, Je-sus, thank You. 2nd time to Bridge

Bridge: Lov - er of my soul, I want to live for You. 2nd time to Chorus

• The Preached Word •

Title: *Our Life-Giving God*

Text: 2 Kings 4:38-44

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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Providing a Home

Members of the Week:

Cathy Dondes

James & Amy Drummond

John Dukes

Lonnie & Donna Dyc

Expecting: Hannah McCommon (3/22), Megan Cathey (6/19), Kalcigh Frell (6/25), Hali Leskosky (7/10) & Hannah Henning (9/12)

Newborns: Bear Vaughn, Adelaide Foster, Parker Schnetzer, Heidi Bentley & Charlee Andree

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

Bereaved: Madeline Thompson (dad, mom & sister); Fiona Leggett (mom); Kathy Little (dad); Donna Rohn (Terry); Amy Drummond (dad); Kalcigh Frell (grandmother); Ann Herndon (grandson); Rebecca Lober (Bill); Joe Timberlake (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:

**Jeff & Jamie are church planters in India where Jeff teaches rural pastors in a seminary*

**Clay & Hannah Jones are preparing to serve in San Salvador, El Salvador, collaborating with an established mercy ministry that serves the homeless and most vulnerable.*

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

Local Ministry Partner of the Week: RUF Columbus State (Tim Grider)

Discipleship Opportunities

Spring Sunday School 9:30 - 10:30 AM

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

4k-2nd Grade: *Living in God's Family* (room 121). Teacher: Megan Cathey

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

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

Adult Community Classes 9:30 - 10:30 am

20's-30's: *The Study of Luke* (Modular 1)

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

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

66+: *The Letters of John* (conference room)

Men's Small Groups (all studies meet at NMPC)

Sundays (6:15-7:30 pm): *Impossible Christianity* (conference room), begins tonight

Wednesdays (6:30-7:30 pm): *All Things for Good: Romans 8:28* (sanctuary music room)

Thursdays (6:45-7:45 am): *Let's Study John* (conference room)

Ladies' Bible Studies (all studies meet in the conference room at NMPC)

Tuesdays (10-11:30 am): *Seven Feasts*. (childcare available on request), begins 1/14

Wednesdays (6:30-7:30 pm): *Seven Feasts* (childcare available)

Fridays (10-11:30 am): *1 Samuel: Choose Your King*

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. Study Ephesians with Eric Freel in the Fellowship Hall or join a group for men or women. Dinner is \$7/adults/teen, \$3/child, with a family max \$20.

Menu: Philly Cheesesteak Pasta Casserole, Salad Bar, Garlic Bread & 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.

If you desire to receive email communications from the church, please email Monni Parrish at monni@nmpc.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 – Join us tomorrow morning at 9 am in the conference room as we pray for the needs of the church family, the community and the world.

New Members Class - If you are interested in learning more about NMPC or joining our membership, you are invited to attend the New Members Class next month. The class consists of two Sunday night meetings, **March 9th & 16th from 5:30 - 7:45 PM**. Dinner & childcare are provided. (We offer makeup sessions if you have a conflict one evening.) Please pick up a New Member notebook on the buffet beside Pastor Hunter's office.

Faith Promise - Faith Promise is how we each indicate the amount we are trusting God to provide this year to enable us to support global missions here at NMPC. The deadline for submitting your Faith Promise card is **Sunday, March 16**. Extra Faith Promise cards are available today at the center table in the narthex, along with a place to deposit your completed cards. Thanks!

Wonderfully Made Spring Session - Wonderfully Made is a place for our 3rd-8th grade girls to come together to be reminded of the truths of who God created them to be through bible study and creative arts. We will meet on March 16th from 3:30-6 pm in the Fellowship Hall and be sure to invite a friend! Register on REALM or contact Children's Ministry Director Megan Cathey (megan@nmpc.net) for more information.

North Macon Preschool Registration - Preschool registration (MMO-4K) for the 2025-2026 school year is open. Applications can be found on the church website (www.nmpc.net) and in the preschool office. Contact director Holly Shepley (holly@nmpc.net) if you have any questions.

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Charlie & Monni Parrish.