

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

September 22, 2024



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship
Sunday, September 22, 2024

You are the light of the world.

*A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl.
Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.*

*In the same way, let your light shine before men,
that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.*

Matthew 5:14-16

Preclude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 108:1-5

Pastor: My heart is steadfast, O God. I will sing and make music with all my soul! Awake, harp and lyre; I will awaken the dawn!

People: I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations. I will sing of you among the peoples.

Pastor: For great is your love, higher than the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies!

People: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

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

*Praise Hymn

#55 – To God Be the Glory

*Invocation

Rev. Bob Brunson

*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 1

Q. Christian, what is your only comfort in life and death?

A. That I am not my own,
but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.
He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven;
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.
Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.

*The Heidelberg Catechism was composed in Heidelberg, Germany in 1563.
It has been translated into many European, Asian, and African languages
and is the most widely used and most warmly praised catechism of the Reformation period.*

* those who are able please stand

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me



What gift of grace is Je - sus, my Re - deem - er. There is no
The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en, for by my
 No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en, the fu - ture
 With ev - 'ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus, for he has



more for hea - ven now to give. He is my joy, my right - eous - ness and
side the Sav - ior, he will stay. I la - bor on in weak - ness and re -
 sure, the price, it has been paid. For Je - sus bled and suf - ferred for my
 said that he will bring me home. And day by day I know he will re -



free - dom, my stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less peace.
joic - ing, for in my need, his pow - er is dis - played.
 par - don, and he was raised to o - ver - throw the grave.
 new me un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne.



To this I hold: my hope is on - y Je - sus. For my
To this I hold: my Shep - herd will de - fend me. Through the
 To this I hold: my sin has been de - feat - ed. Je - sus
 To this I hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. All the



life is whol - ly bound to His. Oh how strange and di - vine, I can
deep - est val - ley he will lead. Oh the night has been won, and I
 now, and ev - er, is my plea. Oh the chains are re - leased, I can
 glo - ry ev - er - more to him. When the race is com - plete, still my



sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
shall o - ver - come! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 lips shall re - peat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.

Corporate Confession

Loving King, our thoughts and motives cannot be hidden from your sight. Our self-pity and pride, our idolatry and sloth, our anger and envy are laid bare before your eyes. Forgive us for remaining silent and for shrinking back in fear when we should be speaking up for righteousness and truth. Forgive us for the times we have denied our Eternal Savior because we were afraid of men. Forgive us for the times we have gone along with the crowd because we were afraid of what standing for Christ would cost us. We humble ourselves before you and ask that you cover us in the blood of Christ and grant us courage to proudly identify ourselves as followers of Jesus. Renew us in the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit for the honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Romans 4:25

*Jesus Christ was delivered over to death for our sins
and was raised to life for our justification.*

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

Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit

Ho - ly Spi - rit, liv - ing Breath of God, breathe new
Ho - ly Spi - rit, come a - bide with - in, may Your
Ho - ly Spi - rit, from cre - a - tion's birth, giv - ing

3
life in - to my will - ing soul. Let the pres - ence of the
joy be seen in all I do. Love e - nough to cov - er
life to all that God has made, show Your pow - er once a -

6
ris - en Lord come re - new my heart and make me whole.
ev - 'ry sin, in each thought and deed and at - ti - tude.
gain on earth, cause Your church to hun - ger for Your ways.

9
Cause Your word to come a - live in me; Give me faith for what I
Kind - ness to the great - est and the least, gen - tle - ness that sows the
Let the fra - grance of our pray'rs a - rise; Lead us on the road of

12
can - not see, give me pas - sion for Your pu - ri - ty; Ho - ly
path of peace. Turn my striv - ings in - to works of grace; Breath of
sac - ri - fice, that in u - ni - ty the face of Christ may be

15
Spi - rit breathe new life in me.
God show Christ in all I do.
clear for all the world to see.

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

*Remaining Faithful in a Faithless Place
1 Kings 18:1-15*

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

***Hymn of Response**

*He Will Hold Me Fast
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***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 Christ, 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**

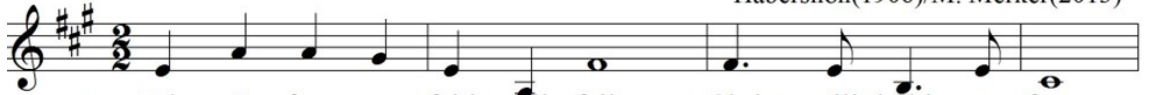
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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Postlude**

He Will Hold Me Fast

Habershon(1906)/M. Merker(2013)



1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
2. *Those He saves are His de-light,* *Christ will hold me fast;*
3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;



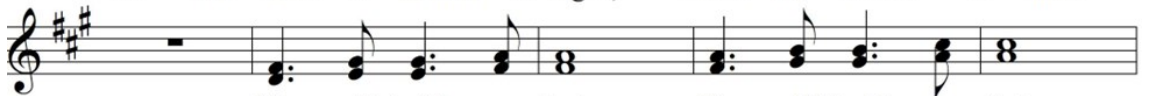
When the tempt - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.
Pre - cious in his ho - ly sight, *He will hold me fast.*
Just - ice has been sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast.



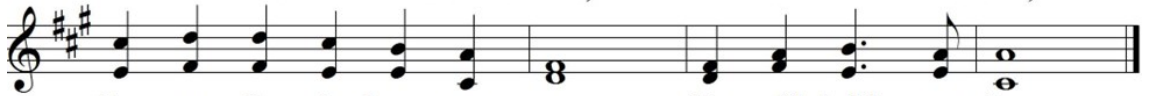
I could nev - er keep my hold through life's fear - ful path;
He'll not let my soul be lost; *His prom - is - es shall last;*
Raised with Him to end - less life, He will hold me fast



For my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me fast.
Bought by Him at such a cost, *He will hold me fast.*
'till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!



He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;



For my Sa - vior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

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• The Preached Word •

Title: *Remaining Faithful in a Faithless Place*

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Text: 1 Kings 18:1-15

pg. 283 in the pew Bible

Prayer Guide

Providing a Home

Members of the Week:

Rana Munna & Joseph Egloff

Dustin, Melissa, Emerson, Lakelyn & Ryder Newell; Harley Langford

Greg & Cherri Nix

Andrei & Caitlin Parrish

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: Youth Ministry

Partnering with Ministries

Missionaries of the Month:

Roger and Dianne Smalling write, publish, distribute, and teach Reformed literature in Latin America

Dal and Beth Stanton have been a part of a church planting team in Sofia Bulgaria, and are now doing a similar work in Ukraine

Sister Church of the Week: New Life PC - Tifton

Local Ministry Partner of the Week: Covenant Card Adoptions

Discipleship Opportunities

Fall Sunday School

9:30 – 10:30 AM

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

4th-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: *Ecclesiastes, part 2* (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: Pork Tenderloin, Roasted Vegetables w/ Sweet Potatoes, Salad Bar, Rolls, & 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@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!

“Wonderfully Made” Begins Next Week - “Wonderfully Made,” a time for 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, will have its first monthly gathering next Sunday, 9/29, 4 – 6 pm at NMPC. Registration is \$10 per girl, with additional information available on REALM.

Ladies’ Mug & Muffin - Mug and Muffin for NMPC ladies will be October 12 (10:30 am) at the home of Holly Garretson (7247 Rivoli Road). Bring your favorite coffee mug and enjoy a fall morning with our ladies. Register on Realm of with Kathy Pye in the office.

Men’s Chili Cookoff - Guys, join us for the Men’s Ministry Chili Cookoff on Saturday October 26, 6-9 pm, at the home of Cal Garretson (7247 Rivoli Road). Stay tuned for details!

Lunch on the Grounds - Plan now to have Lunch on the Grounds with us after church on Sunday, November 10 in celebration of NMPC’s 37th anniversary and David (and Murray!) Todd as Pastor Emeritus.

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, which is comprised of two Sunday night meetings, on Oct 20 & Nov 3 from 5:30 - 7:45 PM. Dinner & childcare are provided. Please email Pastor Hunter (hunter@nmnpc.net) to sign up or for more information. (We provide make-up sessions if you have a conflict one of those evenings.)

NMPC Finances (09/01) - Income:	\$ 839,464	Faith Promise giving:	\$ 21,860	
	Expenses:	\$ 870,280	Needed by Dec. 31:	\$ 33,750
			Deacon’s Fund:	\$ 37,540

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 downloading the app.