

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

February 9, 2025



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship
Sunday, February 9, 2025

*Our help is in the name of the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.
Psalm 124:8*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 33:6, 8-9, 16-18, 22

Pastor: By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth.

People: **Let all the earth fear the LORD! Let all the people of the world revere him! For he spoke, and it came to be. He commanded, and it stood firm.**

Pastor: No king is saved by the size of his army. No warrior escapes by his great strength. A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save.

People: **But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love. We wait in hope for the LORD. He is our help and our shield.**

Pastor: May your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD, even as we put our hope in you.

*Praise Hymn

*#77 - Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
vs. 1 - 4*

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

Q. Christian, what do you understand by the providence of God?

A. Providence is the almighty and ever present power of God,
by which he upholds—as with his hand—
heaven and earth and all creatures;
and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought,
fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness,
prosperity and poverty—all things, in fact,
come to us not by chance, but from his fatherly hand.

Q. How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

A. We can be patient when things go against us,
thankful when things go well,
and for the future we can have good confidence
in our faithful God and Father,
that nothing will separate us from his love.
All creatures are so completely in his hand,
that without his will,
they can neither move nor be moved. Amen.

*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.*

I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD watches over you—the LORD is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

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

Scripture Reading

Matthew 14:13-21

When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."

Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. "Bring them here to me," he said. And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Chorus

Words and Music by Matt Redman and Jonas Myrin

Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh my soul. Wor-ship His ho - ly name.

Sing like ne-ver be-fore, oh my soul. I wor-ship Your ho - ly name.

The sun comes up. It's a new day dawn - ing.
 You're rich in love and You're slow to an - ger.
 And on that day when my strength is fail - ing.

It's time to sing Your song a - gain. What -
 Your name is great and Your heart is kind. For
 the end draws near and my time has come,

ev - er may pass and what - ev - er lies be - fore me,
 all Your goodness I will keep on sing - ing
 Still my soul will sing Your praise un-end - ing

let me be sing - ing when the ev'n - ing comes.
 ten thou - sand rea - sons for my heart to find. **To Chorus**
 ten thou - sand years and then for - ev - er more.

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Prayer for Covenant Children

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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

An Easy Thing, Part 2
2 Kings 3:21-27

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Hymn of Response

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*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

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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.

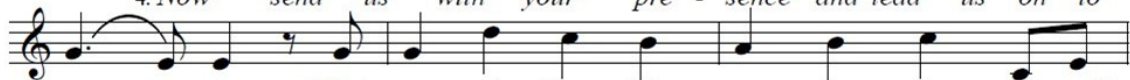
*Postlude

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.

Our God Will Go Before Us



1. Our God will go be - fore__ us and guide us by His
2. *Through un - known paths, through sha - dows, our hearts fear not to -*
3. *Though e - vil forms a - gainst us, all hea - ven will de -*
4. *Now send us with your pre - sence and lead us on to*



pre - sence. What con - fi - dence this pro - mise is: we will
mor - row. For ev - 'ry step, His faith - ful - ness is the
fend__ us. The gates of hell shall not pre - vail, for the
hea - ven, where songs of sor - row strain no more and our

CHORUS



ne - ver walk a - lone. *(to verse 2)* Our God will go be - fore__ us; the
truth that lights our way.
bat - tle is the Lord's.
ev - 'ry breath is praise!



Lord of hosts is with__ us. O, praise the One who



leads us on for His grace will bring us home.

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• The Preached Word •

Title: *An Easy Thing, Part 2*

Text: 2 Kings 3:21-27

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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Providing a Home

Members of the Week:

Lee, Jennifer & Jennalee Burch
Morris, Jessica, Mary Blue, Sallic, Morris, Jr. & Ben Butler
Matt, Megan, Andrew, William & Mary Louise Cathey
Bobby & Claire Chastain

Expecting: Kristen Vaughn (3/2), Hannah McCommon (3/22), Megan Cathey (6/19), Kaleigh Freel (6/25) & Hali Leskosky (7/10)

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); Kaleigh Freel (grandmother); Ann Herndon (grandson); Rebecca Lober (Bill)

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: Children's Ministry

Partnering with Ministries

Missionaries of the Month:

**Jonas and Christian Davison are part of a church planting team in Japan where they use the arts to build bridges for evangelism & discipleship.*

**Tomo Ito is on staff with Sacred Road Ministries in Washington State.*

He is working to establish a similar ministry to the Native American tribes in Warm Springs, Oregon.

Sister Church of the Week: St. Andrews Presbyterian Church (Americus)

Local Ministry Partner of the Week: Freedom Collective of Middle Georgia

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

Menu: Baked bone end chicken over rice, blackeye peas & 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!

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 consists of two Sunday night meetings—on **March 9th & 16th from 5:30 - 7:45 PM**. Dinner & childcare are provided. (We provide makeup-sessions if you have a conflict one evening.) Please email Pastor Hunter (hunter@nmpc.net) to sign up or for more information.

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.

Sacred Road Mission Trip: Only 4 Spots Remain – It's not too late to join the team heading to Washington State to serve the people of the Yakama Reservation with Sacred Road Mission the week of May 31 - June 7. Visit Realm to complete an application or contact trip leader Mark Ballard (mark@nmpc.net) for more information.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast: SAVE THE DATE – Men, plan now to join us on Saturday morning, March 1, 8 – 9:30 am, in the Fellowship Hall for our mid-year Men's Fellowship Breakfast. Signups will begin next Sunday!

North Macon Preschool Registration - Preschool registration (MMO-4K) for the 2025-2026 school year is now 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.



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

Jim Gamble
Cal Garretson
Ed Grimsley
Charles Hall
Neal Ham

Tommy James
Paul McCommon
Rob Morton
Charlie Parrish
Howard Reed

Diaconate

Joshua Buckner
Matt Cathey

Rick Funk
Hays Fyke
Jack Pyles

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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