



THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

March 23, 2025



**NORTH MACON**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship  
Sunday, March 23, 2025

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*On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice,  
Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me,  
as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.  
John 7:37-38*

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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Isaiah 55:1-3a

Pastor: Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters! You who have no money, come, buy and eat!

People: **Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.**

Pastor: Why spend money on what is not bread and your labor on what does not satisfy?

People: **Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare.**

Pastor: Give ear and come to me! Listen, that you may live.

\*Praise Hymn

*Come Thou Fount  
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*\* those who are able please stand*

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

# Come Thou Fount

Robinson/Brown



Come thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;  
O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;  
O that day, when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy love - ly face;



streams of mer - cy ne - ver ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee.  
cloth - ed then in blood washed lin - en, how I'll sing Thy sov - 'reign grace.



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;  
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:  
Prone to wan - der — Lord, I feel it — prone to leave the God I love:  
Come, my Lord, no long - er tar - ry, take my ran - somed soul a - way;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.  
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts a - bove.  
send Thine an - gels now to car - ry me to realms of end - less day.

\*Invocation

Rev. Bob Brunson

Q. Christian, how is our baptism to be improved by us?

A. The needful but much neglected duty of improving our baptism,  
is to be performed by us all our life long,  
especially in the time of temptation,  
and when we are present at the administration of it to others;

by serious and thankful consideration of the nature of it,  
and of the ends for which Christ instituted it,  
the privileges and benefits conferred and sealed thereby,  
and our solemn vow made therein;

by being humbled for our sinful defilement,  
our falling short of, and walking contrary to,  
the grace of baptism, and our engagements;

by growing up to assurance of pardon of sin,  
and of all other blessings sealed to us in that sacrament;

by drawing strength from the death and resurrection of Christ,  
into whom we are baptized,  
for the mortifying of sin, and quickening of grace;

and by endeavoring to live by faith,  
to have our conversation in holiness and righteousness,  
as those that have therein given up their names to Christ;  
and to walk in brotherly love,  
as being baptized by the same Spirit into one body. Amen.

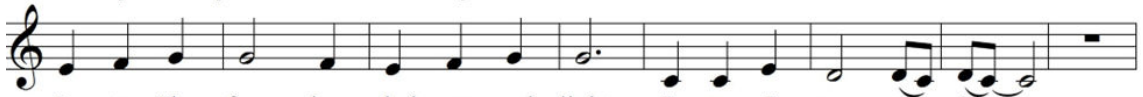
*The Westminster Larger Catechism expresses the truths of the Bible in summary form.  
It was comprised at the Westminster Assembly in London (1643-1648), and it sets forth  
the doctrinal standards of our church and our denomination, the Presbyterian Church in America.*

# Jesus, I Come

William Sleeper and Greg Thompson



Out of my bond - age, sor - row and night, Je - sus, I come; Je - sus, I come.  
*Out of my shame - ful fail - ure and loss, Je - sus, I come; Je - sus, I come.*  
 Out of un - rest and ar - ro-gant pride, Je - sus, I come; Je - sus, I come.  
*Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Je - sus, I come; Je - sus, I come.*



In - to Thy free - dom, glad-ness, and light Je - sus, I come to Thee.  
*In - to the glo - rious gain of Thy cross, Je - sus, I come to Thee.*  
 In - to Thy bless - ed will to a - bide, Je - sus, I come to Thee.  
*In - to the joy and light of Thy home, Je - sus, I come to Thee.*



Out of my sick-ness— in - to Thy health, Out of my want-ing and in - to Thy wealth,  
*Out of earth's sor - rows— in - to Thy balm, Out of life's storms— and in - to Thy calm,*  
 Out of my self— to dwell in Thy love, Out of de-spair in - to rap-tures a - bove,  
*Out of the depths— of ru - in un-told, In - to the peace of Thy shelt-er-ing fold,*



Out of my sin— and in - to Thy - self, Je - sus, I come to Thee.  
*Out of dis - tress in - to ju - bi - lant psalm, Je - sus, I come to Thee.*  
 Up - ward for - ev - er on wings like a dove, Je - sus, I come to Thee.  
*Ev - er Thy glo - ri - ous face to be - hold, Je - sus I come to Thee.*

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*Adelaide Lois Foster*

### Baptismal Vows

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?
4. Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

### Congregational Prayer

*Take My Life and Let It Be*

*Take her life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee  
Take her moments and her days; let them flow in ceaseless praise  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

### Call to Prayer

Matthew 11:28-30

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

### 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

#642 - Be Thou My Vision

### 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

*A Sin Against Grace*  
2 Kings 5:20-27

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

### \*Hymn of Response

*Turn Your Eyes*  
*printed on page 7*

### \*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

# Turn Your Eyes



Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus look full in His won-der-ful  
 Turn your eyes to the hill - side where jus - tice and mer - cy em -  
 Turn your eyes to the morn - ing and see Christ the li - on a -  
 Turn your eyes to the hea - vens, our King will re - turn for His  
 face. and the things of earth will grow strange - ly dim, in the  
 brace. There the Son of God gave His life for us, and our  
 wake. What a glo - rious dawn, fear of death is gone, for we  
 own. Ev - every knee will bow, ev - every tongue will shout "All the  
 light of His glo - ry and grace. (to 2nd vs.) Je - sus to You we lift our  
 mea - sure - less debt was e - raised.  
 car - ry His life in our veins.  
 glo - ry to Je - sus a - lone!"  
 eyes. Je - sus our glo - ry and our prize. We a - dore You be -  
 hold You our Sav - ior ev - er true. Oh Je - sus we turn our eyes to You.

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*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.*



# • The Preached Word •

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**Title:** *A Sin Against Grace*

**Text:** 2 Kings 5:20-27

**Pastor:** Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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## Providing a Home

Members of the Week:

Owen Freel  
 Bobby & Barbara Freeman  
 Rick Funk  
 Hays, Andrea, Imrie & Buck Fyke

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

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

Recovering: Bess Baker (stroke); Charlie Parrish (transplant)

Bereaved: Madeline Thompson (dad, mom & sister); Fiona Leggett (mom); Kathy Little (dad); Donna Rohn (Terry); Amy Drummond (dad); Kaleigh Freel (grandmother); Ann Herndon (grandson); Rebecca Lober (Bill); Joe Timberlake (sister); Diane McCallum (sister); Sandy Manwaring (Dick)

Caring for Loved Ones: Monni Parrish (dad; Charlie); 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 (& registration for fall)

## 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: Macon Korean Presbyterian Church

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-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: *Living in God's Family* (room 121). Teacher: Megan Cathey

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

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

### Adult Community Classes

9:30 - 10:30 am

20's-30's: *Trusting God*, (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)

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

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. Eric Freel is teaching in the Fellowship Hall or join a small group. Dinner is \$7/adults/teen, \$3/child, family max \$20.

Menu: Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Bacon, Fruit and French Toast Casserole.

## 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](mailto: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.

**Communicant’s Class:** Pastor Hunter will be teaching the Communicant’s Class for students in 5th grade and up who are interested in becoming communing members of NMPC during the Sunday School hour on April 13th & 27th and May 4th & 11th. Please contact Megan Cathey ([megan@nmpc.net](mailto:megan@nmpc.net)) to sign up by **Sun, April 6th**.

**BBQ for Missions** - Our annual BBQ fundraiser is planned for **Sat, April 12th** to raise money for our Sacred Road Mission Team. Tickets are on sale in the narthex. Prices are: \$10 for a plate, \$12 for a pound, \$9 for a quart & \$5 for a pint of stew, & \$35 for a Boston Butt. Also, we will have a bake sale! Please sign up in the narthex or contact Caitlin Parrish ([cfbartow00@gmail.com](mailto:cfbartow00@gmail.com)) if you are willing to bring a dessert.

**Easter is coming soon!** – Events & services include:

- Good Friday Service of Remembrance (**Friday, April 18** at 6:30 pm)
- Easter Egg Hunt (**Saturday, April 19** at 10 am)
- Easter Sunday Brunch (**Sunday, April 20** at 9:30 am)
- Easter Sunday Worship (**Sunday, April 20** at 10:45 am)

**SAVE THE DATE: Parenting Seminar at NMPC**- Plan now to join us on **Fri, April 25<sup>th</sup>**, for “Discipling Our Kids in a Digital Age.” Our speaker will be Cameron Cole, long-time Birmingham youth minister and founder of Rooted Ministries. Dinner will be served, and childcare will be provided for the event. If you have teens, pre-teens, or grandkids, this is for you—come & invite your friends!