

THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

October 8, 2023



**NORTH MACON**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Important Reminders:

Turn off all cellular devices during the worship service.  
Do not bring food or drink into the sanctuary.

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*Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.  
His love endures forever.*  
Psalm 1361

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Preclude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 148

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens:

People: Praise him, all his angels and all his heavenly hosts. Praise him, sun and moon and all you shining stars. Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies. Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

Pastor: Praise the LORD from the earth:

People: Praise him, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths. Praise him, lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding. Praise him, you mountains and hills, fruit trees and cedars, wild animals and cattle, small creatures and flying birds.

Pastor: Praise him, kings of the earth and all nations; praise him, you princes and all rulers; praise him, young men and maidens, old men and children.

People: Let them all praise the name of the LORD! For his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens. Praise the LORD!

# Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him

Praise the Lord: ye heav'ns a - dore him, praise him, an - gels, in — the  
*Praise the Lord, for he is glo - rious; ne - ver shall his pro - mise*  
 Wor - ship, hon - or, glo - ry, bless - ing, Lord, we of - fer un - to

height; sun and moon re - jice be - fore — him; praise him all ye  
*fail: God hath made his saints vic - to - rious; sin and death shall*  
 thee; young and old, — thy praise ex - press - ing, in glad hom - age

stars of light. Praise the Lord, for he hath spo - ken; worlds his  
*not — pre - vail. Praise the God of our sal - va - tion; hosts on*  
 bend the knee. All the saints in heav'n a - dore thee; we would

might - y voice o - beyed: laws — which ne - ver shall be  
*high, his pow'r pro - claim; heav'n and earth and all — cre -*  
 bow — be - fore — thy throne: as — thine an - gels serve be -

bro - ken for their guid - dance hath he made.  
*a - tion, laud and mag - ni - fy his name.*  
 fore — — — — — thee, so on earth — thy will be done.

Christian: What do you believe when you say in the Apostles' Creed:  
"I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth"?

We believe that the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ—  
who out of nothing created heaven and earth  
and everything in them,  
and who still upholds and rules them  
by His eternal counsel and providence—  
is my God and Father  
because of Jesus Christ His Son.

I trust Him so much that I do not doubt  
that He will provide whatever I need for body and soul,  
and He will turn to my good  
whatever adversity He sends me in this sad world.

He is able to do this because He is Almighty God;  
He desires to do this because He is a faithful Father.

*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.*

## Call to Prayer

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always! I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

## 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

Isaiah 47 & Jeremiah 51:6, 45  
*page 594 in the pew Bible*

## \*Hymn of Preparation

*#565 - All For Jesus!*

## Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Children's Church is for children 4 years old through 1st grade.*

*If today is your child's first time attending, please accompany them to Children's Church. Also, we have a "Cry Room" for our young families, where you can see & hear the service.*

Sermon

*Fallen, Fallen is Babylon the Great!*  
Revelation 18:1-8

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

\*Hymn of Response

*O Great God*  
*printed on page #6*

\*Benediction

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it. 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

Visitors:

Welcome! Please feel free to speak with one of the pastors or elders after the service. They would be glad to answer any questions you may have and would enjoy meeting you. *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.*

# O Great God

Bob Kauflin



O Great God of high - est heav'n, oc - cu - py my low - ly heart.  
*I was blind - ed by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,*  
Help me now to live a life that's de - pen - dent on Your grace.



Own it all and reign su - preme con - quer ev - ery re - bel pow'r.  
*did not know Your love with - in, had no taste for heav - en's joys.*  
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the e - vils that I face.



Let no vice or sin re - main that re - sists Your ho - ly war.  
*Then Your Spir - it gave me life, o - pened up Your Word to me,*  
You are worth - y to be praised with my ev - ery thought and deed.



you have loved and pur - chased me, make me Yours for - ev - er more.  
*through the gos - pel of Your Son, gave me end - less hope and peace.*  
O great God of high - est heav'n, glo - ri - fy Your Name through me.



You are worth - y to be praised with my ev - ery thought and deed.



O great God of high - est heav'n, glo - ri - fy Your Name through me.

2006 Sovereign Grace Praise/CCLI Song #4804015

# • The Preached Word •

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**Title:** *Fallen, Fallen Is Babylon the Great!*

**Text:** Revelation 18:1-8

**Pastor:** Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 1001 in the pew Bible



**Pray for Our Members:**

Hays, Andrea, Imrie & Buck Fyke  
Jim & Phyllis Gamble  
Cal, Holly, Caroline & Camp Garretson  
Barbara Gibson

**Pray for Our Missionary of the Month:**

Noah & Karleigh Stephens are church planters in Bangkok, Thailand

**Pray for Those in Need:**

Expecting: Hannah Henning (10/14), Mackenzie Lyles (11/8), Lizzie Gossett (12/7), Katie Singleton (12/23), Bonnie Andree (1/7) & Ember Bentley (3/13)

Newborns: June Adams, Ryder Newell, Eleanor Freel & Ben McKenzie

Members Caring for Loved Ones: Becky Gorman (Randy); Joseph Egloff (mom); Rana Munna (mom)

Recovering/Sick: Dick Manwaring (stroke) & Mark Ballard (surgery)

Bereaved: Susana, Sarah Jane & Oscar Sandefur (Chris); Beth McSween (John); Cathy Smith (JC); Madeline Thompson (mom & sister); Mary Clare Freel (dad); Kate Harrison (sister); Carol Dawson (sister); John Dukes (dad); Lynn & Aaron Hogg & Melissa Newell (Jerry); Brad Bibb (mom); Helen Johnson (mom); Amelia Smith (mom); Rebecca Lober (dad)

Our Leaders: the Session, Diaconate, and Staff; our local, state and federal governmental officials

# • Discipleship Opportunities •

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## Fall Sunday School Schedule

- 2-3 Year Old: *God's People* taught by Seth & Amy Peed in Room 112  
4k-2nd: *God Created All Things* taught by Steven & Jill Bloodworth, Hays & Andrea Fyke and Patrick & Andrea Goff in Room 121  
3rd-5th: *God's Servants* taught by Myra Baker & Tricia Barton in Room 122  
6th-12th: *1 Peter* taught by Mark Ballard and Bryce Little in the Youth Room  
College: We encourage college students to pick one of the following 4 classes  
Young Adults: *Let's Study 1 Corinthians* taught by Charles Hall, Matt McCommon & Paul Common in Modular Classroom #1  
Middle Adults: *Saints, Sufferers, and Sinners: Loving Others as God Loves Us* taught by Steven Bloodworth, Cal Garretson & Tate Morris in the Fellowship Hall  
Older Adults: *The Good News We Almost Forgot* taught by Lee Burch, Ed Grimsley, Neal Ham, Charlie Parrish, Howard Reed & Dan Strawn in MC #2  
Senior Adults: *Let's Study 2 Peter and Jude* taught by Tommy James & Rob Morton in the Conference Room

## Wednesday Night Activities

Dinner begins at 5:45 PM (\$5.00/adult/teen, \$2.00/child, family max \$15.00).

At 6:30 PM classes are offered for all ages:

Nursery (0-3 year old)

Children's Classes (K4 - 5th grade)

Youth Group (6th-12th grade)

Men's Small Groups

Women's Bible Study on Lamentations

Adult Bible Study on Romans taught by Rev. Eric Freel

*Menu: Baked Spaghetti, Salad Bar, Garlic Bread, Lemon Cake w/Almond Frosting.*

# • Announcements •

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**Monday Morning Prayer** - We will gather for prayer at 9 AM tomorrow morning.

**Local Ministry Partners** - Do you want to learn about our LMPs? Here's your chance!

- Out of Darkness Banquet: Thur, Oct 19
- Strong Tower Fellowship Banquet: Thur, Nov 2

**Strong Tower Fellowship** - Strong Tower will have a Fall Fest outreach on Thursday, October 19th at 5:30 PM. If you would like to bake goods or volunteer to help serve, please call Amy Drummond at 215-264-8650.

**Sacred Road Mission Trip** - The 2024 Sacred Road Mission Trip will be June 1-8, 2024. At this time, we are looking for adults who would be willing to participate. Please contact Bob Brunson (bob@nmnpc.net) if you are interested.

**Thinking Biblically - Living Covenantally** - A PCA Women's Ministry Training will be held on Saturday, October 14th from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. All NMPC women (age 12 and up) are invited. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Register on Realm and be sure to request childcare when you register.

**Mercer Bears Tailgate** - Join us for an afternoon of fun, food, fellowship and football! On Saturday, October 21st at 2:30 PM we will gather at Mercer University for a tailgate, followed by the football game at 4 PM (Mercer vs. Wofford). Bring your chairs and a favorite tailgate dish to share. Tickets are \$5 per person/\$15 per family max. Please register on REALM or contact Megan Cathey.

**Mug and Muffin** - Mug and Muffin for NMPC ladies will be October 28 (9-11 am) at the home of Beth McSween (107 Howard Oaks Drive). Bring your favorite coffee mug and enjoy a fall morning with our ladies and a word from Karen Brunson.

**Reformation Day Celebration:** Join us on Sunday, October 29th at 5:00 PM for our annual Reformation Day celebration! Come enjoy a BBQ dinner, inflatables, games, snow cones and more! We are asking last names A-L to bring a side dish and M-Z a dessert. Please register on REALM and contact Megan Cathey if you have any questions or would like to help with the celebration.

**Flowers** - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jerry Willis by Cheryl Willis.



# 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.

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## Session

Cal Garretson<sup>25</sup>  
Ed Grimsley<sup>23\*</sup>  
Neal Ham<sup>24\*</sup>  
Tommy James<sup>25\*</sup>

Paul McCommon<sup>23</sup>  
Rob Morton<sup>23</sup>  
Charlie Parrish<sup>25</sup>  
Howard Reed<sup>23</sup>

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## Diaconate

Joshua Buckner<sup>25</sup>  
Lee Burch<sup>23\*</sup>

Rick Funk<sup>25</sup>  
Hays Fyke<sup>25\*</sup>

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*The number indicates the officer's class; \*indicates the officer is at the end of a 2nd term and will roll off*

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## Staff

Every Member, *Ministers*  
Hunter Stevenson, *Senior Pastor*  
Bob Brunson, *Executive Pastor*  
Mark Ballard, *Youth Director*  
Bryce Little, *Youth Intern*  
Megan Cathey, *Interim Children's  
Ministry Director*

Kathy Pye, *Church Secretary*  
Monni Parrish, *Administrator,  
Financial Director & Pianist*  
Melanie Buckner, *Music Director*  
Holly Shepley, *North Macon  
Preschool Director*

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