



THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

May 12, 2024



**NORTH MACON**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship  
Sunday, May 12

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*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.  
Genesis 1:1*

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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 104

Pastor: O LORD my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty!

People: He wraps himself in light as with a garment; he stretches out the heavens like a tent. He set the earth on its foundations; it can never be moved.

Pastor: He makes springs pour water into the ravines; they give water to all the beasts of the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst; the birds of the air nest by the waters.

People: He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for man to cultivate—bringing forth food from the earth: wine that gladdens the heart of man, oil to make his face shine, and bread that sustains his heart.

Pastor: The moon marks off the seasons, and the sun knows when to go down; you bring darkness, it becomes night, and all the beasts of the forest prowl.

People: How many are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures! There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number—living things both large and small!

Pastor: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works!

People: I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live!

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

## I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1. I sing the might - y pow'r of God that made the mount - ains rise,  
2. *I sing the good-ness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;*  
3. There's not a plant or flow'r be - low but makes Thy glo - ries known;

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y skies.  
*He formed the crea-tures with His word and then pro-nounced them good.*  
And clouds a - rise and tem-pests blow by or - der from Thy throne;

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;  
*Lord, how Thy won-ders are dis - played wher - e'er I turn my eye,*  
While all that bor-rows life from Thee is ev - er in Thy care,

the moon shines full at His com-mand and all the stars o - bey.  
*if I sur - vey the ground I tread or gaze up - on the sky!*  
and ev - 'ry - where that man can be, Thou God, are pres - ent there.

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe about creation?

People: It pleased God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
for the manifestation of the glory  
of his eternal power, wisdom, and goodness,  
in the beginning, to create—or make out of nothing,  
the world and everything in it,  
whether visible or invisible,  
in the space of six days, and all very good. Amen.

**\*Hymn**

*#116 - For the Beauty of the Earth*

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Heidi Charlotte Bentley*

**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

Ezekial 36:25-29a

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. Then you will live in the land I gave your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God. I will save you from all your uncleanness.

## 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 Preparations

*#125 - Let All Things Now Living*

## 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 narthex.*

*Also, we have a "Cry Room" for our young families where you can see & hear the service.*

## Sermon

*Creation: For He Spoke, and It Came to Be*  
*Genesis 1*

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

## \*Hymn of Response

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*  
*(printed on page #6)*

## \*Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace both now and forevermore. 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

# Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY/Henry Van Dyke



Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
*All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,*  
Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,  
*Mor - tals join the might - y cho - rus, which the morn - ing stars be - gan;*



Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, open - ing to the sun a - bove.  
*Stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cent - er of un - bro - ken praise;*  
Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!  
*Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us, broth - er love binds man to man.*



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.  
*Field and for - est, vale and mount - ain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,*  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;  
*Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife;*



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
*Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.*  
Teach us how to love each oth - er; lift us to the joy di - vine.  
*Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.*

# • The Preached Word •

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**Title:** *Creation: For He Spoke, and It Came to Be*

**Text:** Genesis 1

**Pastor:** Rev. Hunter Stevenson



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Prayer Guide

**Providing a Home**

Members of the Week:

Bobby & Claire Chastain  
Kathy Combs  
Pam Cook  
Bryan, Meredith, Hunter, Rhett & Madison Covert

Expecting: Jessie Schnetzer (7/23)

Newborns: Heidi Bentley, Charlee Andree, Grayson Gossett, Perry Singleton,  
Eden Lyles, Jack Henning, June Adams & Ryder Newell

Recovering: Dick Manwaring (stroke); Bess Baker (stroke); Bill Lober (surgery)

Bereaved: Cathy Smith (JC); Carol Dawson (sister); Lynn & Aaron Hogg &  
Melissa Newell (Jerry); Helen Johnson (mom); Dan Taylor (dad);  
Lonnie Dye (sister); Madeline Thompson (dad, mom & 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: Adult Christian Education Committee (& Adult Sunday  
School teachers)

**Partnering with Ministries**

Missionaries of the Month:

*Tomo Ito* is on staff with Sacred Road Ministries, and establishing a  
ministry to Native American tribes in Warm Springs, Oregon.

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

Sister Church of the Week: Westminster Presbyterian Church - Columbus

Campus Ministry of the Week: RUF at Mercer University

Local Ministry Partner of the Week: Strong Tower Fellowship

# Discipleship Opportunities

## Spring Sunday School

9:30 – 10:30 AM

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

4k-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: *Jesus is the Savior* (room 121). Teacher: Megan Cathey

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

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

Young Adults: *Let's Study I Corinthians* (Modular Classroom 1)

Middle Adults: *The Gospel of Mark* (Fellowship Hall)

Older Adults: *Living Life Backward* (Modular Classroom 2)

Senior Adults: *The Good News We Almost Forgot*, part 1 (Conference Room)

## Women's Bible Studies

*Ruth*, Friday Mornings, 10 am (Conference Room)

## Men's Small Groups

*A Study of James*, Tuesday mornings, 6:30 am (Conference Room).

*A Study of 2 Samuel*, Thursday mornings, 6:45 am (Conference Room)

*A Study of Daniel*, Sunday evenings, 6:15 pm (Conference Room)

*What Did You Expect? Redeeming the Realities of Marriage*, Wednesday evenings,  
6:30 pm (Room 144)

*Chosen By God* by R.C. Sproul, Wednesday evenings, 6:30 pm (Old Conference Room).

## Wednesday Nights @ NMPC

Wednesday night dinner and classes have concluded.  
We will begin our Summer Fellowships on June 5, 2024

## 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.

**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!

**Pray for the 2024 Sacred Road Mission Team:** Mark Ballard, Ben Barton, Adrian Boyd, Clayton Burnett, Sam Copeland, Connor Crosby, Becky Gorman, Hannah & Grant Harman, Wade Howard, Lydia Johnson, Daniel Jones, Sharon Kostedt, James Noland, Nicole Parrish, Harvey & Seaborn Roddenberry, and Simon Shepley.

**NMPC Men's Fellowship** - Please join us on May 23 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm for an evening of fun and fellowship playing pickleball at Rhythm and Rally Sports & Events on Eisenhower Parkway. Coaching will be available for those who want a little help. Food and drinks will be served after the game.

**VBS Registration Open**— Go for Gold at Olympion—the VBS of champions! The Olympion Games will be held June 24–28, and rising 3K (**limited spaces**) - 6th graders will join Team VBS on the Race of Faith! Register on REALM or contact Megan Cathey at [megan@nmnpc.net](mailto:megan@nmnpc.net).

**VBS Volunteer Sign-Up**— Calling all volunteers for VBS (June 24-28)! God uses every type of gift and talent for VBS so please go to REALM and select the area in which you may be interested in serving. If you have any questions, please contact Megan Cathey at [megan@nmnpc.net](mailto:megan@nmnpc.net).

**Senior Photo Books**— over the next 2-3 weeks, please stop by the table in the narthex to sign the photo books of our high school graduates. We are so excited for these eight men, and we look forward to presenting them with these gifts to encourage them to remember God's faithfulness in the past and His precious promises for their future.

**The Screwtape Letter** - Each summer at NMPC our congregation reads a book together and discusses it during Sunday School. This year we are reading C.S. Lewis classic, *The Screwtape Letters*.. Pick up your free copy in the narthex today; a discussion schedule/bookmark is inside.

<b>NMPC Finances (04/30)</b> -Income:	\$ 431,415	Faith Promise giving:	\$ 45,807	
	Expenses:	\$ 421,618	Needed by June 30:	\$ 33,750



# 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.

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### Session

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

Paul McCommon<sup>26\*</sup>  
Rob Morton<sup>26\*</sup>  
Charlie Parrish<sup>25</sup>  
Howard Reed<sup>26\*</sup>

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### Diaconate

Joshua Buckner<sup>25</sup>  
Lee Burch<sup>24</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 Assistant*  
Megan Cathey, *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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