

THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

July 28, 2024



**NORTH MACON**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship  
Sunday, July 28

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*Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom.  
Though it cost all you have, get understanding.  
Esteem her, and she will exalt you. Embrace her, and she will honor you.  
Proverbs 4:7-8*

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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 63:1-5

- Pastor: O God, you are my God. Earnestly I seek you.  
People: **My soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**  
Pastor: I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.  
People: **Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you!**  
Pastor: I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands!  
People: **My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods. With singing lips my mouth will praise you!**

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

\*Praise Hymn

#115 – *All Creatures of Our God and King*  
vs. 1-2 *all*, vs. 3 *women*, vs. 4 *men*, vs 5 *all*

\*Invocation

Rev. Bob Brunson

\*Confession of Faith

Colossians 1:15-20; Colossians 2:3;1 Corinthians 1:30

Pastor: Christian, who is Jesus Christ?

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,  
the firstborn over all creation.

For by him all things were created:

things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,  
whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities;  
all things were created by him and for him.

He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

And he is the head of the body, the church;

He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead,  
so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,  
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,  
whether things on earth or things in heaven,  
by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

In Him are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge;  
and He has become for us wisdom from God  
that is, our righteousness, holiness, and redemption. Amen.

*\* those who are able please stand*

# My Worth Is Not In What I Own



1. My worth is not in what I own; not  
 2. **My worth is not in skill or name; in**  
 3. As sum - mer flowers we fade and die; Fame,  
 4. **I will not boast in wealth or might, or**  
 5. Two won - ders here that I con - fess: My



in the strength of flesh and bone. But in the cost - ly wounds of  
**win or lose, in pride or shame. But in the blood of Christ that**  
 youth and beau - ty hur - ry by. But life e - ter - nal calls to  
**hu - man wis - dom's fleet - ing light. But I will boast in know - ing**  
 worth and my un - worth - i - ness. My va - lue fixed, my ran - som

## Refrain



love at the cross. (to vs. 2)  
**flowed at the cross. I re-joice in my Re-deem-er Great-est trea-sure, Well-spring**  
 us at the cross. (to vs. 4)  
**Christ at the cross.**  
 paid at the cross.



of my soul. **I will trust in Him, no oth-er my soul is sa-tis-fied in Him a-lone.**

He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

### Corporate Confession

Almighty, eternal God and Father, we confess and acknowledge that we were conceived and born in sin, and are therefore inclined to all evil and slow to all good, that we transgress your holy commandments without ceasing, and ever more corrupt ourselves. But we are sorry for the same, and seek your grace and help. Please have mercy upon us, most gracious and merciful God and Father, through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant to us and increase in us your Holy Spirit, that we may recognize our sin and unrighteousness from the bottom of our hearts, attain true repentance and sorrow for them, die to them wholly, and please you entirely by a new and godly life. Amen.

### Silent Confession

### Words of Assurance

Isaiah 43:25

*I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake,  
and remembers your sins no more.*

### 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

James 3:13-18

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.

## \*Hymn of Preparation

#335 - *Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me*

## 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

*The Wisdom of Solomon  
1 Kings 4:29-34; 10:1-29 and Matthew 12:42*

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

## \*Hymn of Response

#644 - *May the Mind of Christ My Savior*

\*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

#731

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.*

# • The Preached Word •

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**Title:** *The Wisdom of Solomon*

**Text:** 1 Kings 4:29-34; 10:1-29 & Matthew 12:42

**Pastor:** Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 267 & 793 in your pew Bible

## Prayer Guide

### Providing a Home

Members of the Week:

Ron & Robin Henning

Eric, Jennifer, Anderson & Benjamin Hornick; Nicholas & Abigail McCullough

Reba Hudson

Charles & Patricia Hughes

Newborns: Parker Schnetzer, Heidi Bentley, Charlee Andree, Grayson Gossett, Perry Singleton, Eden Lyles, Jack Henning

Recovering: Dick Manwaring (stroke); Bess Baker (stroke)

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: North Macon Pre-School

### Partnering with Ministries

Missionaries of the Month:

*Brian and Megan Moore* are involved in evangelism and church planting in Nuremburg am Rhein, Germany.

*Victor and Nosizo Nakah* are serving in Africa where Dr. Nakah is the international director of missions for Sub-Sahara Africa.

Sister Church of the Week: Dayspring Presbyterian - Forsyth, GA

Local Ministry Partner of the Week: Strong Tower Fellowship

## Discipleship Opportunities

### Summer 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 Screwtape Letters* (youth room). Teachers: Mark Ballard, Bryce Little

### Community-focused Adult Classes

(combined for summer)

9:30-10:30 AM

Young Adults/Older Adults: *The Screwtape Letters* (Modular 2)

Middle Adults/Senior Adults: *The Screwtape Letters* ( Fellowship Hall)

### Men's Small Groups

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

### Ladies' Bible Study

The Friday morning Ladies' Bible Study meets on Friday mornings at 10:00 am.

### Wednesday Nights @ NMPC

Wednesday Night Fellowships have concluded for the summer

We will resume on August 28th, 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.

If you desire to receive email communications from the church, please email Monni Parrish at [monni@nmnpc.net](mailto: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!

**The Screwtape Letters** -It’s not too late to join us as we explore our summer reading book, C.S. Lewis’ *The Screwtape Letters*, on Sunday mornings in Sunday School. See the class options on the opposite page and come for the conversation on letters 22-25 next week.

**Ladies’ Summer Social**-Ladies, plan now to join us this Saturday, August 3, 10:30 am, for food- and fellowship at the home of Jane Brooks, 5300 Zebulon Rd., GH #65. Go to the Events page on the Realm app to sign-up today!

**NMPC Kids Summer Movie Night** – We will be celebrating the end of summer and our summer reading with a pizza and movie night on Saturday, August 10th @ 4 pm. We will enjoy a viewing of “The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe” along with a pizza party. Registration is available at “Events” on the Realm Connect App.

**NMPC Finances (06/30)** -Income: \$ 617,733      Faith Promise giving: \$ 48,350  
Expenses: \$ 639,014      Needed by Dec. 31: \$ 33,750

**Church App** – The best way to stay informed is by downloading our church’s app, Realm Connect. Email Monni ([monni@nmnpc.net](mailto:monni@nmnpc.net)) if you need help downloading the app.



# 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*

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

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