



THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

August 4, 2024



**NORTH MACON**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship  
Sunday, August 4th

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*We all, like sheep, have gone astray,  
each of us has turned to his own way;  
and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.  
Isaiah 53:6*

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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 100

Pastor: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth!

People: **Serve the LORD with gladness! Come before him with joyful songs!**

Pastor: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his.  
We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

People: **Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him and praise his name!**

Pastor: For the LORD is good, and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

\*Praise Hymn

*#1 - All People that on Earth Do Dwell*

*\* 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.*

\*Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

PASTOR: Christian, what do you believe?

ALL: I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell\*;  
the third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church\*\*,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*\*Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 50. What did Christ's humiliation after his death consist of?  
Christ's humiliation after his death consisted in his being buried and continuing in the state  
of the dead and under the power of death until the third day, which has also been  
expressed in these words: "He descended into hell."*

*\*\*catholic means universal*

*The Apostles' Creed was not written by the apostles but is a summary of their teachings.  
It dates back to the 4th century and has been used by the church to identify believers,  
instruct new converts, and provide a confession of faith for worship.*

# Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

J. Newton/L. Taylor



1. Let us love and sing and won - der, let us praise the Sav - ior's name.
2. *Let us love the Lord who bought us, pit - ied us when en - e - mies,*
3. Let us sing though fierce temp - ta - tion, threat - ens hard to bear us down,
4. *Let us won - der grace and just - ice, join and point to mer - cy's store.*
5. Let us praise and join the chor - us of the saints en - throned on high;



He has hushed the law's loud thun - der; He has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame.  
*called us by his grace and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes.*  
 • for the Lord our strong sal - va - tion holds in view the conq - u'ror's crown.  
*When through grace in Christ our trust is just - ice smiles and asks no more.*  
 here they trust - ed him be - fore us, now their prais - es fill the sky.



He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,  
*He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,*  
 • He who washed us with His blood, He who washed us with His blood,  
*He who washed us with His blood, He who washed us with His blood,*  
 You have washed us with Your blood, You have washed us with Your blood,



He has washed us with His blood, He has brought us nigh to God.  
*He has washed us with His blood, He pre - sents our souls to God.*  
 • He who washed us with His blood soon will bring us home to God.  
*He who washed us with His blood has se - cured our way to God.*  
 You have washed us with Your blood, You are worth - y Lamb of God.

Search me, O God, and know my heart. Test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

### Corporate Confession

We have sinned against you, O Lord, our Maker, our Defender, and our Redeemer. Our natures are corrupt and sinful; prone to fall away from you, sluggish to do good and swift to do evil. Vain thoughts have come upon us and found lodging within us, defiling and disquieting our minds, and keeping out good thoughts. We have burdened ourselves with that care which you have commanded us to cast upon you. We have failed in our duties one to another, and have provoked one another as much to folly and anger as to love and good works. We have been cold in our love to you, weak in our desires toward you, unsteady in our walking with you, and are even at this time poorly prepared to serve you. We beseech you--Forgive all our sins, for Christ's sake, and be at peace with us in Him, Who died to make peace and lives to make intercession for us. Amen.

### Silent Confession

### Words of Assurance

Romans 4:25

*Jesus Christ was delivered over to death for our sins  
and was raised to life for our justification.*

### 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**

*#500 - Rock of Ages, Cleft for 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 Folly of Solomon  
1 Kings 9:1-9; 11:1-13*

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

## Sacrament of Communion

*All those who have placed their faith and trust in Christ alone for their salvation, are baptized, and are members in good standing of a Bible-believing, evangelical church are invited to come forward to partake of the Lord's Supper this morning. All others, please remain seated, and consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church.*

*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.*

# How Deep the Father's Love For Us

Stuart Townend



1. How Deep the Fath-er's love for us, how vast be-yond all meas - ure.
2. *Be - hold the Man up - on the cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders.*
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing: No gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom.



that he should give his on - ly Son to make a wretch his trea - sure.  
*A - shamed, I hear my mock-ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers.*  
 But I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His death and res - ur-rec - tion.



How great the pain of sear - ing loss. The Fa - ther turns his face a - way  
*It was my sin that held him there un - til it was ac - com - plished;*  
 Why should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer.



as wounds which mar the cho - sen one, bring man - y sons to glo - ry.  
*His dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished.*  
 But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

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## \*Benediction

Revelation 1:5b-6

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood,<sup>6</sup> 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.

# • The Preached Word •

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**Title:** *The Folly of Solomon*

**Text:** 1 Kings 9:1-9; 11:1-13

**Pastor:** Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 274 & 276 in your pew Bible



## Prayer Guide

### Providing a Home

Members of the Week:

Tommy & Lolly James  
Pat Jenkins  
Glen & Helen Johnson  
Paul Johnson

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: Adult Education

### Partnering with Ministries

Missionaries of the Month:

*David & Erin Pervis are in a church planting ministry in Greece, reaching people with the gospel through several means, by teaching English.*

*Mike & Eli Sabin help spread the gospel throughout Southeast Asia by means of Trans World Radio in Guam.*

Sister Church of the Week: First Presbyterian - Macon, GA

Local Ministry Partner of the Week: Campus Clubs

## 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 26-28 next week.

**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.

**Men’s Ministry Kickoff Breakfast**-Save the date for Saturday, August 24th 8:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Details to follow!

**Officer Nominations** - Communing members of NMPC are encouraged to prayerfully consider whom they might nominate for the offices of elder and deacon. Please submit your nomination form by Sun, Aug 25th. Extra nomination forms are on the coffee bar.

**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*  
Lydia Johnson, *Youth Intern*  
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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