



THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

September 29, 2024



**NORTH MACON**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship  
Sunday, September 29, 2024

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*I am the LORD, and there is no other;  
apart from me there is no God.  
Isaiah 45:5*

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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

*We Will Sing Praise*

Call to Worship

Psalm 89:1-2, 5-8

Pastor: I will sing of the LORD's great love forever! With my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

People: I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

Pastor: The heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.

People: For who in the skies above can compare with the LORD? Who is like the LORD among the heavenly beings?

Pastor: In the council of the holy ones God is greatly feared; he is more awesome than all who surround him.

People: O LORD God Almighty, who is like you? You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you.

\*Praise Hymn

*#2 – O Worship the King  
vs. 1-5*

\*Invocation

Rev. Bob Brunson

*\* 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.*

1. Q. Who made you?  
A. God.
2. Q. What else did God make?  
A. God made all things.
3. Q. Why did God make you and all things?  
A. For his own glory.
4. Q. How can you glorify God?  
A. By loving him and doing what he commands.
5. Q. Why are you to glorify God?  
A. Because he made me and takes care of me.
6. Q. Is there more than one true God?  
A. No. There is only one true God.
7. Q. In how many Persons does this one God exist?  
A. In three Persons.
8. Q. Name these three persons.  
A. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
9. Q. What is God?  
A. God is a Spirit and does not have a body like men.
10. Q. Where is God?  
A. God is everywhere.
11. Q. Can you see God?  
A. No. I cannot see God, but he always sees me.
12. Q. Does God know all things?  
A. Yes. Nothing can be hidden from God.
13. Q. Can God do all things?  
A. Yes. God can do all his holy will.

## Call to Confession

1 John 1:8-9

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

## Corporate Confession

Most Gracious Lord, we proclaim you to be our King, but our duplicity is exposed by your question, “Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you?” Forgive us for disobeying the word of the LORD and failing to keep your commandments. Have mercy on us...

for worshipping the gods of our culture and clinging to our worthless idols,  
for misusing and not defending your name,  
for neglecting your holy day and for carelessness in worship,  
for not honoring our parents or those in authority over us,  
for murderous hearts and actions, and for failing to protect innocent life,  
for adulterous thoughts, lustful glances, and impure actions,  
for taking what is not rightfully ours, for cheating, and for dishonest gain,  
for failing to speak the truth and for deceitful words,  
for wanting more than you have given and coveting what belongs to others.

Cleanse us from our sin and cause us to submit to your kingly rule in our lives.  
Through Jesus Christ, we pray, who ever lives to make intercession for us. Amen.

## Silent Confession

## Words of Assurance

1 John 2:1b-2

*My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.*

## 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.

# Only a Holy God

Farren, Robinson, Smith, and Thompson

1. Who else com-mands all the hosts of heav-en?  
 2. *What oth-er beau-ty de-mand such prais-es?*  
 3. What oth-er glo-ry con-sumes like fi-re?  
 4. *Who else could res-cue me from my fail-ing?*

Who else could make ev-'ry king bow down?  
*What oth-er splen-dor out-shines the sun?*  
 What oth-er pow-er can raise the dead?  
*Who else would of-fer His on-ly Son?*

Who else can whis-per and dark-ness trem-bles? On-ly a Ho-ly God. *(to v. 2)*  
*What oth-er maj-es-ty rules with just-ice? On-ly a Ho-ly God.*  
 What oth-er name re-mains un-de-feat-ed? On-ly a Ho-ly God.  
*Who else in-vites me to call Him Fa-ther? \*On-ly my Ho-ly God.\**

Come and be-hold Him, the One and the On-ly. Cry out, sing  
 ho-ly, for-ev-er a Ho-ly God. Come and wor-ship the Ho-ly God.

## 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 LORD—He is God!  
1 Kings 18:16-40*

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

## \*Hymn of Response

*Behold Our God  
printed on page 6*

## \*Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon 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

# Behold Our God

Baird and Altrogge



Who has held the o - ceans in his hands? Who has num - bered ev - 'ry grain of sand?  
*Who has gi - ven coun - sel to the Lord? Who can ques - tion an - y of his words?*  
Who has felt the nails up - on His hands, bear - ing all the guilt of sin - ful man?



Kings and na - tions trem - ble at his voice. All cre - a - tion ris - es to re - joice.  
*Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fath - om all his won - drous deeds?*  
God e - ter - nal hum - bled to the grave, Je - sus, Sav - ior, ri - sen now to reign!



*Chorus:* Be - hold our God. seat - ed on his throne. Come let us a - dore Him.



Be - hold our King, noth - ing can com - pare, come, let us a - dore Him!



**Men:** You will reign for - ev - er, Je - sus Christ our Sav - ior.

*Women:* Let your glo - ry fill the earth. All cre - a - tion sings Your worth.



You will reign for - ev - er, Je - sus Christ our Sav - ior. Be -  
Let your glo - ry fill the earth. All cre - a - tion sings,



hold our God. seat - ed on his throne. Come let us a - dore Him.



Be - hold our King, noth - ing can com - pare, come, let us a - dore Him! Be -

*(repeat  
chorus)*

# • The Preached Word •

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**Title:** *The LORD—He is God!*

**Text:** 1 Kings 18:16-40

**Pastor:** Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 284 in your pew Bible



## Providing a Home

### Members of the Week:

Charlie, Monni & Nicole Parrish  
Seth, Amy & Caroline Peed  
Will, Molly, Noah, Annie & Amelia Prestwood  
Charlie & Kathy Pyc

Expecting: Elizabeth Bowen Foster & Kristen Vaughn

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

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

Bereaved: Lynn & Aaron Hogg & Melissa Newell (Jerry); Dan Taylor (dad);  
Madeline Thompson (dad, mom & sister); Fiona Leggett (mom);  
Kathy Little (dad); Bryce Little & Hannah McCommon  
(grandfather); Donna Rohn (Terry); Anna Barnes (grandmother)

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 Preschool

Officer Training: Jim Gamble, Ed Grimsley & Charles Hall (elder nominees);  
Matt Cathey & Jack Pyles (deacon nominees)

## Partnering with Ministries

### Missionaries of the Month:

*Roger and Dianne Smalling write, publish, distribute, and teach Reformed literature in Latin America*

*Dal and Beth Stanton have been a part of a church planting team in Sofia Bulgaria, and are now doing a similar work in Ukraine*

Sister Church of the Week: Christ Community (Thomasville)

Local Ministry Partner of the Week: RUF Mercer

# Discipleship Opportunities

## Fall Sunday School

9:30 – 10:30 AM

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

4k-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: *Growing in God* (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: *Gospel of Mark* (youth room). Teachers: Mark Ballard, Bryce Little

## Community-focused Adult Classes

9:30-10:30 AM

20's-30's: *Let's Study 2 Corinthians* (Modular 1)

30's-50's: *The Good News We Almost Forgot, part 1* (Modular 2)

50's-60's: *Ecclesiastes, part 2* (Fellowship Hall)

66+: *The Good News We Almost Forgot, part 2* (conference room)

## Men's Small Groups

(all studies meet at NMPC)

Wednesdays (6:30-7:30 pm): *The Disciplines of a Godly Man* (sanctuary cry room)

Wednesdays (6:30-7:30 pm): MRGB: *The Bruised Reed* (sanctuary music room)

Thursdays (6:45-7:45 am): *Trusting God in the Darkness (Job)* (conference room)

Sundays (6:15-7:30 pm): *The Letters of John* (conference room)

## Ladies' Bible Study

(all studies meet in conference room at NMPC)

Tuesdays (10-11:30 am): *Behold & Believe* (childcare available on request)

Wednesdays (6:30-7:30 pm): *Behold & Believe* (childcare available)

Fridays (10-11:30 am): *Aging with Grace*

## 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. Adult Bible Study: Ephesians (Eric Freel)

Dinner is \$7/adults/teen, \$3/child, with a family max \$20.

Menu: Chicken Divan, Rice, buttered Carrots, Salad Bar, Rolls, Dessert.

## 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.

**New Members Class** - If you are interested in learning more about NMPC or joining our membership, you are invited to attend the New Members Class—which is comprised of two Sunday night meetings, on Oct 20 & Nov 3 from 5:30 - 7:45 PM. Dinner & childcare are provided. Please email Pastor Hunter ([hunter@nmnpc.net](mailto:hunter@nmnpc.net)) to sign up or for more information. (We provide make-up sessions if you have a conflict one of those evenings.)

**“Wonderfully Made” Begins This Afternoon** - “Wonderfully Made,” a time for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls to come together to be reminded of the truths of who God created them to be through Bible study and creative arts, will have its first monthly gathering this afternoon from 4– 6 pm at NMPC in the old conference room. Registration is \$10 per girl. Check REALM for more info.

**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!

**Ladies’ Mug & Muffin** - Mug and Muffin for NMPC ladies will be October 12 (10:30 am) at the home of Holly Garretson (7247 Rivoli Road). Bring your favorite coffee mug and enjoy a fall morning with our ladies. Register on Realm or with Kathy Pye in the office.

**Men’s Chili Cookoff** - Guys, join us for the Men’s Ministry Chili Cookoff on Saturday October 26, 6-9 pm, at the home of Cal Garretson (7247 Rivoli Road). Stay tuned for details!

**Reformation Celebration:** Join us on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM for our annual Reformation 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 would like to help.

**Lunch on the Grounds** - Join us for lunch after church on Sun, Nov 10 to celebrate NMPC’s 37<sup>th</sup> anniversary and our newly elected Pastor Emeritus, David Todd, and his wife, Murray.

<b>NMPC Finances (09/01) - Income:</b>	\$ 839,464	<b>Faith Promise giving:</b>	\$ 21,860
<b>Expenses:</b>	\$ 870,280	<b>Needed by Dec. 31:</b>	\$ 33,750
		<b>Deacon’s Fund:</b>	\$ 37,540



# 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  
Neal Ham  
Tommy James

Paul McCommon  
Rob Morton  
Charlie Parrish  
Howard Reed

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## Diaconate

Joshua Buckner  
Lee Burch

Rick Funk  
Hays Fyke

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## Staff

Every Member, *Ministers*  
Hunter Stevenson, *Senior Pastor*  
Bob Brunson, *Executive Pastor*  
David Todd, *Pastor Emeritus*  
Mark Ballard, *Youth Director*  
Bryce Little, *Youth Assistant*  
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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