



THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

February 2, 2025



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship
Sunday, February 2, 2025

I am the LORD, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?
Jeremiah 32:27

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!

*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

Heidelberg Catechism #26

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.*

*Hymn

#75 - *O Father, You Are Sovereign*

* *those who are able please stand*

Who can say, "I have kept my heart pure; I am clean and without sin"?

Corporate Confession

Behold! The Lord's hand is not so short that it cannot save, nor his ear dull that it cannot hear, but our iniquities have separated us from God, and our sins have hidden his face from us so that he does not hear. Our mouths are filled with anger, our lips are quick to speak lies, and our eyes are filled with illicit desires. Our feet are swift to run to evil and our thoughts are the thoughts of iniquity. We have lost our way and are far from the way of peace. The roads we travel are crooked and desperate. O Lord, only you can intercede and bring health to us. Only your strong arm can bring us salvation. May the Lord Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, save us. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Micah 7:18-19

*Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression
of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever
but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us;
you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities
into the depths of the sea.*

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

Come Ye Sinners

Come ye sin - ners, poor and wretch-ed, weak and wound - ed,
 Come ye need - y, come and wel - come; God's free boun - ty
 Come ye wea - ry, hea - vy lad - en, bruised and bro - ken
 Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness
 Lo! Th'in - car - nate God, as - cend - ed; pleads the mer - it

sick and sore. Je - sus, read - y stands to save you,
 glor - i - fy; True be - lief and true re - pent - ance,
 by the fall. If you tar - ry 'til you're bet - ter,
 fond - ly dream. All the fit - ness He re - qui - res
 of His blood. Ven - ture on Him; ven - ture whol - ly,

full of pi - ty joined with pow'r. He is a - ble,
 ev' - ry grace that brings you nigh. With - out mon - ey,
 you will nev - er come at all. Not the right - eous,
 is to feel your need of Him. This He gives you,
 Let no o - ther trust in - trude. None but Je - sus,

He is a - ble, He is wil - ling; doubt no more.
 with - out mon - ey, Come to Je - sus Christ and buy.
 not the right - eous; Sin - ners Je - sus came to call.
 this He gives you, 'tis the Spir - it's ris - ing beam.
 none but Je - sus can do help - less sin - ners good.

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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.

The 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 and partake of the Lord's Supper this morning. All others, please remain in your seats, as you consider your relationship with Christ and His Church. There is a prayer at the bottom of the page to help you reflect upon what it means to trust Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

***Hymn of Response**

*The Power of the Cross
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***Benediction**

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! 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 Power of The Cross

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1. Oh, to see the dawn of the dark - est day;
2. Oh, to see the pain writ - ten on Your face,
3. Now the day - light flees, now the ground be - neath
4. Oh, to see my name writ - ten in the wounds,



Christ on the road to Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men,
bear - ing the awe - some weight of sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought,
quakes as its Mak - er bows His head. Cur - tain torn in two,
for through your suf - f'ring I am free. Death is crushed to death;



torn and beat - en, then nailed to a cross of wood.
ev - 'ry e - vil deed, crown - ing Your blood - stained brow.
dead are raised to life. "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry.
life is mine to live, won through your self - less love!



Chorus 1 - 3: This the pow'r of the cross: Christ be - came sin for us.
4: This the pow'r of the cross: Son of God slain for us.



Took the blame, bore the wrath. We stand for giv - en at the cross.
What a love, what a cost! We stand for - giv - en at the cross. (repeat final chorus)

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• The Preached Word •

Title: *An Easy Thing, Part 1*

Text: 2 Kings 3:1-20

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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Providing a Home

Members of the Week:

Larry & LuAnn Breed
Jane Brooks
Bob & Karen Brunson
Josh & Melanie Buckner

Expecting: Kristen Vaughn (3/2), Hannah McCommon (3/22), Megan Cathey (6/19), Kaleigh Freel (6/25) & Hali Leskosky (7/10)

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

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

Bereaved: Madeline Thompson (dad, mom & sister); Fiona Leggett (mom); Kathy Little (dad); Bryce Little & Hannah McCommon (grandfather); Donna Rohn (Terry); Amy Drummond (dad); Kaleigh Freel (grandmother); Ann Herndon (grandson); Rebecca Lober (Bill)

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: Music & Worship Ministry

Partnering with Ministries

Missionaries of the Month:

**Jonas and Christian Davison are part of a church planting team in Japan where they use the arts to build bridges for evangelism & discipleship.*

**Rich & Chrissy Greete have a counseling ministry to Mission to the World missionaries here in the States and on mission fields in other parts of the world.*

Sister Church of the Week: Redeemer Presbyterian Church (Valdosta)

Local Ministry Partner of the Week: Campus Clubs

Discipleship Opportunities

Spring Sunday School

9:30 - 10:30 AM

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

4k-2nd Grade: *Living in God's Family* (room 121). Teacher: Megan Cathey

3rd-5th Grade: *The Biggest Story* (room 122). Teachers: Beth McSween

6th-12th Grade: *Gospel of Mark* (youth room). Teachers: Mark Ballard, Bryce Little

Adult Community Classes

9:30 - 10:30 am

20's-30's: *The Study of Luke* (Modular 1)

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

50's-60's: *Let's Study Mark* (Fellowship Hall)

66+: *The Letters of John* (conference room)

Men's Small Groups

(all studies meet at NMPC)

Sundays (6:15-7:30 pm): *Impossible Christianity* (conference room), begins tonight

Wednesdays (6:30-7:30 pm): *All Things for Good: Romans 8:28* (sanctuary music room)

Thursdays (6:45-7:45 am): *Let's Study John* (conference room)

Ladies' Bible Studies

(all studies meet in the conference room at NMPC)

Tuesdays (10-11:30 am): *Seven Feasts*. (childcare available on request), begins 1/14

Wednesdays (6:30-7:30 pm): *Seven Feasts* (childcare available)

Fridays (10-11:30 am): *1 Samuel: Choose Your King*

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. Study Ephesians with Eric Freil in the Fellowship Hall or join a group for men or women instead. Dinner is \$7/adults/teen, \$3/child, with a family max \$20.

Menu: Taco Salad, Salad Bar & 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@nmpc.net and she will add you to the distribution list. She can also assist you with signing up for the church’s app, Realm Connect, as well!

Monday Prayer – Join us tomorrow morning at 9 am in the conference room as we pray for the needs of the church family, the community and the world.

2025 Women’s Retreat - Join us February 7-9 at the Callaway Gardens Lodge and Spa for the 2025 Women’s Retreat entitled “*I Have the Joy!*” Register in the narthex or on Realm today.

Slam Dunk with Dad: Dads, looking for something to do with the kids while Mom is at the Women’s Retreat? Come join us on Saturday, February 8th at 2 pm to cheer on the Mercer Bears and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship and fun! Tickets are \$5 per person/\$15 per family max. Please register on REALM or contact Megan Carhey.

Sacred Road Mission Trip: : Apply Now– Registrations are now open to join the team heading to Washington State to serve the people of the Yakama Reservation with Sacred Road Mission the week of May 31 - June 7. Visit Realm to complete an application, or contact trip leader Mark Ballard (mark@nmpc.net) for more information.

North Macon Preschool Registration - Preschool registration for the children of current families and church members for the 2025-2026 school year is now open. We will open it up to the public on February 3rd. Applications can be found on the church website (www.nmpc.net) and in the preschool office. Please contact Holly Shepley (holly@nmpc.net) if you have any questions.

Congratulations - Congratulations to Melanie Buckner on her 5th anniversary as Music Director at North Macon Presbyterian Church!

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Norma Elder (Phyllis’s mom) by Jim & Phyllis Gamble.

2024 Finances (12/31) -	Income:	\$1,452,705	Faith Promise:	\$33,750 first half
	Expenses:	\$1,352,040		\$33,750 second half



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.

Session

Jim Gamble
Cal Garretson
Ed Grimsley
Charles Hall
Neal Ham

Tommy James
Paul McCommon
Rob Morton
Charlie Parrish
Howard Reed

Diaconate

Joshua Buckner
Matt Cathey

Rick Funk
Hays Fyke
Jack Pyles

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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