



THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

January 26, 2025



**NORTH MACON**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship  
Sunday, January 26, 2025

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Jesus said, "Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."  
At once they left their nets and followed him.  
*Mark 1:17-18*

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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalms 116:1-2, 7-9, 12-14

Pastor: I love the LORD, for he heard my voice. He heard my cry for mercy.

People: **Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.**

Pastor: Be at rest once more, O my soul, for the LORD has been good to you.

People: **For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before the LORD in the land of the living.**

Pastor: How can I repay the LORD for all his goodness to me?

People: **I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.  
I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.**

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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**

*#4 - All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*  
v. 1-4

**\*Invocation**

Rev. Bob Brunson

**\*Confession of Faith**

Heidelberg Catechism #1

Q. Christian, what is your only comfort in life and death?

A. That I am not my own,  
but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—  
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.  
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,  
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.  
He also watches over me in such a way  
that not a hair can fall from my head  
without the will of my Father in heaven;  
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.  
Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,  
assures me of eternal life  
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready  
from now on to live for him. Amen.

*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.*

*\* those who are able please stand*

# Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Je - sus, my Re - deem - er. There is no  
*The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en, for by my*  
 No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en, the fu - ture  
 With ev - 'ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus, for he has

more for hea - ven now to give. He is my joy, my right - eous - ness and  
*side the Sav - ior, he will stay. I la - bor on in weak - ness and re -*  
 sure, the price, it has been paid. For Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my  
 said that he will bring me home. And day by day I know he will re -

free - dom, my stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less peace.  
*joic - ing, for in my need, his pow - er is dis - played.*  
 par - don, and he was raised to o - ver - throw the grave.  
 new me un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne.

To this I hold: my hope is on - y Je - sus. For my  
 To this I hold: my Shap - herd will de - fend me. Through the  
 now, and ev - er, is my plea. Oh the night has been won, and I can  
 To this I hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. All the

life is whol - ly bound to His. Oh how strange and di - vine, I can  
*deep - est val - ley he will lead. Oh the night has been won, and I can*  
 glo - ry ev - er - more to him. Oh the chains are re - leased, I can  
 When the race is com - plete, still my

sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
 shall o - ver - come! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
 sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
 lips shall re - peat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

## 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

Gracious Savior and Lord, you have every right to ask us, "Do you love me?" For like Peter, we have denied you with our words and actions. You said that to love you was to keep your commandments, yet we have disobeyed both the letter and the spirit of your holy law. You said that whoever loves you will also love his neighbor, yet we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Forgive us for not taking up our crosses to follow you and for not dying to ourselves. Forgive us for not finding our delight in you. Forgive us for failing to declare your praises and for failing to live as your ambassadors in this world. Forgive us for not seeking first your kingdom nor considering you our most precious treasure. Forgive us for forsaking you, our first love. Cause us to recognize how far we have fallen, to repent of our sins and return to you. Amen.

## Silent Confession

## Words of Assurance

1 John 2:1b-2

*But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father - Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.*

## 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

1 Kings 19:19-21

\*Hymn of Preparation

#562 - *All to Jcsus I Surrender*

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

*Blessings & Curses*  
2 Kings 2:19-25

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

\*Hymn of Response

*My Heart is Filled With Thankfulness*  
*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

#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

# My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness

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My heart is filled with thank-ful - ness to Him who bore my pain;  
My heart is filled with thank-ful - ness to Him who walks be - side;  
My heart is filled with thank-ful - ness to Him who reigns a - bove;

Who plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and gave me life a - gain;  
Who floods my weak - ness - es with strength and caus - es — fears to fly.  
Whose wis - dom is my per - fect peace, whose ev - 'ry — thought is love.

Who crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness and clothed me — with his light  
Whose ev - 'ry pro - mise is e - nough for ev - 'ry step I take.  
For ev - 'ry day I have on earth is giv - en by the King.

and wrote his law of right - eous - ness with pow'r up - on my heart.  
Sus - tain - ing me with arms of love and crown - ing me with grace.  
So I will give my life, my all, to love and fol - low Him.

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**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:** *Blessings and Curses*

**Text:** 2 Kings 2:19-25

**Pastor:** Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 291 in the pew Bible



## Providing a Home

### Members of the Week:

Will, Ember, Holland & Heidi Bentley  
 Brad, Shannon, Lexi & Sarah Bibb  
 Steven, Jill, Anderson, Isaiah, Lowndes & Nolan Bloodworth  
 John & Dianne Bowman

Expecting: Kristen Vaughn (3/2), Hannah McCommon (3/22), Megan Cathey (6/19) & Kalcigh Freel (6/25)

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); Kalcigh 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: Adult Christian Education Committee (& Sunday Community Leaders)

## Partnering with Ministries

### Missionaries of the Month:

*\*Brian & Mandy are engaged in evangelism and discipleship as part of a church-planting movement in a major city in Southeast Asia.*

*\*Rodney & Jana Davila are transitioning to El Salvador to continue their work of planting churches and teaching and training pastors.*

Sister Church of the Week: Community Presbyterian Church (Thomasville)

Local Ministry Partner of the Week: RUF Mercer

# Discipleship Opportunities

## Spring Sunday School

9:30 - 10:30 AM

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

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

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

6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, 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@nmmpc.net](mailto:monni@nmmpc.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.

**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.nmmpc.net](http://www.nmmpc.net)) and in the preschool office. Please contact Holly Shepley ([holly@nmmpc.net](mailto:holly@nmmpc.net)) if you have any questions.

**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 Cathey.

**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.

**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@nmmpc.net](mailto:mark@nmmpc.net)) for more information.

**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.

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## Session

Jim Gamble  
Cal Garretson  
Ed Grimsley  
Charles Hall  
Neal Ham

Tommy James  
Paul McCommon  
Rob Morton  
Charlie Parrish  
Howard Reed

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## Diaconate

Joshua Buckner  
Matt Cathey

Rick Funk  
Hays Fyke  
Jack Pyles

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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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