



THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

February 16, 2025



**NORTH MACON**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship  
Sunday, February 16, 2025

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*A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows,  
is God in his holy dwelling.  
Psalm 68:5*

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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 68:4-6, 19-20, 32

Pastor: Sing to God, sing praise to his name! Extol him who rides on the clouds!

People: **His name is the LORD. Rejoice before him!**

Pastor: A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling.

People: **God sets the lonely in families. He leads forth the prisoners with singing, but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.**

Pastor: Praise be the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens.

People: **Our God is a God who saves; from the Sovereign LORD comes escape from death.**

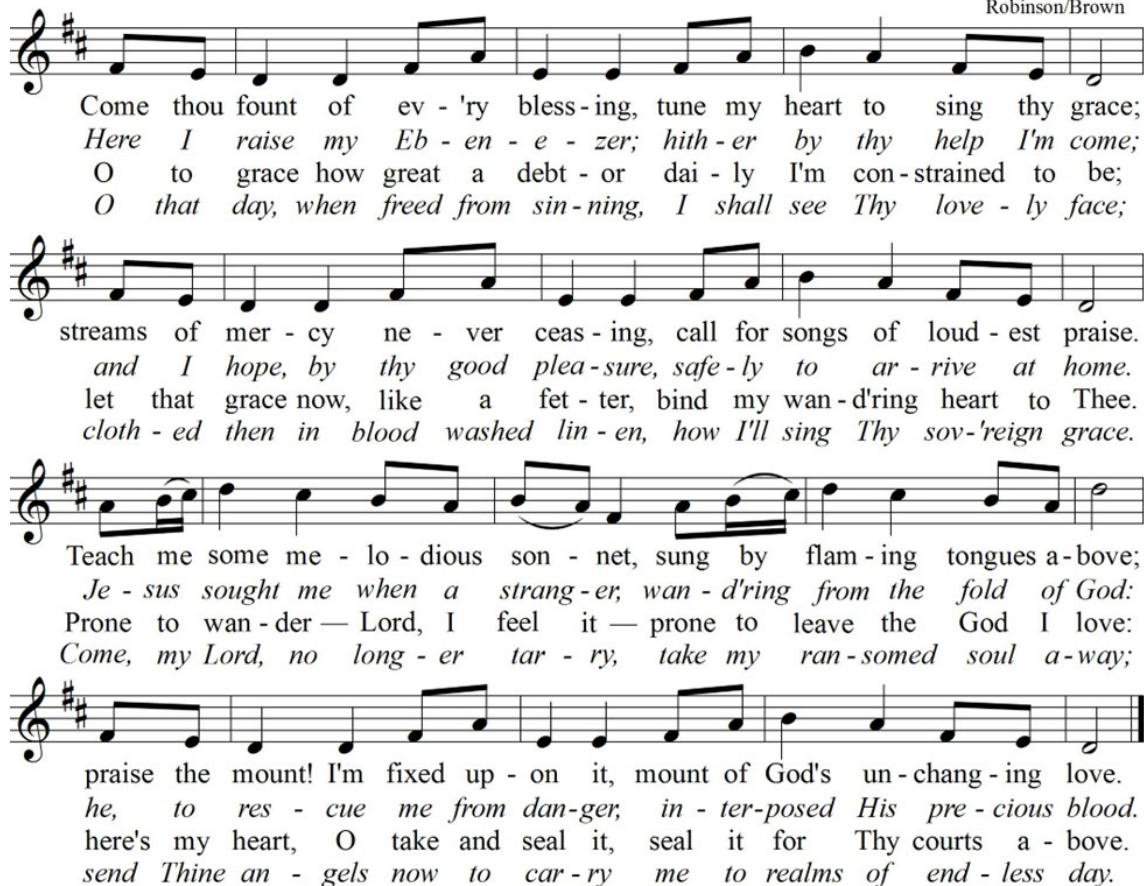
Pastor: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth! Sing praise to the Lord!

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

## Come Thou Fount

Robinson/Brown



Come thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;  
 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;  
 O that day, when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy love - ly face;  
 streams of mer - cy ne - ver ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee.  
 cloth - ed then in blood washed lin - en, how I'll sing Thy sov - 'reign grace.  
 Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:  
 Prone to wan - der — Lord, I feel it — prone to leave the God I love:  
 Come, my Lord, no long - er tar - ry, take my ran - somed soul a - way;  
 praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.  
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts a - bove.  
 send Thine an - gels now to car - ry me to realms of end - less day.

Q. Christian, what do you believe about your adoption as a child of God?

We believe that all those who are justified,  
God graciously guarantees  
to make partakers of the grace of adoption,  
in and for his only Son, Jesus Christ.

By this act we are taken into the number of God's children  
and enjoy the liberties and privileges of that relationship:  
we are given His name;  
we receive the Spirit of adoption;  
we have access to the throne of grace with boldness;  
and we are enabled to cry, "Abba, Father."

Like a father, God has compassion on us,  
protects us,  
provides for us,  
and chastens us;  
yet, we will never be cast off,  
but are sealed to the day of redemption,  
and will inherit the promises as heirs of everlasting salvation. Amen.

*The Westminster Confession of Faith expresses the teachings of the Bible in summary form. It was comprised at the Westminster Assembly in London (1643-1648), and it sets forth the doctrinal standards of North Macon Presbyterian Church and our denomination, the Presbyterian Church in America*

# My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

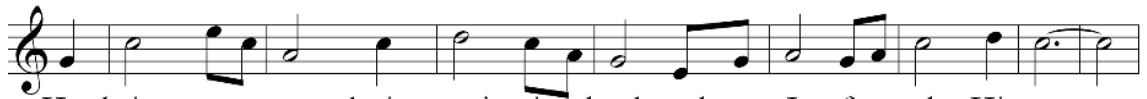
Psalm 23 paraphrase by Isaac Watts



My Shep-herd will sup- ply my need; Je - ho - vah is his name;  
*When I walk through the shades of death, Your pre-sence is my stay;*  
The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;



In pas - tures fresh He makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.  
*One word of Your sup-port-ing breath drives all my fears a - way.*  
O may Your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.



He brings my wan-dering spir - it back when I for-sake His ways;  
*Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;*  
There would I find a set - tled rest, While oth - ers go and come;



And leads me, for His mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.  
*My cup with bless-ings o - ver flows, Your oil a - noints my head.*  
No more a stran - ger, nor a guest, But like a child at home.

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## Call to Confession

Hosea 14:1-3

Return, O Israel, to the LORD your God. Your sins have been your downfall! Take words with you and return to the LORD. Say to him: "Forgive all our sins and receive us graciously, that we may offer the fruit of our lips. Assyria cannot save us; we will not mount warhorses. We will never again say 'our gods' to what our own hands have made, for in you the fatherless find compassion.

## Corporate Confession

Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the evil desires of our own hearts. We have willingly broken your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive us all of our sins. Turn our wandering hearts back to you, and lead us by your Holy Spirit in the way of righteousness, holiness, and truth. Amen.

## Silent Confession

## Words of Assurance

Isaiah 44:22-23

*I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist.*

*Return to me, for I have redeemed you.*

*Sing for joy, you heavens, for the LORD has done this! Shout aloud, you earth beneath!*

*Burst into song, you mountains, you forests and all your trees,  
for the LORD has redeemed Jacob! He displays his glory in Israel.*

## 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

Luke 8:40-56

page 840 in the pew Bible

# His Mercy Is More

1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om -  
 2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What  
 3. What rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us. His

ni - scient, all know - ing, He counts not their sum. Thrown  
 Fa - ther, so ten - der, is call - ing us home? He  
 blood was the pay - ment; His life was the cost. We

in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore, our  
 wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor. Our  
 stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford. Our

**CHORUS**

sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more. (to vs. 2) Praise the  
 sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.  
 sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.

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 Lord, His mer - cy is more. Strong - er than dark - ness,  
 new ev - 'ry morn. Our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.

## 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 Tender Mercy of Our God*  
2 Kings 4:1-7

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

## \*Hymn of Response

*#691 - It is Well With My Soul*

## \*Benediction

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. 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 Tender Mercy of Our God*

**Text:** 2 Kings 4:1-7

**Pastor:** Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 292 in the pew Bible

## Providing a Home

Members of the Week:

Pam Cook

Bryan, Meredith, Hunter, Rhett & Madison Covert

Seaborn, Shannon, Christian & Conner Crosby

Larry & Cathy Crumbley

Expecting: Kristen Vaughn (3/2), Hannah McCommon (3/22), Megan Cathey (6/19), Kaleigh Freel (6/25), Hali Leskosky (7/10) & Hannah Henning (9/12)

Newborns: Adelaide Foster, Parker Schnetzer, Heidi Bentley & Charlee Andree

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

Bereaved: Madeline Thompson (dad, mom & sister); Fiona Leggett (mom); Kathy Little (dad); 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: Men's Ministry (& upcoming Fellowship Breakfast)

## 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.*

*\*Tomo Ito is on staff with Sacred Road Ministries in Washington State. He is working to establish a similar ministry to the Native American tribes in Warm Springs, Oregon.*

Sister Church of the Week: Westminster Presbyterian Church (Columbus)

Local Ministry Partner of the Week: Strong Tower Fellowship

# 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 Freeland in the Fellowship Hall or join a group for men or women. Dinner is \$7/adults/teen, \$3/child, with a family max \$20.

Menu: Chicken Pot Pie, Rice, Salad Bar, Rolls & Brownie Trifle

## 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. She can also assist you with signing up for the church’s app, Realm Connect, as well!

**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 next month. The class consists of two Sunday night meetings, **March 9th & 16th from 5:30 - 7:45 PM.** Dinner & childcare are provided. (We provide makeup sessions if you have a conflict one evening.) Please email Pastor Hunter ([hunter@nmnpc.net](mailto:hunter@nmnpc.net)) to sign up or for more information.

**Monday Prayer** – The church office will be closed tomorrow for the President’s Day holiday, so we will not meet for Monday Morning prayer. However, if you have a prayer request, please let Pastor Hunter or Pastor Bob know.

**Men’s Fellowship Breakfast:** – Men, plan to join us on Saturday, March 1, 8 – 9:30am, in the Fellowship Hall for our mid-year Men’s Fellowship Breakfast. Sign up at the table in the narthex today!

**First Impressions Team** – It is vital that NMPC do everything we can to make a good first impression on our guests on Sunday mornings to help them feel welcome and at home among us, and we’re gathering a team of greeters, meet-ers, & hosts to do just that. Interested? Stop by the table in the narthex after worship to find out more about this opportunity today!

**North Macon Preschool Registration** - Preschool registration (MMO-4K) for the 2025-2026 school year is now open. Applications can be found on the church website ([www.nmpc.net](http://www.nmpc.net)) and in the preschool office. Contact director Holly Shepley ([holly@nmnpc.net](mailto:holly@nmnpc.net)) if you have any questions.