

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

March 9, 2025



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship
Sunday, March 9, 2025

*Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.
They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
I say to myself: the LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.
Lamentations 3:22-24*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-8

Pastor: Praise the LORD, O my soul! All my inmost being, praise his holy name!

People: Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

Pastor: He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases. He redeems my life from the pit and crowns me with love and compassion.

People: He satisfies my desires with good things, so that my youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Pastor: The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:

People: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

*Praise Hymn

#32 - Great is Thy Faithfulness

*Invocation

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

** those who are able please stand*

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

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe?

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God;
begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven;
He became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.

He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;

He suffered and was buried;

The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.

He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead.

His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.

He proceeds from the Father and the Son,

and with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified;

He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,

and to life in the world to come. Amen.

The Nicene Creed is a statement of the orthodox faith of the early Christian church in opposition to certain heresies, especially Arianism, which taught that neither Jesus nor the Holy Spirit were divine. In its present form this creed goes back partially to the Council of Nicea (A.D. 325) with additions by the Council of Constantinople (A.D. 381). It was accepted in its present form at the Council of Chalcedon in 451.

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

1. Won - der - ful, mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, prec - ious Re - deem - er and
 2. Coun - se - lor; Com - fort - er; Keep - er; Spir - it we long to em -
 3. Al - might - y, in - fin - ite Fa - ther, faith - ful - ly lov - ing Your

Friend; — Who would have thought that a Lamb could res - cue the
brace; — You of - fer hope when our hearts have hope - less - ly
 own; — Here in our weak - ness You find us fall - ing be -

souls of men? Oh, — You res - cue the souls of men. ——— (to vs. 2)
lost the way. Oh, — we hope - less - ly lost the way. ———
 fore Your throne. Oh, — we're fall - ing be - fore Your throne. ———

You are the One that we praise, — You are the One we a - dore. —

— You give the heal - ing and grace our hearts al - ways hun - ger

for, oh, — our hearts al - ways hun - ger for.

Call to Confession

Psalm 79:8-9

Do not hold against us the sins of the fathers. May your mercy come quickly to meet us, for we are in desperate need. Help us, O God our Savior; for the glory of your name; deliver us and forgive our sins for your name's sake.

Corporate Confession

Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your loving kindness is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive us for our frivolous attitude toward life, our callousness towards suffering, our envy of those who have more than we have, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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

Romans 8:26-39
page 917 in the pew Bible

*Hymn of Preparation

#521 - My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Bob Brunson

*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

When It Just Doesn't Seem to End
Psalm 6

Rev. Bob Brunson

*Hymn of Response

He Will Hold Me Fast
printed on page #6

*Benediction

Jude 24-25

To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, 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

He Will Hold Me Fast

Habershon(1906)/M. Merker(2013)

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
2. *Those He saves are His de-light,* Christ will hold me fast;
3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;

When the tempt - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.
Pre - cious in his ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.
Just - ice has been sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast.

I could nev - er keep my hold through life's fear - ful path;
He'll not let my soul be lost; His prom - is - es shall last;
Raised with Him to end - less life, He will hold me fast

For my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me fast.
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
'till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

For my Sa - vior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

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• The Preached Word •

Title: *When It Just Doesn't Seem to End*

Text: Psalm 6

Pastor: Rev. Bob Brunson

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Providing a Home

Members of the Week:

Bill & Glenda Eaves
Joseph Egloff & Rana Munna
Rhett, Joyce & Sara Rhett Farmer
Caroline Fleming

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

Newborns: Bear Vaughn, 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); Joe Timberlake (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: Worship & Music Ministry

Partnering with Ministries

Missionaries of the Month:

**Jeff & Jamie are church planters in India where Jeff teaches rural pastors in a seminary*

**Clay & Hannah Jones are preparing to serve in San Salvador, El Salvador, collaborating with an established mercy ministry that serves the homeless and most vulnerable.*

Sister Church of the Week: Bethany Presbyterian Church (Greensboro)

Local Ministry Partner of the Week: Covenant Care Adoptions

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)
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)
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. Pastor Hunter is teaching on the Holy Spirit in the Fellowship Hall or join a small group. Dinner is \$7/adults/teen, \$3/child, family max \$20.

Menu: Turkey & Dressing, Sweet Potatoes, Butter 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@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!

New Members Class Starts Tonight - If you are interested in learning more about NMPC or joining our membership, come join us tonight for session 1 of the New Members Class. The class consists of two Sunday night meetings, **March 9th & 16th, 5:30 - 7:45 PM**. Dinner & childcare are provided. (We offer makeup sessions if you have a conflict one evening.) Please sign-up and pick up a New Member notebook on the buffet beside Pastor Hunter's office.

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.

Faith Promise - Faith Promise is how we each indicate the amount we are trusting God to provide this year to enable us to support global missions here at NMPC. The deadline for submitting your Faith Promise card next **Sunday, March 16**. Extra Faith Promise cards are available today at the center table in the narthex, along with a place to deposit your signed and completed cards. Thanks!

Wonderfully Made Spring Session - *Wonderfully Made* is a place for our 3rd-8th grade girls to come together to be reminded of the truths of who God created them to be through Bible study and creative arts. We will meet next Sunday, March 16th from 3:30-6 pm in the Fellowship Hall Register on REALM or contact Children's Ministry Director Megan Cathey (megan@nmpc.net) for more information—and be sure to invite a friend!

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



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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