



THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

July 13, 2025



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship
Sunday, July 13, 2025

*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.
John 1:14a*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Revelation 5:6, 9-14

Pastor: Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. And they sang a new song:

People: **You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.**

Pastor: Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they sang:

People: **Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and praise!**

Pastor: Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing:

People: **To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor, glory and power, for ever and ever!**

Pastor: The four living creatures said, 'Amen!', and the elders fell down and worshiped.

** 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.*

*Praise Hymn

#295— *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

*Invocation

Rev. Bob Brunson

*Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith, Section 8.2

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe about the Incarnation?

People: We believe that the Son of God,
the second person in the Trinity,
being truly and eternally God—
of one substance and equal with the Father—
did, when the fullness of time had come,
take upon himself man's nature,
with all its essential properties and common infirmities,
yet without sin.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
in the womb of the virgin Mary and of her substance.
In this way, two whole natures,
the divine and the human,
perfect and distinct,
were inseparably joined together in one person
without being changed, mixed, or confused.
This person is truly God and truly man,
yet one Christ,
the only mediator between God and man. 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.

*Hymn

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In Christ Alone

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1. In Christ a-lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
 2. In Christ a-lone, who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help-less babe!
 3. There in the ground His bod-y lay, Light of the world by dark-ness slain;
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;

This Cor-ner-stone, this sol-id ground, firm through the fierc-est drought and storm.
 This gift of love and right-eous-ness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
 Then burst-ing forth in glo-rious day, up from the grave He rose a-gain!
 From life's first cry to fin-al breath, Je-sus com-mands my des-ti-ny.

What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-ings cease.
 'Til on that cross as Je-sus died the wrath of God was sat-is-fied.
 And as He stands in vic-to-ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev-er pluck me from His hand;

My Com-for-ter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
 For ev'-ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
 For I am His and He is mine, bought with the prec-ious blood of Christ.
 'Til He re-turs or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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Call to Confession

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Corporate Confession

Most Merciful God, as those who have been delivered from the wrath to come through the blood of Jesus Christ, we come now to confess our sins, and to seek the grace and mercy that can only be found in you, our God and Savior. You have called us to be people of faith, hope and love, but we are guilty of unbelief, hopelessness, and hatred. When we should have delighted in Jesus Christ, we have sought refuge in created things. When we should have endured trials with patience and hope, we have grumbled against you. When we should have loved you with all our hearts, and our neighbor as ourselves, we have been self-absorbed. Have mercy on us, O God, and bear fruit in us by your Word. Turn our faces and our hearts upward to heaven, so that we will live as those who await the glorious appearing of our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord, in whose name we pray. 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

***Hymn Preparation**

#225 - *Once in Royal David's City*

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 Human Development of our Savior
Luke 2:39-52; Hebrews 10:5-7

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

***Hymn of Response**

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***Benediction**

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word. 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.

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery



Come be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, in the dawn-ing of the King. He the
Come be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, He the per-fect Son of Man. In His
 Come be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, Christ the Lord up-on the tree. In the
Come be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, slain by death, the God of life. But no



theme of heav-en's praise-es, robed in frail hu-man-i-ty. In our
liv-ing, in His suf-fring, ne-ver trace, nor stain of sin. See the
 stead of ru-ined sin-ners hangs the Lamb in vic-to-ry. See the
grave could e'er re-strain Him. Praise the Lord, He is a-live! What a



long-ing, in our dark-ness, now the light of life has come. Look to
true and bet-ter A-dam, come to save the hell-bound man. Christ, the
 price of our re-demp-tion, see the Fa-ther's plan un-fold. Bring-ing
fore-taste of de-liv-'rance, how un-wa-ver-ing our hope. Christ in



Christ, who con-de-scend-ed, took on flesh to ran-som us.
great and sure ful-fill-ment of the law, in Him we stand.
 man-y sons to glo-ry; grace un-meas-ured, love un-told.
pow-er res-ur-rect-ed, as we will be when He comes.

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. The Preached Word .

Title: *The Human Development of our Savior*

Luke 2:39-52; Hebrews 10:5-7

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Providing a Home

Members of the Week:

Charlie & Kathy Pyc
Jack, Sara, Maggie & Katie Pyles
Liz Ream
Howard & Debi Reed

Expecting: Hannah Henning (9/12)

Newborns: Emery Ann Sukhia, Elizabeth Leskosky, Everett Freel, Henry Cathey,
Scottie McCommon, Bear Vaughn & Adelaide Foster

Recovering: Bess Baker (stroke); Charlie Parrish (transplant)

Bereaved: Madeline Thompson (dad, mom & sister); Fiona Leggett (mom);
Kathy Little (dad); Donna Rohn (Terry); Amy Drummond (dad);
Ann Herndon (grandson); Rebecca Lober (Bill); Joe Timberlake
(sister); Diane McCallum (sister); Sandy Manwaring (Dick); Sharon
Kostedt (brother); Reba Hudson (son); Ron Henning (dad)

Caring for Loved Ones: Monni Parrish (dad; Charlie); Joseph Egloff (mom);
Rana Munna (mom); Margaret Rogers (mom); Rod Baker (Bess);
Ron Henning (mom)

Proclaiming the Gospel

Church's Leaders: The Session, Diaconate, and Staff

Ministry of the Week: Music & Worship Ministries

Partnering with Ministries

Missionaries of the Month:

**Dal and Beth Stanton have been a part of a church planting team in Sofia, Bulgaria. They also do a similar work in Ukraine and are transitioning there.*

**Noah & Karleigh are church planters in Bangkok, Thailand.*

Sister Church of the Week: Penfield Presbyterian Church (Penfield)

Local Ministry Partner of the Week: RUF Mercer (Marlin Harris, Mallory
Griffin, and Andrew Burckhalter)

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: *Deeper* (youth room). Teachers: Mark Ballard & Bryce Little

Summer Book Discussion Groups *Deeper: Real Change for Real Sinners* 9:30 - 10:30 am

Adults (A-H): Fellowship Hall
Adults (I-Z): Modular Classroom 2

Men's Small Groups (all studies meet at NMPC)

Men's Small Groups will resume in the fall.

Ladies' Bible Studies
Fridays (10-11:30 am): *Fruit of the Spirit: Joy* (Kristen Wetherell) begins June 13th (conference room)

Summer Fellowships

Plan to join us this **Wednesday, July 16th**, for our Summer Fellowship!
Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM, and Pastor Bob will be teaching
on the upside down values of the Kingdom from Mark's Gospel
Dinner is \$7/adults/teen, \$3/child, family max \$20

Menu: Hamburger steak with onions & gravy, baked potatoes, rolls, salad bar & dessert.

Announcements

Welcome, Guests! – We are so glad you’ve come to worship with us today! 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@nmpe.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!

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.

Vacation Bible School Begins Tomorrow! Please be in prayer for the children of our church and community as they gather this week for “Upward Bound!” Upward Bound *“focuses on Christ’s astonishing incarnate journey to win our salvation, tracking Jesus’ perilous footsteps from the Courts of Heaven to the cross and back again to the Summit, and that because Jesus undertook this journey for them, they, too, can reach the Summit through faith in Him.”* Pray for Director Laura Adams and her team of volunteers as they seek to be faithful “trail guides” for the gospel this week!

Farewell to the Ballards – On Wednesday, July 23rd the SweatFest Team will give a report on their works of service in our community. Also that evening, we will celebrate Mark, Kara & Aliya Ballard and their faithful service in our youth ministry over the last 10 years. Make plans to join us for this special evening!

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Frank & Nina Fleming’s 50th wedding anniversary.

Finances (6/30) -	Income: \$700,527	Faith Promise—paid out on 6/30: \$ 34,017
	Expenses: \$668,492	Faith Promise—needed by 12/31: \$ 28,950
		Faith Promise—received by 6/30: \$ 7,353



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*

North Macon belongs to the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), a denomination seeking to be Faithful to the Scriptures, True to the Reformed Faith, and Obedient to the Great Commission.