

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

June 29, 2025



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship
Sunday, June 29, 2025

*I will make an everlasting covenant with them: I will never stop doing good to them,
and I will inspire them to fear me, so that they will never turn away from me.
Jeremiah 32:40*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Bob Brunson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 100

Pastor: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth!
People: **Serve the LORD with gladness! Come before him with joyful songs!**
Pastor: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we
are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
People: **Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise! Give
thanks to him and praise his name!**
Pastor: For the LORD is good, and his love endures forever; his faithfulness
continues through all generations.

*Praise Hymn

#53 - Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*Invocation

Rev. Bob Brunson

** 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?

ALL: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell*;
the third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church**,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 50. What did Christ's humiliation after his death consist of?
Christ's humiliation after his death consisted in his being buried and continuing in the state
of the dead and under the power of death until the third day, which has also been
expressed in these words: "He descended into hell."*

***The words, the holy catholic church, do not refer to the Roman Catholic Church but to the universal
body of Christ, that is, all true believers in every time and place who are united to Christ by faith.*

*The Apostles' Creed was not written by the apostles but is a summary of their teachings.
It dates back to the 4th century and has been used by the church to identify believers,
instruct new converts, and provide a confession of faith for worship.*

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

1. Won - der - ful, mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, pre - cious 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

Hosca 14:1-2

Return, 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 sin and receive us graciously, that we may offer the fruit of our lips."

Corporate Confession

Most just and most gracious God, your infinite greatness no one can fathom, but we have thought little of you and ignored your immensity, power and glory. You give us access to the worship of heaven before your throne, but we have neglected and abused this holy privilege. You rule the nations and all of our lives, but we have not sought first your kingdom. You have made us to be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation, but we have forsaken this high calling to serve ourselves. You shower us with abundant grace in Christ, but we have turned away, squandering your gifts and seeking to save ourselves. Have mercy on us, most merciful Father! Your Son, the Lamb of God, is our salvation, and your promises our hope. Remind us that we are your children, enliven us with the Spirit of your Son, and in the end receive us into your glory, through Jesus Christ our only Savior.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

1 Peter 2:24-25

"He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." For "you were like sheep going astray," but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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

I Asked the Lord

*I asked the Lord that I might grow In faith and love and every grace
Might more of His salvation know And seek more earnestly His face*

*I hoped that in some favored hour At once He'd answer my request
And by His love's constraining power Subdue my sins and give me rest*

*Instead of this He made me feel The hidden evils of my heart
And let the angry powers of Hell Assault my soul in every part*

*Yea more with His own hand He seemed Intent to aggravate my woe
Crossed all the fair designs I schemed, Cast out my feelings, laid me low*

*Lord why is this, I trembling cried Wilt Thou pursue thy worm to death?
"Tis in this way" The Lord replied "I answer prayer for grace and faith"*

*"These inward trials I employ From self and pride to set thee free
And break thy schemes of earthly joy
That thou mayest seek thy all in me."*

*Hymn of Preparation

#65 - Before Jehovah's Awcsome Throne

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

*A Sobering Side of the Savior
Luke 12:4-7*

Rev. Eric Freel

*Hymn of Response

*Jesus, Your Mercy
printed on page 6*

Jesus, Your Mercy

Je - sus, Your mer - cy is all my plea. I have no de - fense, my
 Je - sus, Your mer - cy is all my boast, the good - ness I claim the
 Je - sus, Your mer - cy is all my rest, when fears weigh me down and
 Je - sus, Your mer - cy is all my joy. For - e - ver I'll lift my
 4
 guilt runs too deep. The best of my works pierced Your
 grounds of my hope. What - ev - er I lack it's still
 6
 en - e - mies press. A com - fort I cling to in
 heart and my voice, to sing of a trea - sure no
 hands and Your feet. Je - sus, Your mer - cy is all my plea. vs. 2
 what I need most. Je - sus, Your mer - cy is all my boast.
 life and in death. Je - sus, Your mer - cy is all my rest.
 pow'r can de - stroy. Je - sus, Your mer - cy is all my joy.

9 *Chorus*
 Praise the King who bore my sin, took my place when I stood con-demned.

13
 Oh how good You've al-ways been to me. I will sing of Your mer - cy.

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*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.

• The Preached Word •

Title: *A Sobering Side of the Savior*

Luke 12:4-7

Pastor: Rev. Eric Feel

Providing a Home

Members of the Week:

Rob & Anne Morton
 Dustin, Melissa, Emerson, Lakelyn & Ryder Newell;
 Harley Langford
 Greg & Cherri Nix
 James Noland

Expecting: Hannah Henning (9/12)

Newborns: Emery Ann Sukhia, Cason Leskosky, Everett Frecl, 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: Missions Committee

Partnering with Ministries

Missionaries of the Month:

**Mike & Eli Sabin spread the gospel throughout Southeast Asia by means
 of Trans World Radio in Guam*

**Roger & Dianne Smalling write, publish, distribute, and teach Reformed
 literature in Latin America.*

Sister Church of the Week: Lake Oconee Presbyterian Church (Eatonton)

Local Ministry Partner of the Week: RUF Columbus State (Tim Grider)

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)

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

Ladies' Bible Studies

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

Summer Fellowships

We will not meet this Wednesday due to the Fourth of July Holiday Week.

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@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!

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.

Holiday Schedule This Week – There will be no Summer Fellowship this Wednesday and the church office will be closed Wednesday-Friday for the 4th of July holiday. Sunday School will continue next Sunday, July 6, with a single combined class for adults in the Fellowship Hall for our discussion of chapter 6 in this year’s summer book, *Deeper*.

North Macon Preschool Registration for the Fall – North Macon Preschool still has space available in several classes for the fall. Stop by the coffee bar in the narthex this morning to pick up a brochure for yourself and one to pass along to a prospective student. For a registration application for the fall, visit the Preschool page on the church website, www.nmpc.net.

VBS Registration Still Open — We are reaching for the heights of God’s Glory this summer at VBS! We will be going on a glorious “camping” adventure in God’s creation this July 14-18 and rising 3K (limited spaces) - 6th graders will join Troop VBS in our glorious ascent to the summit of faith! Click on Events in the REALM app to register or contact Laura Adams at lrcelyca@gmail.com

VBS Volunteer Sign-Up—Calling all volunteers for VBS (July 14-18)! God uses every type of gift and talent for VBS so please go to Events in the REALM app to register and select the area in which you may be interested in serving. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Adams at lrcelyca@gmail.com.

Finances (5/31) - Income: \$574,988 Faith Promise—needed by 6/30: \$33,750
 Expenses: \$558,131 Faith Promise—given thru 5/31: \$38,705



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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