

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

August 10, 2025



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship
Sunday, August 10, 2025

*And let us consider how we may spur one another
on toward love and good deeds.
Hebrews 10:24*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Bob Brunson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 36:5-10

Pastor: Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies.

People: **Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the great deep.**

Pastor: O LORD, you preserve both man and beast!

People: **How priceless is your unfailing love!**

Pastor: Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of your wings.

People: **They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights.**

Pastor: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

People: **Continue your love to those who know you, your righteousness to the upright in heart.**

** 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.*

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY/Henry Van Dyke



Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays;
 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
Mor - tals join the might - y cho - rus, which the morn - ing stars be - gan;

Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, open - ing to the sun a - bove.
Stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cent - er of un - bro - ken praise;
 Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!
Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us, broth - er love binds man to man.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and mount - ain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 Teach us how to love each oth - er; lift us to the joy di - vine.
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

*Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith 26:1-2

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe concerning the communion of saints?

People: All saints—

who are united to Jesus Christ their head
by his Spirit and by faith—
have fellowship with Him
in his graces, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory.

And, being united to one another in love,
they participate in each other's gifts and graces
and are obligated to perform those public and private duties
which lead to their mutual good,
both inwardly and outwardly.

It is the duty of professing saints
to maintain a holy fellowship and communion
in the worship of God
and in performing such other spiritual services
as help them to edify one another.

It is their duty also
to come to the aid of one another in material things
according to their various abilities and necessities.
As God affords opportunity,
this communion is to be extended to all those in every
place who call on the name of the Lord Jesus. 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 our church and our denomination, the Presbyterian Church in America.

*Hymn

#359 - Bless Be the Tie That Binds
vs. 1-4

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Corporate Confession

Heavenly Father you have commanded us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, to live self-controlled and godly lives in all gentleness and kindness, speaking evil of no one and avoiding quarrels. But we confess that we often let this former way of life creep into the present. We have been foolish and disobedient; we have allowed ourselves to be led astray by the evil one and have fallen prey to various passions and pleasures. And so we have become bitter and angry, full of envy and hateful of one another. Gracious Father, turn our hearts back to you. Renew us by your Holy Spirit that we might live as heirs of the glory of Jesus Christ our Savior.

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 boast in the hope of the glory of God.*

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 of Preparation

There is One Gospel

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There is one Gos-pel on which I stand for all c - ter - ni - ty. It
There is one Gos-pel to which I cling, all else I count as loss. For
 There is one Gos-pel where hope is found, the emp - ty tomb still speaks. For
And in this Gos-pel, the church is one, we do not walk a - lone. We



is my sto - ry, my Fa - ther's plan, the Son has res - cued me.
there, where jus - tice and mer - cy meet, He saved me on the cross.
 death could not keep my Sav - ior down, He lives and I am free.
have His Spir - it as we press on to lead us safe - ly home.



Oh, what a Gos - pel, oh what a peace. My high-est joy and my deep - est need.
No more I boast in what I can bring, no more I car - ry the weight of sin.
 Now on my Sav - ior I fix my eyes, my life is His and His hope is mine.
And when in glo - ry still I will sing of this old sto - ry that res - cued me.



Now and for - ev - er, He is my light. I stand in the Gos - pel of Je - sus Christ.
For He has brought me from death to life. I stand in the Gos - pel of Je - sus Christ.
 For He has prom - ised I too will rise. I stand in the Gos - pel of Je - sus Christ.
Praise to my Sav - ior, the King of life. I stand in the Gos - pel of Je - sus Christ.

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 Theology of Hospitality

Rev. Eric Freel

1 Peter 4:9

***Hymn of Response**

#355 - We Are God's People

***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 turn his face toward you and give you peace. 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**

• The Preached Word •

Title: *A Theology of Hospitality*

Text: 1 Peter 4:9

Pastor: Rev. Eric Freel

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.

Providing a Home

Members of the Week:

Cathy Smith
Matt, Ashlee, Maddie & Reid Smith
Hunter, Heather & Hunt Stevenson
Steve & Julie Strange

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: Fiona Leggett (mom); Kathy Little (dad); Donna Rohn (Terry); Amy
Drummond (dad); Rebecca Lober (Bill); Sandy Manwaring (Dick);
Sharon Kostedt (brother); Reba Hudson (son); Ron Henning (dad);
Cindy Gibson (Jamie)

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: Adult Education Committee

Partnering with Ministries

Missionaries of the Month:

**Steve Young is now located in Tennessee where he continues his work with
the Japanese*

**Joshua and Ruth Tsavatewa are working among the Yakama Tribe in
Washington State, where Josh is a Teaching Elder with Sacred Road.*

Sister Church of the Week: First Presbyterian Church (Macon)

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

Discipleship Opportunities

Fall Sunday School Classes—beginning August 10 9:30 - 10:30 AM

2-3 Year-Old: *God's Son* (room 112). Teacher: Becky Gorman
4k-2nd Grade: *God Created All Things* (room 121). Teacher: Sara Pyles
3rd-5th Grade: *The Biggest Story* (room 122). Teacher: Beth McSween
6th-12th Grade: *Colossians* (youth room). Teacher: Bryce Little

Fall Sunday Adult Communities—beginning this morning 9:30 - 10:30 AM

20's-30's: *Romans* (Modular 1)
30's-50's: *Genesis 37-50* (Modular 2)
50's-60's: *The Nicene Creed* (Fellowship Hall)
66 and up: *Galatians* (Conference Room)

Men's Small Groups

Men's Small Groups will resume in the fall.

Ladies' Bible Studies

Ladies' Bible Studies will resume in the fall.

Wednesday Night Activities

Wednesday Night Activities will resume on Wednesday, August 20th

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@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!

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.

Sunday School & Adult Communities Now Underway – The fall semester of Sunday School classes for children and youth and our season-of-life based Sunday Communities for adults got underway this morning. To see a list of the classes and locations, check out the Discipleship Opportunities page in today’s bulletin and plan to join us next Sunday!

Ladies’ Vision Luncheon - Ladies, please join us Sunday, August 17 in the Fellowship Hall immediately following our worship service for our 2025 Vision Luncheon. Let’s give God glory for our past year AND hear about opportunities for both service and fellowship in the next year. Dads, please plan on taking the kids out for lunch while Mom enjoys this event. Guests, we would love for you to join us to learn more about our women’s ministry!

Men’s Ministry Kickoff Breakfast —Guys, plan now to join us this Saturday, August 23rd, 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for some good food, fellowship, a rundown of groups and events for men this fall, and an encouraging talk from special guest, the Rev. Jon Medlock, experienced pastor and current Vice President of the PCA’s Geneva Benefits Group in Atlanta. Click on ‘Events’ in the Realm Connect app to register online or stop by the sign-up table in the narthex.

Wednesday Night Ministries Return Soon—We’ll begin the fall term of our Wednesday Night Ministries on Wednesday, August 20th. That night, we’ll enjoy a delicious catered meal at 5:45 in the Fellowship Hall and then stay together as a whole church family to hear from Hannah Huyck about her journey from her teenage years at NMPC to her preparations now to join the MTW team in Bulgaria. We’ll divide up into our various groups and studies the following week. Make Wednesday Nights a habit this fall!

Finances (7/31) - Income: \$810,040

Expenses: \$788,241

Faith Promise—received by 6/30: \$41,370

Faith Promise—paid out on 6/30: \$ 34,017

Faith Promise—needed by 12/31: \$ 28,950

Faith Promise—carried forward: \$ 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	Tommy James
Cal Garretson	Paul McCommon
Ed Grimsley	Rob Morton
Charles Hall	Charlie Parrish
Neal Ham	Howard Reed

Diaconate

Joshua Buckner	Rick Funk
Matt Cathey	Hays Fyke
	Jack Pyles

Staff

Every Member, <i>Ministers</i>	<i>Director</i>
Hunter Stevenson, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	Kathy Pye, <i>Church Secretary</i>
Bob Brunson, <i>Executive Pastor</i>	Monni Parrish, <i>Administrator,</i>
David Todd, <i>Pastor Emeritus</i>	<i>Financial Director & Pianist</i>
Bryce Little, <i>Interim Youth Director</i>	Holly Shepley, <i>North Macon</i>
Melanie Buckner, <i>Music Director</i>	<i>Preschool Director</i>
Megan Cathey, <i>Children's Ministry</i>	

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