



THE LORD'S DAY

# *Worship*

August 3, 2025



**NORTH MACON**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship  
Sunday, August 3, 2025

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*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy;  
I have come that you may have life, and have it to the full.  
I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.*  
*John 10:10-11*

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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 67

Pastor: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.

People: May the peoples praise you, O God! May all the peoples praise you!

Pastor: May the nations be glad and sing for joy! For you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.

People: May the peoples praise you, O God! May all the peoples praise you!

Pastor: Then the land will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us. God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

\*Praise Hymn

*May the Peoples Praise You*

\* those who are able please stand

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

# May the Peoples Praise You

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1. You have called us out of dark - est night, in - to Your glo - rious
- [ May our ev - 'ry breath re - tell the grace that broke in - to our*
2. All the earth is Yours and all with - in, each harv - est is your
- [ May the seeds of mer - cy grow in us for those who have not*
3. This our ho - ly priv - 'lege to de - clare Your prais - es and Your



*[ light, that we may sing the won - ders of the ris - en Christ.  
strife with bound - less love and deep - est joy, with end - less life.  
own, and from Your hand we give to You, to make Christ known.  
heard, may songs of praise build lives of grace to spread Your Word.  
Name to ev - 'ry na - tion, tribe, and tongue Your church pro - claim.*



**Chorus** May the peo - ples praise You, let the na - tions be\_ glad!



All Your bless-ing comes that we may praise, may praise the Name of Je - sus.  
*after v. 3 to Bridge*



**Bridge** Ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord Al - might - y. Wor - thy, wor - thy



is the Lamb who was slain. Ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord Al - might - y.



All cre - a - tion praise Your glo - ri - ous Name. May the

**to Chorus**

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\*Confession of Faith

Belgic Confession, Article 20

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe?

People: We believe that God  
—who is perfectly merciful and also very just—  
sent his Son to assume the nature  
in which the disobedience had been committed,  
in order to bear in it the punishment of sin  
by his most bitter passion and death.  
So God made known his justice toward his Son,  
who was charged with our sin,  
and he poured out his goodness and mercy on us,  
who are guilty, and worthy of damnation,  
giving to us his Son to die, by a most perfect love,  
and raising him to life, for our justification,  
in order that by him  
we might have immortality and eternal life. Amen.

*The Belgic Confession was composed in 1561 by Guido de Brés. It was adopted at the Synod of Dordt in 1619 as one of the doctrinal standards to which all office bearers in the Reformed churches were required to subscribe. The confession stands as one of the best symbolical statements of Reformed doctrine.*

\*Hymn

#246—Man of Sorrows! What a Name

## Call to Confession

Proverbs 20:9

Who can say, "I have kept my heart pure; I am clean and without sin"?

## Corporate Confession

*from Psalm 51*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Cleanse me, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

## 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

\*Hymn of Preparation

*There is One Gospel*

## There Is One Gospel

There is one Gos-pel on which I stand for all e - 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.

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### 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 Death of Death in the Death of Christ*

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Matthew 27:45-56

## The Sacrament of Communion

*All those who have placed their faith and trust in Christ alone for their salvation, are baptized, and are members in good standing of a Bible-believing, evangelical church are invited to come forward and partake of the Lord's Supper this morning. All others, please remain in your seats, as you consider your relationship with Christ and His Church. There is a prayer at the bottom of the page 7 to help you reflect upon what it means to trust Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.*

*Come weary saints though tired and weak; Hide away in the love of Jesus  
Your strength will return by His quiet streams; Hide away in the love of Jesus  
Come wand'ring souls and find your home; Hide away in the love of Jesus  
He offers the rest that you yearn to know; Hide away in the love of Jesus  
Hear Him calling your name; See the depths of His love  
In the wounds of His grace; Hide away*

*Come guilty ones weighed down with sin; Hide away in the love of Jesus  
The freedom you long for is found in Him; Hide away in the love of Jesus  
Come hopeless hearts do not despair; Hide away in the love of Jesus  
For ten thousand joys await you there; Hide away in the love of Jesus*

### \*Hymn of Response

*The Power of the Cross  
printed on page 6*

### \*Benediction

Hebrews 13:20-21

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

### \*Doxology

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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 Power of The Cross

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1. Oh, to see the dawn of the dark - est day;  
2. Oh, to see the pain writ - ten on Your face,  
3. Now the day - light flees, now the ground be -neath  
4. Oh, to see my name writ - ten in the wounds,

Christ on the road to Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men,  
bear - ing the awe - some weight of sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought,  
quakes as its Mak - er bows His head. Cur - tain torn in two,  
for through your suf - f'ring I am - free. Death is crushed to death;

torn and beat - en, then nailed to a cross of wood.  
ev - 'ry e - vil deed, crown - ing Your blood - stained brow.  
dead are raised to life. "Fin - ished!" the vic - try cry.  
life is mine to live, won through your self - less love!

Chorus 1 - 3: This the pow'r of the cross: Christ be - came sin for us.  
4: This the pow'r of the cross: Son of God slain for us.

Took the blame, bore the wrath. We stand for giv - en at the cross.  
What a love, what a cost! We stand for - giv - en at the cross. (repeat final chorus)

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*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 Death of Death in the Death of Christ*

**Text:** Matthew 27:45-56

**Pastor:** Rev. Hunter Stevenson

## Providing a Home

### Members of the Week:

Matt, Holly, Lucy, Simon, Luke & Clifton Jake Shepley

Mike & Cheryl Simmons

Chase, Katic, Eli & Perry Singleton

Bryan, Vanessa, Dallas, Aiden & Caleb Smith

Expecting: Hannah Henning (9/12)

Newborns: Emery Ann Sukhia, Elizabeth Leskosky, Everett Frecl, Henry Cathcy, Scottie McComimon, 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: North Macon Preschool (new school year begins on 8/14)

## Partnering with Ministries

### Missionaries of the Month:

*\*Dan and Beth Stanton are retiring this summer after decades of service with MTW in Eastern Europe.*

*\*Noah & Karligh are church planters in Bangkok, Thailand.*

Sister Church of the Week: Dayspring Presbyterian Church (Forsyth)

Local Ministry Partner of the Week: Campus Clubs

## 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-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: *God Created All Things* (room 121). Teacher: Sara Pyles  
3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade: *The Biggest Story* (room 122). Teacher: Beth McSween  
6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade: TBD (youth room). Teacher: Bryce Little

### Fall Sunday Adult Communities—beginning August 10 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@nmpc.net](mailto: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.

**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!

### Upcoming Events for the Fall

Sunday, August 10—Fall Semester of Sunday School & Adult Communities begins;  
view a list of the classes, teachers, and locations on page 10

Sunday, August 17—Women's Ministry Vision Lunch (after worship; Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, August 20—Wednesday Night Activities resume

Saturday, August 23—Men's Ministry Fall Kickoff Breakfast (8:30 am – 10 am)

**Finances (6/30)** - Income: \$700,527

Expenses: \$668,492

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