

THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

September 14, 2025



**NORTH MACON**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship  
Sunday, September 14, 2025

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And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation.”

*Exodus 34:6-7*

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**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

Rev. Bob Brunson

**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**

*#2 - O Worship the King  
vs. 1-5*

*\* 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.*

\*Invocation

Dr. David Todd

\*Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

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.*

# My Savior's Love

Charles H. Gabriel



I stand a - mazed in the pres - ence of Je - sus the Naz - a - rene, and  
He took my sins and my sor - rows, He made them His ver - y own; He  
When with the ran - somed in glo - ry His face I at last shall see, 'twill



won - der how He could love me, a sin - ner, con - demned, un - clean.  
bore the bur - den to Cal - v'ry; and suf - fered and died a - lone.  
be my joy thru the a - ges to sing of His love for me.



How mar - ve - lous! How won - der - ful! and my song shall ev - er be:



How mar - ve - lous! How won - der - ful is my Sav - ior's love for me!

## 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 sins and receive us graciously, that we may offer the fruit of our lips.

## Corporate Confession

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge before you our sinful nature and our many offenses. We are prone to do evil and slow to do good. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your way, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Lord, we are ashamed and sorry for all the ways that we have displeased you. Father, teach us to hate our rebellious acts, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of your Son. Help us to love you with all our heart and mind and strength. And give us the power of your Holy Spirit so that we may walk in your ways and serve you all of our days.

## Silent Confession

### Words of Assurance

Colossians 1:13-14

*For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

### Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Dr. David Todd

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

Psalms 18:1-24

# 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.

**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**

*The Biggest of All Questions, the Best of All Answers* Rev. Bob Brunson

Psalm 18:25-50

**\*Hymn of Response**

*#92 - A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

**\*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 •

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**Title:** *The Biggest of All Questions, the Best of All Answers*

**Text:** Psalm 18:25-50

**Pastor:** Rev. Bob Brunson

*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:

Billy & Beverly Adams  
Jake, Laura, Waylon, Willie & June Adams  
Javier, Kristy & Heisman Alvarez  
Jon, Bonnie, Noah & Charlee Andree

Newborns: Shepherd Henning, 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: Music & Worship Ministry

## Partnering with Ministries

Missionaries of the Month:

*\*Trey & Kiki Adams are a part of a church planting team in Bangkok, Thailand*

*\*Julian and Rachel Bacon are part of a church planting team in Brussels. Rachel also works with Community Bible study International.*

Sister Church of the Week: Redeemer Presbyterian Church (Valdosta)

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

# Discipleship Opportunities

## Fall Sunday School Classes

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>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Bible Survey from Genesis (room 125). Teachers: Josh Buckner,  
Hays Fyke, Jack Pyles & Matt Cathey

9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade: *Discovery Bible Stories* (youth room). Teacher: Bryce Little

## Fall Sunday Adult Communities

9:30 - 10:30 AM

To see a profile of each Community, go to the Adult Christian Education page on the church website, [www.nmpc.net](http://www.nmpc.net), to see which one is the best fit for you.

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

(all studies meet at NMPC)

Sundays (5:00-6:30 pm): *Living Life Backwards* (conference room)

Wednesdays (6:30-7:30 pm): *The Book of James* (music room)

Thursdays (6:45-7:45 am): *Learning Evangelism from Jesus* (conference room)

## Ladies' Bible Studies

(all studies meet in the conference room at NMPC)

Tuesdays (10-11:30 am): *Colossians*

Wednesdays (6:30-7:30 pm): *Colossians* (childcare available)

Fridays (10-11:30 am): *Colossians*

## 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. Along with the studies mentioned above, Rev. Eric Freel will be leading the Bible study in the Fellowship Hall this fall.

Dinner is \$7/adults/teen, \$3/child, with a family max \$20

Menu: Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Peas, 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@nmnpc.net](mailto:monni@nmnpc.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 at 9 AM in the Conference Room to pray for the needs of the congregation and the work of the church.

**Wonderfully Made & Built For More** – All 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls are invited to join us for a special afternoon on **September 21<sup>st</sup>** at 4:45pm. For our girls, we are kicking off another season of *Wonderfully Made* where we will explore through creative arts the gospel truths of who God made us to be. In *Built For More*, our boys will be learning to build their lives on the foundation of Christ through engaging activities and games. Register on REALM and invite a friend!

**New Members Class** - If you are interested in learning more about NMPC or joining our membership, you are invited to attend the New Members Class, which is comprised of two Sunday night meetings, on **September 28 & October 5** from 5:30 - 7:45 PM. Dinner & childcare are provided. Please email Pastor Hunter ([hunter@nmnpc.net](mailto:hunter@nmnpc.net)) to sign up or for more information. (We provide makeup-sessions if you have a conflict one of those evenings.)

**Ladies Fall Event: *Consider the Lilies*** – Join us on **Saturday, October 4**, at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall as we paint with artist Katie Singleton. No experience necessary—just a desire to enjoy fun & fellowship together! Please register on Realm or contact Kathy in the church office to sign up.

**Finances (8/31)** -Income: \$ 979,440  
Expenses: \$901,659

Faith Promise—received YTD: \$ 45,495  
Faith Promise—needed by 12/31: \$14,402



# 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*  
Bryce Little, *Interim Youth Director*  
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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