

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

September 28, 2025



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship
Sunday, September 28, 2025

*So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do,
do it all for the glory of God.
1 Corinthians 10:31*

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**

#165 - Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

***Invocation**

Rev. Bob Brunson

***Confession of Faith**

Children's Catechism, Questions 1-5

1. Q. Who made you?
A. **God.**
2. Q. What else did God make?
A. **God made all things.**
3. Q. Why did God make you and all things?
A. **For his own glory.**
4. Q. How can you glorify God?
A. **By loving him and doing what he commands.**
5. Q. Why are you to glorify God?
A. **Because he made me and takes care of me.**

***Hymn**

*Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him
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Call to Confession

Joel 2:12-13

Even now, declares the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning. Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.

Corporate Confession

Almighty, eternal God and Father, we confess and acknowledge that we were conceived and born in sin. Therefore, we are inclined to all evil and slow to all good; we transgress Your holy commandments without ceasing, and are ever more corrupt ourselves. But we are sorry for the same, and seek Your grace and help. Please have mercy upon us, most gracious and merciful God and Father, through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant to us and increase in us Your Holy Spirit, that we may recognize our sin and unrighteousness from the bottom of our hearts, attain true repentance and sorrow for them, die to them wholly, and please thee entirely by a new and godly life. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Ephesians 1:7-8

*In Jesus Christ, we have redemption through his blood,
the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace,
that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.*

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**

#642 - *Be Thou My Vision*
all vs. 1 & 2, men vs. 3, women vs. 4, all vs. 5

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

To Live Is Christ
Philippians 1:19-26

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

***Hymn of Preparation**

Turn Your Eyes
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***Benediction**

Revelation 1:5b-6

Now to him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! 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**

Turn Your Eyes

Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus look full in His won-der-ful
Turn your eyes to the hill - side where jus - tice and mer-cy em -
Turn your eyes to the morn - ing and see Christ the li - on a -
Turn your eyes to the hea - vens, our King will re - turn for His

face. and the things of earth will grow strange - ly dim, in the
brace. There the Son of God gave His life for us, and our
wake. What a glo - rious dawn, fear of death is gone, for we
own. Ev - ery knee will bow, ev - ery tongue will shout "All the

light of His glo - ry and grace. (to 2nd vs.) Je - sus to You we lift our
mea - sure-less debt was e - rased.
car - ry His life in our veins.
glo - ry to Je - sus a - lone!"

eyes. Je - sus our glo-ry and our prize. We a-dore You be-

hold You our Sav-ior ev - er true. Oh Je - sus we turn our eyes to You.

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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 •

Title: To Live Is Christ

Text: Philippians 1:19-26

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Providing a Home

Members of the Week:

Rodger, Tricia & Ben Barton
Mark & Meg Baxter
Will, Ember, Holland & Heidi Bentley
Brad, Shannon, Lexi & Sarah Bibb

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: North Macon Preschool

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: New Life Presbyterian Church (Tifton)

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

Discipleship Opportunities

Fall Sunday School Classes

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-8th Grade: Bible Survey from Genesis (room 125). Teachers: Josh Buckner, Matt Cathey, Hays Fyke & Jack Pyles
9th-12th 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 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 small groups and Bible 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: Pizza, 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 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.

New Members Class Starts Tonight - If you are interested in learning more about NMPC or joining our membership, you are invited to attend the 2-part New Members Class taught by Pastor Hunter. Session 1 will meet tonight, 5:30 - 7:45 PM, in the Fellowship Hall, and will conclude with session 2 the following Sunday, October 5th. Dinner and childcare will be provided on both nights. *Please pick up a notebook on the buffet beside Pastor Hunter's office and sign-up for the class.* (We provide make-up sessions if you have a conflict one of those evenings.)

Ladies Fall Event: Consider the Lilies – Join us next 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 at the table in the narthex, on Realm, or by contacting Kathy in the church office at 478-477-7777.

Save the Date: Men's Chili Cookoff – Guys, plan now to join us on Saturday, October 25, 6 pm, at the home of Cal Garretson for our Men's Chili Cookoff. Bring a pot of your finest recipe and enjoy a selection of delicious options, along with a side of fun, fellowship, and encouragement in the Lord with the men of NMPC. Signups will begin soon!

Save the Date: Church-wide Reformation Celebration – Plan now to be a part of this year's Reformation Celebration on Sunday, October 26, 5-7 pm. Join us for a great night of games, food, and fun. Details coming soon!

Finances (8/31) -Income: \$ 979,440	Faith Promise—received YTD: \$ 45,495
Expenses: \$ 901,659	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	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>	Megan Cathey, <i>Children's Ministry Director</i>
Hunter Stevenson, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	Kathy Pye, <i>Church Secretary</i>
Bob Brunson, <i>Executive Pastor</i>	Monni Parrish, <i>Administrator, Financial Director & Pianist</i>
David Todd, <i>Pastor Emeritus</i>	Holly Shepley, <i>North Macon Preschool Director</i>
Bryce Little, <i>Interim Youth Director</i>	
Melanie Buckner, <i>Music Director</i>	

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