

THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

September 7, 2025



**NORTH MACON**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship  
Sunday, September 7, 2025

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*Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.  
His love endures forever.  
Psalm 136:1*

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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Lamentations 3:22-26

Pastor: Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his mercies never fail.

People: They are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness!

Pastor: I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."

People: The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him.

Pastor: It is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

\*Praise Hymn

*His Mercy is More  
printed on page 2*

*\* those who are able please stand*

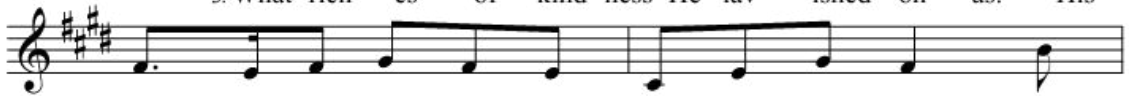
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*Please turn off all cellular devices during the worship service  
and do not bring food or drink into the sanctuary.*

# His Mercy Is More



1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om -  
2. *What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What*  
3. What rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us. His



ni - scient, all know - ing, He counts not their sum. Thrown  
*Fa - ther, so ten - der, is call - ing us home? He*  
blood was the pay - ment; His life was the cost. We



in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore, our  
*wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor. Our*  
stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford. Our



## CHORUS

sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more. *(to vs. 2) Praise the*  
*sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.*  
sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.



*Lord, His mer - cy is more. Strong - er than dark - ness,*



*new ev - 'ry morn. Our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.*

\*Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 20.1

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe about the liberty Christ has purchased for you?

People: The liberty which Christ has purchased for us under the gospel  
consists in our freedom from  
    the guilt of sin,  
    the condemning wrath of God,  
    and the curse of the moral law;  
and in our being delivered from  
    this present evil world,  
    bondage to Satan,  
    dominion of sin,  
    the evil of afflictions,  
    the sting of death,  
    the victory of the grave,  
    and everlasting damnation;  
and also in our free access to God,  
and our yielding obedience unto him, not out of slavish fear,  
    but a child-like love, and willing mind.

All which were common also to believers under the law;  
but under the New Testament,  
the liberty of Christians is further enlarged  
    in our freedom from the yoke of slavery to the ceremonial law  
        to which the Jewish Church was subjected,  
    and in greater boldness of access to the throne of grace,  
    and in fuller communications with the Spirit of God,  
        than believers under the law did ordinarily partake. 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.*

# Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

J. Newton/L. Taylor



1. Let us love and sing and won - der, let us praise the Sav - ior's name.  
 2. *Let us love the Lord who bought us, pit - ied us when en - e - mies,*  
 3. Let us sing though fierce temp - ta - tion, threat - ens hard to bear us down,  
 4. *Let us won - der grace and just - ice, join and point to mer - cy's store.*  
 5. Let us praise and join the chor - us of the saints en - throned on high;



He has hushed the law's loud thun - der; He has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame.  
*called us by his grace and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes.*  
 • for the Lord our strong sal - va - tion holds in view the conq - u'ror's crown.  
*When through grace in Christ our trust is just - ice smiles and asks no more.*  
 here they trust - ed him be - fore us, now their prais - es fill the sky.



He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,  
*He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,*  
 • He who washed us with His blood, He who washed us with His blood,  
*He who washed us with His blood, He who washed us with His blood,*  
 You have washed us with Your blood, You have washed us with Your blood,



He has washed us with His blood, He has brought us nigh to God.  
*He has washed us with His blood, He pre - sents our souls to God.*  
 • He who washed us with His blood soon will bring us home to God.  
*He who washed us with His blood has se - cured our way to God.*  
 You have washed us with Your blood, You are worth - y Lamb of God.

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## Call to Confession

Psalm 32:1-7

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them. You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

## Corporate Confession

Almighty and merciful Father, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us. Renew us and lead us by your Holy Spirit so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

## Silent Confession

## Words of Assurance

Psalm 103:10-12

*He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.*

*For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.*

## 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**

#644 - *May the Mind of Christ My Savior*

**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**

*Loving One Another Wisely*  
Philippians 1:9-11

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

**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 page 7 to help you reflect upon what it means to trust Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.*

**\*Hymn of Response**

*My Savior's Love*  
*printed on page 7*

**\*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**

# 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!

*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:** *Loving One Another Wisely*

**Text:** Philippians 1:9-11

**Pastor:** Rev. Hunter Stevenson

## Providing a Home

Members of the Week:

Chuck & Jackie Wachob

Helen Watson

Cheryl Willis

Wayne & Pat Yarbrough

Skip & Debbie Yetter

Expecting: Hannah Henning (9/5)

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: Women's 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: Northgate Presbyterian Church (Albany)

Local Ministry Partner of the Week: Campus Clubs

# 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: Philemon (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) - **Begins tonight**  
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: Baked Chicken, Roasted Red Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad Bar, Rolls, 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.

**NMPC Football Tailgate (Mercer vs. Wofford)** – Join us on **September 13th** as we cheer on the Mercer Bears with food and fellowship. Tailgate begins at 4 pm, and kickoff is at 6 pm.

**Deadline to register** is this **Wednesday, September 10th**. The Children’s Ministry is organizing this event, but it is for the entire church family. Sign up on REALM or contact Megan Cathey at [megan@nmnpc.net](mailto:megan@nmnpc.net).

**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 make-up-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.

<b>Finances (7/31) -</b> Income: \$ 810,040	Faith Promise—received YTD: \$ 45,495
Expenses: \$ 788,240	Faith Promise—needed by 12/31: \$ 19,605