



THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

November 2, 2025



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship
Sunday, November 2, 2025

*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich,
yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.
2 Corinthians 8:9*

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.

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

***Praise Hymn**

#295 - Crown Him with Many Crowns

***Invocation**

Rev. Bob Brunson

***Confession of Faith**

Heidelberg Catechism #1

Q. Christian, what is your only comfort in life and death?

A. That I am not my own,
but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.
He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven;
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.
Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him. Amen.

*The Heidelberg Catechism was composed in Heidelberg, Germany in 1563.
It has been translated into many European, Asian, and African languages
and is the most widely used and most warmly praised catechism of the Reformation period.*

** those who are able please stand*

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery



Come be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, in the dawn-ing of the King. He the
Come be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, He the per - fect Son of Man. In His
 Come be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, Christ the Lord up - on the tree. In the
Come be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, slain by death, the God of life. But no



theme of heav-en's praise - es, robed in frail hu - man-i - ty. In our
liv - ing, in His suf - fring, ne - ver trace, nor stain of sin. See the
 stead of ru - ined sin - ners hangs the Lamb in vic - to - ry. See the
grave could e'er re - strain Him. Praise the Lord, He is a - live! What a



long - ing, in our dark - ness, now the light of life has come. Look to
true and bet-ter A - dam, come to save the hell-bound man. Christ, the
 price of our re - demp - tion, see the Fa - ther's plan un - fold. Bring - ing
fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance, how un - wa - ver - ing our hope. Christ in



Christ, who con - de - scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.
great and sure ful - fill - ment of the law, in Him we stand.
 man - y sons to glo - ry; grace un - meas - ured, love un - told.
pow - er res - ur - rect - ed, as we will be when He comes.

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Call to Confession

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Corporate Confession

from Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; O Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Romans 5:8

*But God demonstrates his own love for us in this:
While we were still sinners, Christ died for 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

Jesus, Thank You

Pat Sczebel

1. The mys - t'ry of the cross I can - not com - pre - hend,
 2. By Your per - fect sac - ri - fice I've been brought near.
 the ag - o - nies of Cal - va - ry.
 your en - e - my You've made Your friend.
 You, the per - fect Ho - ly One, crushed Your Son,
 Pour - ing out the rich - es of Your glo - rious grace,
 drank the bit - ter cup re - served for me.
 Your mer - cy and Your kind - ness know no end.
 Chorus: Your blood has washed a-way my sin. Je-sus, thank You. The Fa-ther's wrath
 com - plete - ly sat - is - fied Je-sus, thank You. Once Your en - e - my,
 now seat - ed at Your ta - ble, Je-sus, thank You. *2nd time to Bridge*
 Bridge: Lov - er of my soul, I want to live for You. *2nd time to Chorus*

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

Perspectives on the Cross
Philippians 2:8

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 the page 8 to help you reflect upon what it means to trust Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

*Hymn of Response

*The Power of the Cross
printed on page 7*

*Benediction

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now 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 - t'ry 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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• The Preached Word •

Title: *Perspectives on the Cross*

Text: Philippians 2:8

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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:

Susan & Lauren DeBey
Peggy DeFore
Melba Djuvstad
Cathie Dondes

Newborns: Shepherd Henning, Emery 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); Sandy Manwaring (Dick); Sharon Kostedt (brother); Reba Hudson (son); Ron Henning (dad); Cindy Gibson (Jamic); Barbara Freeman (Bobby); Jennifer Burch (sister); Rebecca Lober (mom & Bill)

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:

**Rodney and Jana Davila are engaged in the work of planting churches and teaching and training pastors in El Salvador.*

**Jonas and Christina Davison are part of a church planting team in Japan where they use the arts to build bridges for evangelism and discipleship.*

Sister Church of the Week: Lake Oconee Presbyterian Church (Eatonton)

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

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): *James* (sanctuary 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*

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: Chili w/toppings, salad bar, cornbread & 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 this morning. If you desire to receive email communications from the church, please email Monni Parrish (monni@nmpe.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.

Poinsettias - We are getting close to that most wonderful time of the year, celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior. Please help us as we decorate our church with beautiful poinsettias. Place your orders now in honor or in memory of someone special. We will have envelopes in the narthex each Sunday, or you can donate through Realm. Please include your name and the recipient’s name. The cost per poinsettia is \$20.

Save These Dates for the Holidays!

- Wednesday, December 3: Lessons and Carols, 7 pm
- Wednesday, December 10: Women’s Ministry Christmas Dinner, 6:30 pm
- Sunday, December 14: Churchwide Christmas Brunch, 9:30 am
- Wednesday, December 24: Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, 5 pm

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Melanie Buckner & Monni Parrish.

Finances (9/30) - Income: \$ 1,103,00 Faith Promise 2025 Commitment: \$ 66,167
Expenses: \$ 1,008,035 Faith Promise received to date: \$ 55,047
Faith Promise needed by 12/31: \$ 11,121