

THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

October 19, 2025



**NORTH MACON**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship  
Sunday, October 19, 2025

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*Freely you have received;  
freely give.  
Matthew 10:8*

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**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

**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.

*\* 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.*

## Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY/Henry Van Dyke



Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
*All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,*  
 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,  
*Mor - tals join the might - y cho - rus, which the morn - ing stars be - gan;*



Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, open - ing to the sun a - bove.  
*Stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cent - er of un - bro - ken praise;*  
 Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!  
*Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us, broth - er love binds man to man.*



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.  
*Field and for - est, vale and mount - ain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,*  
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;  
*Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife;*



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
*Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.*  
 Teach us how to love each oth - er; lift us to the joy di - vine.  
*Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.*

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe concerning the communion of saints?

People: All saints—

who are united to Jesus Christ their head,  
by his Spirit and by faith—  
have fellowship with Him  
in his graces, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory.

And, being united to one another in love,  
they participate in each other's gifts and graces  
and are obligated to perform those public and private duties  
which lead to their mutual good,  
both inwardly and outwardly.

It is the duty of professing saints  
to maintain a holy fellowship and communion  
in the worship of God  
and in performing such other spiritual services  
as help them to edify one another.

It is their duty also  
to come to the aid of one another in material things  
according to their various abilities and necessities.

As God affords opportunity,  
this communion is to be extended to all those in every place  
who call on the name of the Lord Jesus. 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*

## Call to Confession

Matthew 6:19-21 & 1 Timothy 6:17-19

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

## Corporate Confession

Heavenly Father, if where our treasure is, there our heart is also, then we stand condemned as those whose hearts are far from you. We have treasured the approval of men more than the approval of our Savior, the health of our sports teams more than the health of your church, the size of our savings more than the stewardship of your gifts, the fleeting comforts of sin more than the eternal riches of Christ. We have clung to what we should have released, grasped what we should have cast aside, loved what we should have hated, and, while attempting to serve two masters, we have rejected you. But while our hearts are far from you, your heart is not far from us. Instead, you have called us your treasured possession, a people ransomed not with perishable things like silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ. Our sin is great, but your love is greater. In your mercy, make everything else taste bitter, that you would be the sweeter! Amen.

## Silent Confession

## Words of Assurance

Isaiah 1:18

*Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD.  
Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;  
though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.*

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

Psalm 133

\*Hymn of Preparation

#359 - *Blessed Be the Tie That Binds*

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

Living in Harmony  
Philippians 2:1-4

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

\*Hymn of Response

*Holy Spirit  
printed on page 6*

\*Benediction

Romans 15:5-6

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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

# Holy Spirit



Ho - ly Spi - rit, liv - ing Breath of God, breathe new  
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, come a - bide with - in, may Your  
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, from cre - a - tion's birth, giv - ing



life in - to my will - ing soul. Let the pres - ence of the  
 joy be seen in all I do. Love e - nough to cov - er  
 life to all that God has made, show Your pow - er once a -



ris - en Lord come re - new my heart and make me whole.  
 ev - 'ry sin, in each thought and deed and at - ti - tude.  
 gain on earth, cause Your church to hun - ger for Your ways.



Cause Your word to come a - live in me; Give me faith for what I  
 Kind - ness to the great - est and the least, gen - tle - ness that sows the  
 Let the fra - grance of our pray'rs a - rise; Lead us on the road of



can - not see, give me pas - sion for Your pu - ri - ty; Ho - ly  
 path of peace. Turn my striv - ings in - to works of grace; Breath of  
 sac - ri - fice, that in u - ni - ty the face of Christ may be



Spi - rit breathe new life in me.  
 God show Christ in all I do.  
 clear for all the world to see.

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# • The Preached Word •

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Title: *Living in Harmony*

Text: Philippians 2:1-4

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.*

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## Providing a Home

### Members of the Week:

Bobby & Claire Chastain  
Kathy Combs  
Pam Cook  
Bryan, Meredith, Hunter, Rhett & Madison Covert

Newborns: Shepherd Henning, Emery Sukhia, Elizabeth Leskosky, Everett Freel, Henry Cathcy, 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 (Janie); 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: Men's Ministry

## Partnering with Ministries

### Missionaries of the Month:

*\*Stan & Connie Beasley are mobilizers for MTW's Southeast Hub, focusing on a culture of missions among presbyteries, churches, seminaries and colleges.*

*\*Brian and Mandy Stock are part of MTW's church planting team in Bangkok Thailand.*

Sister Church of the Week: Westminster Presbyterian Church (Columbus)

Local Ministry Partner of the Week: RUF 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, Matt Cathey, Hays Fyke & Jack Pyles

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): *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: Hamburger Stroganoff, Salad Bar, Garlic Bread & 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 at [monni@nmpe.net](mailto: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.

**Men’s Chili Cookoff** – Guys, plan now to join us this 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. Sign up today in the narthex or on Realm.

**Reformation Celebration** – Plan now to be a part of this year’s Reformation Celebration on Sunday, October 26. The festivities begin at 5 pm with our first annual Family Fall Games commencing at 5:30 pm. Dinner will be served at 6 pm. We’re asking last names A-G to bring a dessert and H-Z to bring a side dish. Register on REALM and invite a friend!

**Jesse Tree Workshop** – Paired with 25 simple daily devotions, the Jesse Tree ornaments trace the lineage of Christ from creation to the cross. Come gather with other women on Saturday, November 8 from 10am-1pm to make you own keepsake set. What a fun and engaging way for families to prepare hearts and lives for the birthday of Christ. Signups are now open on Realm!

**Finances (9/30)** - Income: \$ 1,103,000 Faith Promise—needed by 12/31: \$ 32,150  
Expenses: \$ 1,008,035 Faith Promise—received: \$ 16,874



# 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.

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## Session

Jim Gamble  
Cal Garretson  
Ed Grimsley  
Charles Hall  
Neal Ham

Tommy James  
Paul McCommon  
Rob Morton  
Charlie Parrish  
Howard Reed

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## Diaconate

Joshua Buckner  
Matt Cathey

Rick Funk  
Hays Fyke  
Jack Pyles

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## 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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