

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

November 16, 2025



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship
Sunday, November 16, 2025

*If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love,
just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love.
John 15:10*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 66:1-2, 5-6, 8-9, 20

Pastor: Shout for joy to God, all the earth!

People: Sing to the glory of his name! Offer him glory and praise!

Pastor: Come and see what God has done, his awesome deeds for mankind.

People: He has turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the waters
on foot—come, let us rejoice in him!

Pastor: Praise our God, all peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard!

People: He has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping.

Pastor: Praise be to God!

*Praise Hymn

#4 - All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above
vs. 1-5

*Invocation

Rev. Bob Brunson

** 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.*

PASTOR: Christian, what do you believe?

ALL: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell*;
the third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church**,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 50. What did Christ's humiliation after his death consist of?
Christ's humiliation after his death consisted in his being buried and continuing in the state
of the dead and under the power of death until the third day, which has also been
expressed in these words: "He descended into hell."*

***The words, the holy catholic church, do not refer to the Roman Catholic Church but to the universal
body of Christ, that is, all true believers in every time and place who are united to Christ by faith.*

*The Apostles' Creed was not written by the apostles but is a summary of their teachings.
It dates back to the 4th century and has been used by the church to identify believers,
instruct new converts, and provide a confession of faith for worship.*

Before the Throne of God Above

Bancroft/Cook



Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect plea;
When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair and tells me of my guilt with - in.
 Be - hold Him there the ri - sen Lamb, my per - fect spot - less Right - eous - ness;



A great High Priest whose name is love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me.
Up - ward I look and see Him there who made an end of all my sin.
 the Great un - change - a - ble I Am, the King of Glo - ry and of grace.



My name is gra - ven on His hands; My name is writ - ten on His heart.
Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed free.
 One with Him - self I can - not die; my soul is pur - chased by His blood.



I know that while in heav'n He stands, **no tongue can bid me thence de - part.**
For God, the just, is sat - is - fied, to look on him and par - don me.
 My life is hid with Christ on high, **with Christ my Savi - ior and my God.**

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1. Do you believe in one God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—and do you confess Jesus Christ, God’s Son, as Lord and Savior?
2. Do you acknowledge that although our children are conceived and born sinners, and therefore subject to the miseries of the fall, yet Christ calls them holy because of their relation to you as members of his church?
3. Do you believe God’s covenant promise—to be your God and the God of your children—and thus present your child for holy baptism as the sign and seal of his reception into the covenant family of God?
4. Do you promise, with the help of God, to bring up your child in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, to pray for him and with him, and to make every effort to order your own lives so that you will not cause this little one to stumble?
5. Do you promise to encourage him, as soon as he is able to comprehend its significance, to confess his own faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and become an active member of Christ’s church, serving faithfully in her fellowship?
6. To the congregation: Do you receive *Henry Russell Cathey* as an infant member of this church and promise to surround him with Christian love, to pray for him, and to set an example for him of genuine Christian faith and virtue so that he will early in life know the reality of personal salvation and rich fellowship in the Kingdom of God? If you can say so from your hearts, say “We do.”

Congregational Prayer

Take My Life and Let It Be

*Take his life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee
Take his moments and his days; let them flow in ceaseless praise
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

Whoever conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

Corporate Confession

We have sinned against you, O Lord, our Maker, our Defender, and our Redeemer. Our natures are corrupt and sinful; we are prone to fall away from you, sluggish to do good, and swift to do evil. Vain thoughts have come upon us and found lodging within us, defiling and disquieting our minds, and keeping out good thoughts. We have burdened ourselves with that care which you have commanded us to cast upon you. We have failed in our duties one to another, and have provoked one another as much to folly and anger as to love and good works. We have been cold in our love to you, weak in our desires toward you, unsteady in our walking with you, and are even at this time poorly prepared to serve you. We beseech you—forgive all our sins, for Christ’s sake, and be at peace with us in Him, who died to make peace, and who lives to make intercession for us. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

1 Peter 2:24-25

*He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins
and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.
For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned
to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.*

Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Bob Brunson

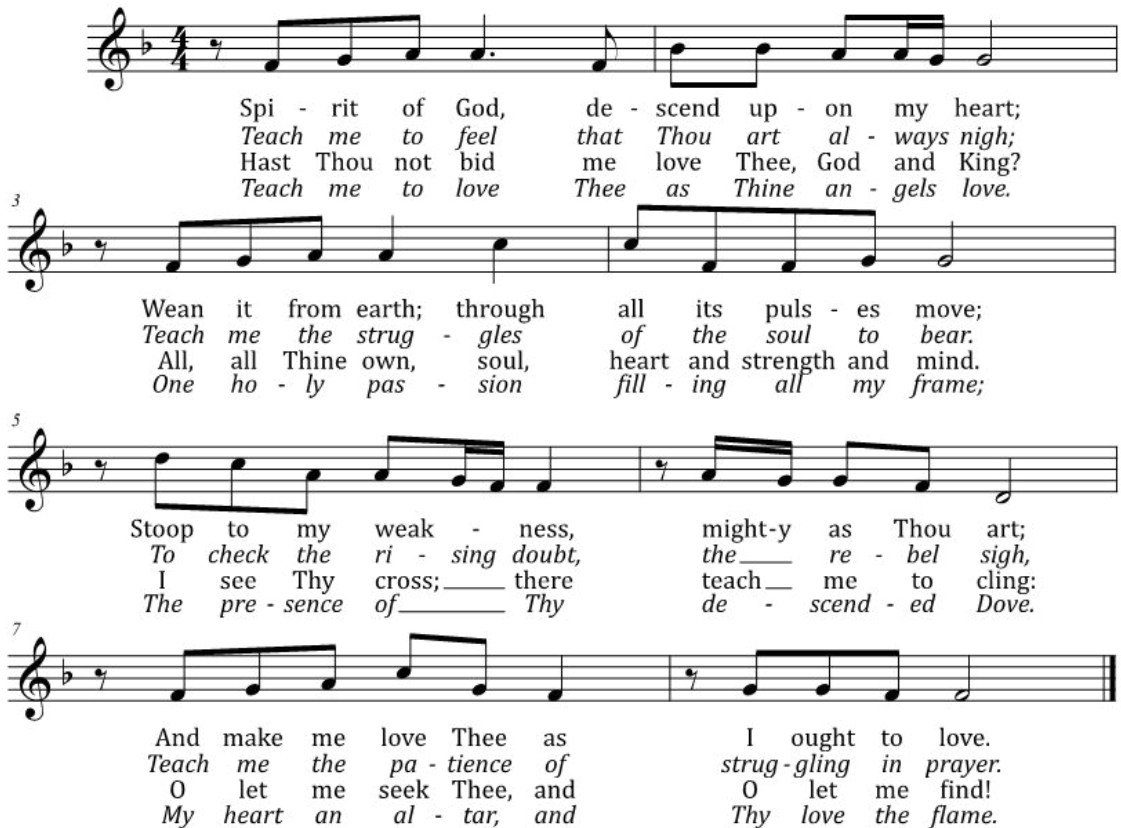
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offertory

*Hymn of Preparation

Spirit of God

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Spi - rit of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
Teach me to feel that Thou art al - ways nigh;
Hast Thou not bid me love Thee, God and King?
Teach me to love Thee as Thine an - gels love.

Wean it from earth; through all its puls - es move;
Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear.
All, all Thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind.
One ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

Stoop to my weak - ness, might-y as Thou art;
To check the ri - sing doubt, the re - bel sigh,
I see Thy cross; there teach me to cling:
The pre - sence of Thy de - scend - ed Dove.

And make me love Thee as I ought to love.
Teach me the pa - tience of strug - gling in prayer.
O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!
My heart an al - tar, and Thy love the flame.

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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

Shining Like Stars
Philippians 2:12-18

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Hymn of Response

#672 - Trust and Obedy
vs. 1, 3, 4, 5

*Benediction

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word. 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 •

Title: *Shining Like Stars*

Text: Philippians 2:12-18

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

North Macon Presbyterian Church

*NMPC exists to glorify and enjoy God, love and equip His people
for the work of His ministry, and make disciples of all nations.*

Providing a Home

- Warm & welcoming to all who come
- Connected & caring for one another
- Vulnerable & gracious with one another

Proclaiming the Gospel

- Christ-centered worship & expository preaching
- Classes for all ages to educate, encourage & equip
- Small Groups to disciple & deepen relationships

Partnering with Ministries

- North Macon Preschool
- Global Missionaries & Annual Mission Trip
- Central GA Presbytery & The General Assembly of the PCA
- Ministry Partners
 - Reformed University Fellowship (Mercer & Columbus State)
 - Covenant Care Services
 - Freedom Coalition (formerly Out of Darkness)
 - Campus Clubs

A Further Explanation

Providing a Home

We believe “Providing a Home” would meet one of the unique needs of those living in North Macon. We tend to be isolated and lonely. We tend to live fragmented and disconnected lives, and advances in technology seem to be making matters worse. We tend to pride ourselves on “having it all together” and giving the appearance that we do not need anyone or anything.

We desperately need a place where we can take off our masks, admit our sin and failures, and be received and accepted. We long for a genuine community where we can be loved as we really are, and, in turn, love others as they really are. NMPC is committed to be that place—a home—where folks are welcomed, embraced, and loved.

Proclaiming the Gospel

NMPC’s primary task is to “Proclaim the Gospel”, for the Gospel is the power of God for salvation. To spell it out more particularly, we are committed to preach the good news of Jesus Christ, in the whole counsel of Scripture, by the power of the Holy Spirit, with Reformed theological convictions, in a caring and gracious community, so that we might present everyone perfect in Christ. Therefore, in every worship service, every Sunday school class, every small group, and every ministry of the church, we are committed to proclaiming the Gospel as of chief importance for the transformation of lives.

Partnering with Ministries

NMPC is committed to carrying the good news of the Gospel—in word and deed—into our community and around the world. We seek to do so through strategic partnerships with ministries in our community and missionaries around the globe. We are committed to **pray** for, **partner** with, and **participate** in these ministries so that we might make disciples of Jesus Christ of all nations.

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:

Joseph Egloff & Rana Munna
Rhett, Joyce & Sara Rhett Farmer
Caroline Fleming
Frank & Nina Fleming

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); 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: Youth 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: Penfield Presbyterian Church (Penfield)

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-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: Poppy Seed Chicken, Rice, Southern Green Beans, 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 this morning. If you desire to receive email communications from the church, please email Monni Parrish at 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 for the Sanctuary - Help lp us decorate our church with beautiful poinsettias once again this Christmas! Place your orders now in honor or in memory of someone special. Stop by the table in the narthex today to place your order, or donate through Realm if you prefer. If you do, be sure to include your name and the honoree’s name. The cost per poinsettia is \$20.

Food Drive – NMPC Kids and Youth are sponsoring a food drive to collect boxes of food for members of the Strong Tower community, and we need your help! A list of needed items and boxes are available in the narthex for you to pick up and return filled by Sunday, November 30th. We are also accepting donations to purchase additional fresh food for the boxes. Any leftover funds will be donated to Loaves & Fishes, a local ministry dedicated to helping those in need. Donations can be made on REALM or by including “Food Drive” on your payment. Pick up a box and partner with a friend or family as we serve our community!

Wonderfully Made & Built For More – Our 3rd - 8th graders will meet TODAY from 4-5:30 pm for another session of Wonderfully Made (for girls) and Built For More (for boys). During this time, our students come together to learn God’s truth in an engaging and interactive way. Bring a friend!

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

Finances (10/31) -	Income:	\$ 1,227,104	Faith Promise 2025 Commitment:	\$ 65,367
	Expenses:	\$ 1,117,541	Faith Promise received to date:	\$ 59,141
			Faith Promise needed by 12/31:	\$ 6,226



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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