

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

November 23, 2025



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship
Sunday, November 23, 2025

*We give thanks to you, O God, we give thanks, for your Name is near;
people tell of your wonderful deeds.
Psalm 75:1*

Preclude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 104

Pastor: O LORD my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty!

People: He wraps himself in light as with a garment; he stretches out the heavens like a tent. He set the earth on its foundations; it can never be moved.

Pastor: He makes springs pour water into the ravines; they give water to all the beasts of the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst; the birds of the air nest by the waters.

People: He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for man to cultivate—bringing forth food from the earth: wine that gladdens the heart of man, oil to make his face shine, and bread that sustains his heart.

Pastor: The moon marks off the seasons, and the sun knows when to go down; you bring darkness, it becomes night, and all the beasts of the forest prowl.

People: How many are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures! There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number—living things both large and small!

Pastor: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works!

People: I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live!

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

I Sing the Mighty Power of God



1. I sing the might - y pow'r of God that made the mount - ains rise,
2. *I sing the good-ness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;*
3. There's not a plant or flow'r be - low but makes Thy glo - ries known;



that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y skies.
He formed the crea-tures with His word and then pro-nounced them good.
And clouds a - rise and tem-pests blow by or - der from Thy throne;



I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
Lord, how Thy won-ders are dis - played wher - e'er I turn my eye,
While all that bor - rows life from Thee is ev - er in Thy care,



the moon shines full at His com-mand and all the stars o - bey.
if I sur - vey the ground I tread or gaze up - on the sky!
and ev - 'ry - where that man can be, Thou God, are pres - ent there.

Christian: What do you believe when you say in the Apostles' Creed:
"I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth"?

We believe that the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ—
who out of nothing created heaven and earth
and everything in them,
and who still upholds and rules them
by His eternal counsel and providence—
is my God and Father
because of Jesus Christ His Son.

I trust Him so much that I do not doubt
that He will provide whatever I need for body and soul,
and He will turn to my good
whatever adversity He sends me in this sad world.

He is able to do this because He is Almighty God;
He desires to do this because He is a faithful Father.

*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.*

Receiving of New Members

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Trey & Tricia Copeland; Lewis, Virginia, Ezekiel & Luthien Gregg,
Tom, Courtney, Phillips & Mary Marshall Swift*

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope except in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and depend upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes a follower of Jesus Christ?
4. Do you promise to serve Christ in His Church by supporting and participating in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to further its purity and peace?

Right Hand of Fellowship

NMPC Elders

Ezekiel Arthur & Luthien Estel Gregg

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 children for holy baptism as the sign and seal of their reception into the covenant family of God?
4. Do you promise, with the help of God, to bring up your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, to pray for them and with them, and to make every effort to order your own lives so that you will not cause these little ones to stumble?
5. Do you promise to encourage them, as soon as they are able to comprehend its significance, to confess their own faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and become active members of Christ’s church, serving faithfully in her fellowship?
6. To the congregation: Do you receive *Ezekiel Arthur & Luthien Estel Gregg* as children of this church and promise to surround them with Christian love, to pray for them, and to set an example for them of genuine Christian faith and virtue so that they 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 their lives and let them be consecrated, Lord, to Thee
Take their moments and their days; let them flow in ceaseless praise
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

Corporate Thanksgiving

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

Right Side: His love endures forever!

Pastor: Give thanks to the God of gods.

Left Side: His love endures forever!

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord of lords.

All: His love endures forever!

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

Women: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;

Men: As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

All: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever!

Pastor: Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

Right side: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.

Left side: You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

All: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever!

Pastor: The LORD is righteous in all his ways and loving toward all he has made.

Women: The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

Men: He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.

All: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever!

(Psalm 136:1-3; Psalm 103:10-12; James 1:17; Psalm 145:15-19)

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

#125 - *Let All Things Now Living*

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

Working Out Our Salvation
Philippians 2:14-18

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Hymn of Response

#672 - *Trust and Obey*
vs. 1 all, vs. 2 women, vs. 3 men, vs. 4-5 all

*Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace, both now and forevermore. 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

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: *Working Out Our Salvation*

Text: Philippians 2:14-18

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Providing a Home

Members of the Week:

Devlin, Elizabeth & Adclaide Foster
Ava & Lori Fountain
Eric, Mary Clare & Jackson Freel
Owen & Isabella Freel

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: North Macon Preschool

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: Macon Korean Presbyterian Church (Macon)

Local Ministry Partner of the Week: RUF Columbus State (Tim Grider)

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.

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

Wednesday Nights @ NMPC will resume on January 14, 2026

Announcements

Welcome, Guests! – We are so glad you’ve come to worship with us today! If you’d like to receive email communications from the church, please email Monni Parrish at monni@nmmpc.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.

Church Office Schedule—The church office will be closed Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday this week for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Poinsettias for the Sanctuary - Stop by the table in the narthex today to place your order in honor or in memory of someone special, 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. A list of needed items and boxes are available in the narthex for you to pick up and return filled by **Sunday, November 30th**. Monetary donations can be made on REALM or by writing “Food Drive” on your check. Pick up a box and partner with a friend or family as we serve our community!

Lessons & Carols – Plan now to start your celebration of the Christmas season with an “Evening of Lessons and Carols” on **Wednesday, December 3rd** at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary (Dinner will not be served beforehand). This will be a special Christmas service filled with singing featuring our children, the ensemble, and instrumentalists. Invite a friend!

Men’s Ministry Chainsaw Training—Guys, sign up today to join us on **Saturday, December 6**, from 8 am - noon (lunch provided) for a training workshop on chainsaw safety and operation taught by Mike Kennamer of MNA Disaster Response. We want to be ready to help our neighbors when disaster strikes—sign up today in the narthex or on Realm.

Ladies’ Christmas Dinner-Join us **Wednesday, December 10th @ 6:30 pm** in our fellowship hall as we celebrate “The Blessing of Friendship” we find in the Christmas Story. Dinner, music, and a special presentation are planned for you. Please sign up before December 1 - in the Narthex, by a call to the church office or on Realm. It promises to be a sweet night of Christmas fellowship!



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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