



THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

November 9, 2025



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship
Sunday, November 9, 2025

This is what the LORD says:

*Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom, or the strong man boast of his strength,
or the rich man boast of his riches, but let him who boasts boast about this:
that he understands and knows me—that I am the LORD,
who exercises kindness, justice, and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight.
Jeremiah 9:23-24*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Bob Brunson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 100

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

People: **Serve the LORD with gladness! Come before him with joyful songs!**

Pastor: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

People: **Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him and praise his name!**

Pastor: For the LORD is good, and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

*Praise Hymn

May the Peoples Praise You

** 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.*

May the Peoples Praise You

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1. [You have called us out of dark - est night, in - to Your glo - rious
May our ev - 'ry breath re - tell the grace that broke in - to our
2. [All the earth is Yours and all with - in, each harv - est is your
May the seeds of mer - cy grow in us for those who have not
3. This our ho - ly priv - 'lege to de - clare Your prais - es and Your



[light, that we may sing the won - ders of the ris - en Christ.
[strife with bound - less love and deep - est joy, with end - less life.
[own, and from Your hand we give to You, to make Christ known.
[heard, may songs of praise build lives of grace to spread Your Word.
Name to ev - 'ry na - tion, tribe, and tongue Your church pro - claim.



Chorus May the peo - ples praise You, let the na - tions be glad!



All Your bless - ing comes that we may praise, may praise the Name of Je - sus.
after v. 3 to Bridge



Bridge Ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord Al - might - y. Wor - thy, wor - thy



is the Lamb who was slain. Ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord Al - might - y.



All cre - a - tion praise Your glo - ri - ous Name. May the

to Chorus

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*Invocation

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Pastor: Christian, what do you believe?

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God;
begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven;
He became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified;
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.

The Nicene Creed is a statement of the orthodox faith of the early Christian church in opposition to certain heresies, especially Arianism, which taught that neither Jesus nor the Holy Spirit were divine. In its present form this creed goes back partially to the Council of Nicea (A.D. 325) with additions by the Council of Constantinople (A.D. 381). It was accepted in its present form at the Council of Chalcedon in 451.

Call to Confession

1 John 1:8-10

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

Corporate Confession

Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the evil desires of our own hearts. We have willingly broken your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive us all of our sins. Turn our wandering hearts back to you, and lead us by your Holy Spirit in the way of righteousness, holiness, and truth.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Micah 7:18-19

*Who is a God like you, who pardons sin
and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance?
You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.
You will again have compassion on us;
you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.
Micah 7:18-19*

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

Scripture Reading

Psalms 34:1-10

*Hymn of Preparation

My Worth is Not in What I Own

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1. My worth is not in what I own; not
2. **My worth is not in skill or name; in**
3. As sum - mer flowers we fade and die; Fame,
4. **I will not boast in wealth or might, or**
5. Two won - ders here that I con - fess: My



in the strength of flesh and bone. But in the cost - ly wounds of
win or lose, in pride or shame. But in the blood of Christ that
youth and beau - ty hur - ry by. But life e - ter - nal calls to
hu - man wis - dom's fleet - ing light. But I will boast in know - ing
worth and my un - worth - i - ness. My va - lue fixed, my ran - som

Refrain



love at the cross. (to vs. 2)
flowed at the cross.
us at the cross. (to vs. 4)
Christ at the cross.
paid at the cross.

I re-joice in my Re-deem-er Great-est trea-sure, Well-spring



of my soul. I will trust in Him, no oth-er my soul is sa-tis-fied in Him a-lone.

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Bob Brunson

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

Christian Bragging
Galatians 6:14

Rev. Eric Freeland

*Hymn of Response

#252 - *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

*Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 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: *Christian Bragging*

Text: Galatians 6:14

Pastor: Rev. Eric Freel

Providing a Home

Members of the Week:

James & Amy Drummond
John Dukes
Lonnie & Donna Dyc
Bill & Glenda Eaves

Newborns: Shepherd Henning, Emery Sukhia, Elizabeth Leskosky, Everett Frecl,
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: Worship & MusicBe 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: Bethany Presbyterian Church (Greensboro)

Local Ministry Partner of the Week: Freedom Collective of Middle GA

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: Grilled Chicken with lemon & whipping cream, rice, grilled vegetables, 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 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 - Please help 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.

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: \$ 1,226,104 Faith Promise 2025 Commitment: \$ 65,367
Expenses: \$ 1,115,089 Faith Promise received to date: \$ 55,231
Faith Promise needed by 12/31: \$ 10,136



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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