



THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

December 14, 2025



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship
Sunday, December 14, 2025

*But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law,
to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.
Galatians 4:4-5*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Call to Worship

Luke 1:68-75

Pastor: Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come, and has redeemed his people!

People: He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, just as he said through his holy prophets of long ago,

Pastor: Salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us—

People: To show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath he swore to our father Abraham:

Pastor: To rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness, before him all our days.

*Praise Hymn

#207 - Good Christian Men, Rejoice

*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, why was it required that the Mediator should be God?

People: It was required that the Mediator should be God,
that he might sustain and keep the human nature
from sinking under the infinite wrath of God,
and the power of death;
give worth and efficacy to his sufferings, obedience and intercession;
and to satisfy God's justice,
obtain his favor,
purchase a particular people,
give his Spirit to them,
conquer all their enemies,
and bring them everlasting salvation.

Pastor: Why was it required that the Mediator should be man?

People: It was required that the Mediator should be man,
that he might advance our nature,
perform obedience to the law,
suffer and make intercession for us in our nature,
and have a fellow-feeling of our infirmities;
so that we might receive the adoption of sons,
and have comfort and access with boldness
to the throne of grace. Amen.

The Westminster Larger Catechism summarizes the teachings of Scripture in a question and answer format.

It was comprised at the Westminster Assembly in London (1643-1648), and it sets forth the doctrinal standards of North Macon Presbyterian Church and our denomination, the Presbyterian Church in America.

Cason Elizabeth Leskosky

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 her 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 her and with her, 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 her, as soon as she is able to comprehend its significance, to confess her 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 *Cason Elizabeth Leskosky* as a child of this church and promise to surround her with Christian love, to pray for her, and to set an example for her of genuine Christian faith and virtue so that she 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 her life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee
Take her moments and her days; let them flow in ceaseless praise
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Corporate Confession

Behold, the Lord's hand is not so short, that it cannot save, nor his ear dull, that it cannot hear; but our iniquities have separated us from God and our sins have hidden his face from us so that he does not hear. Our mouths are filled with anger, our lips are quick to speak lies, our eyes are filled with illicit and unnecessary desires. Our feet are swift to run to evil and our thoughts are the thoughts of iniquity. We have lost our way and are far from the way of peace. The roads we travel are crooked and desperate. We hope for light, but behold darkness. Lord, only you can intercede and bring health to us. Only your strong arm can bring us salvation. May the Redeemer of Zion save us. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Colossians 1:13-14

*For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

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

O, Come Rejoicing

***Hymn of Preparation**

#211– God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

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

A Legitimate Claim to David's Throne
Matthew 1:1-17

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

***Hymn of Response**

#195 - Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

***Benediction**

Jude 24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and dominion, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, 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**

• The Preached Word •

Title: *A Legitimate Claim to David's Throne*

Text: Matthew 1:1-17

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Providing a Home

Members of the Week:

Mia Geiger
Barbara Gibson
Jim & Phyllis Gamble
Howard Gordon

Expecting: Lizzie Gossett (5/11)

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: Men's Ministry

Partnering with Ministries

Missionaries of the Month:

**Tomo Ito is on staff with Sacred Road Ministries in Washington State. He is working to establish a similar ministry to the Native American tribes in Warm Springs, Oregon.*

**Jeff & Jamic are seeking a new field of service after many years in India*

Sister Church of the Week: Houston Lake Presbyterian Church (Kathleen)

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

• Christmas Poinsettias •

To the Glory of God and in Memory of:

Jane & Jim Baird
Isabelle & Allen Fleece
Jane & Bob Dickey
Jean Snow
John Dukes, Sr.

Billy & Beverly Adams

Malvina Owens

Jim & Shari Ardill

Charles R. & Sara C. Baker
T.W. & Marietta F. Mixon

Charles & Myra Baker

Ron Barr
Cade Barr

Joan Barr

Jim & Janice Bealle
Bill Ham

The Barton Family

Charlotte Laurens
Betty & Mac Baxter
Margaret & Jake Adams
Jane & Bob Dickey

Mark & Meg Baxter

Dr. Milton Berry & Norma Bowman
Mr. Bruce & Grace Carstarphen

John & Dianne Bowman

Terry Rohn

Josh & Melanie Buckner

Josh, Virginia & Malcolm Davies
Trevor Jr., Agnes & Trevor III Chatfield

Phil & Tina Davies

Larry DeFore

Peggy DeFore

Our Loved Ones

Bill & Glenda Eaves

Tommy Alexander

Eric & Mary Clare Freel

Una Hinson	Russel & Kaleigh Freel
Philip & Norma Elder John & Ella Martha Gamble	Jim & Phyllis Gamble
Garry Garretson Martha Trupia	Cal, Holly, CC & Camp Garretson
Dan Gibson	Barbara Gibson & Family
John & Faye Lee John & Elizabeth Grimsley	The Grimsley Family
Era Trantham & Laurant McFall - Kelley's grandmothers Lee King - Charles' Grandmother	Charles & Kelley Hall
Mr. & Mrs. Robert C. "Neal" Ham	Neal & Willa Ham
Jay & Benjamin Hawkins	Jason, Allison, Benjamin & Patton Hawkins
Robert & Evelyn Donnelly Jerry Hogg	Lyn, Aaron & Madison Hogg; Melissa, Dustin, Emerson, Lakelyn, Ryder Newell; Harley Langford
Willard Boyett	Eric, Jennifer, Anderson & Benjamin Hornick Nicholas & Abigail McCullough
Bill Lober My Parents	Rebecca Lober
Dick Manwaring	Sandy Manwaring
Larry Kemper	Alan, Kathy, Bryce & Olivia Little; Matt, Hannah & Scottie McCommon
Buck Ream	Boo, Rebecca, Anna Helen & Michael McKelvey Don & Heidi Ream
John McSween	Beth McSween
Tracy & Betty Gibson George & Ernestine Mumford	Lee & Lynn Munford
Mike Odom	Jan Odom

Major & Mrs. Walter Edward Norwood
Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth Layton Gorveatte

The Pyles Family

Terry Rohn

Donna Rohn

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Farman
Dr. & Mrs. Loy Strawn

Dan & Connie Strawn

Betty Timberlake
Peggy Timberlake
Walter Leggett

Joe & Mary Jane Timberlake

Albert, Doris & Mike Timms
Harry, Lola & Ronnie Hatfield
Lester Westbrooks

John & Ann Timms

Jerry Willis

Cheryl Willis & Family

• Christmas Poinsettias •

To the Glory of God and in Honor of:

Jim & Phyllis Gamble
Our 17 great grandchildren

Billy & Beverly Adams

Pat Jenkins

Charles & Myra Baker

The Bert Barnes Family
The Jon Andree Family

Naomi Barnes

Liz Ream

Mark & Meg Baxter

The Flower Committee and our Christmas Angels

Phyllis Gamble & Meg Baxter

Our NMPC Family - Merry Christmas

Bob & Karen Brunson

Dr. Melanie Buckner
Drs. Josh & Melanie Buckner

Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Cross

The Turner Family

Peggy DeFore

The Dye Family

Lonnie & Donna Dye

Billy & Beverly Adams
Jake & Laura Adams
Mark & Meg Baxter
Brad & Shannon Bibb
Peggy DeFore
Devlin & Elizabeth Foster
Marshall Keen
Liz Ream

Jim & Phyllis Gamble

Holly Garretson

Cal, CC & Camp

Jacob & Zoie Burnsed

Becky Gorman

Dr. & Mrs. William H. Goodson, Jr.

Neal & Willa Ham

Our Children: John & Allison LaPish, Ben & Brandt LaPish
Clark & Betsy Wiggins
Our Grandchildren: Lauren Elizabeth, John David (Chap),
Hugh Hampton & Eloise Lottie (Weezy) Wiggins

John & Judy LaPish

My Sons: Gary & Stephen My Bible Study Friends	Rebecca Lober
Liz Ream	Boo, Rebecca, Anna Helen & Michael McKelvey Don & Heidi Ream
Deacon & Elder Wives	Beth McSween
Our Pastors & Church Staff	Rob & Anne Morton
Charlie & Monni Parrish	Jan Odom
Bert & Sharon Kostedt	
Kate Harrison	
Emory, Latrisha & Trey Kitchens	
Men's Small Group Leaders:	Charlie Parrish
Jake Adams	
Bob Brunson	
Rick Funk	
John Harman	
Matt Shepley	
John & Ann Timms	Charlie & Monni Parrish
Mrs. Joyce Parks Pyles	The Pyles Family
Reverend & Mrs. Tommy Joe Neyman	
Our Children & Grandchildren	Howard & Debi Reed
Robin Witt & Family	Donna Rohn
Ronda Butler & Family	
Mrs. Pat Jenkins	The Shepley Family
Matt & Megan Cathey	
Heather Stevenson	Hunter Stevenson
Liz Ream	Hunter, Heather, Stone, Abigail & Hunt Stevenson; Mary Rachel, Marshall & Robert Danner; Mia & Chase Garrison
Our Children & Grandchildren	Dan & Connie Strawn
Jack Pyles Family	
Charlie, Monni & Nicole Parrish	John & Ann Timms
Our 10 precious grandchildren	David & Murray Todd
Our church staff	Chuck & Jackie Wachob

Discipleship Opportunities

Sunday School Classes

9:30 - 10:30 AM

Returning Sunday, January 18

NMPC offers Sunday School for children ages 2-5th grade, along with classes for middle school (6th-8th) and senior high students (9th-12th).

Sunday Adult Communities

9:30 - 10:30 AM

Returning Sunday, January 18

We offer 4 season-of-life based Sunday Communities for adults at NMPC.: 20's-30's, 30's-50's, 50's-60's, and 66+.

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.

Men's Small Groups

(all studies meet at NMPC)

Thursdays (6:45-7:45 am): *Learning Evangelism from Jesus* (conference room)

Ladies' Bible Studies

(all studies meet in the conference room at NMPC)

Fridays (10-11:30 am): *Colossians*

Wednesday Nights @ NMPC

Wednesday Nights @ NMPC will resume on January 14, 2026, with a special church-wide dinner and gathering as part of Global Focus Week. Join us!

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@nmipc.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.

Christmas Eve Service – Join us on Wednesday, December 24, at 5 pm for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service in the sanctuary. The Christmas Eve offering will again go to the PCA Relief Fund in which we join with hundreds of congregations across the denomination to assist retired pastors, widows, and other PCA ministry staff in financial need.

Looking Ahead to 2026—Take note of these upcoming dates and events coming in January and beyond:

—*Prayer for the New Year, Sunday January 4* — Join us as we come together to launch 2026 in united prayer as a congregation during the Sunday School hour, 9:30-10:30 am

—*Global Focus Week, 1/11-1/18* — Be sure to be with us for a very special Sunday and Wednesday of that week as we focus on our partnership with missionaries around the globe in the work of world missions. We’ll hear a challenge from God’s Word, reports from current and future partners, and enjoy good fellowship with them and with each other, all leading up to the launch of the 2026 Faith Promise campaign on Sunday, January 18.

—*2026 Men’s Retreat, February 27-March 1* — Details coming soon!

Finances (11/30) - Income:	\$ 1,350,005	Faith Promise 2025 Commitment:	\$ 65,367	
	Expenses:	\$ 1,215,449	Faith Promise received to date:	\$ 60,311
			Faith Promise needed by 12/31:	\$ 5,056



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
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*

North Macon belongs to the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), a denomination seeking to be Faithful to the Scriptures, True to the Reformed Faith, and Obedient to the Great Commission.