



THE LORD'S DAY

# *Worship*

December 28, 2025



**NORTH MACON**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship  
Sunday, December 28, 2025

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*The life of mortals is like grass, they flourish like a flower of the field;  
the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.  
But from everlasting to everlasting his LORD's love is with those who fear him.*

*Psalm 103:15-17*

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**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

Rev. Bob Brunson

**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.

**\*Praise Hymn**

#218 - *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

**\*Invocation**

\* 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.*

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**

Hosea 14:1-2

Return, Israel, to the LORD your God. Your sins have been your downfall! Take words with you and return to the LORD. Say to him: “Forgive all our sins and receive us graciously, that we may offer the fruit of our lips.”

**Corporate Confession**

Holy Jesus, Mighty Savior, Merciful King, Forgive my sins: forgive the sins that I remember, and the sins I have forgotten; forgive my many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when I have been stubborn in the face of correction; forgive the times I have been proud of my own achievements and the times when I have failed to boast in your works; forgive the harsh judgments I have made of others, and the leniency I have shown myself; forgive the lies I have told to others, and the truths I have avoided; forgive me the pain I have caused others and the indulgence I have shown myself. Lord Jesus, have mercy on me and make me whole; help me rest in your grace. Amen.

**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.*

**Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

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 90

### \*Hymn of Preparation

#226—*As with Gladness Men of Old*

### 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

New Years' Wants and Wishes  
Colossians 1:9-14

Rev. Bob Brunson

### \*Hymn of Response

#227 - *On Christmas Night All Christians Sing*

### \*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 turn his face toward you and give you peace. 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 •

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**Title:** *New Years' Wants & Wishes*

**Text:** Colossians 1:9-14

**Pastor:** Rev. Bob Brunson

*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.*

# 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

## Providing a Home

### Members of the Week:

Ed & Peggy Grimsley  
Charles & Kelley Hall  
Neal & Willa Ham  
Becky Harman

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 (Jamie); 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 & Music (Melanie Buckner)

## 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 & Jamie are seeking a new field of service after many years in India*  
Sister Church of the Week: Covenant Presbyterian Church (Warner Robins)  
Local Ministry Partner of the Week: RUF Columbus State (Tim Grider)

## 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](http://www.nmpc.net), to see which one is the best fit for you.*

### Men's Small Groups

(all studies meet at NMPC)

*Men's small groups are on holiday break now—join us in the new year!*

### Ladies' Bible Studies

(all studies meet in the conference room at NMPC)

*Ladies' Bible studies are on holiday break now—join us in the new year!*

### 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@nmpc.net](mailto:monni@nmpc.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!

**Holiday Office Hours**— Due to the way the holidays fell this year, the church office will only be open this week on Tuesday, December 30, 9 am—5 pm, due to the holiday week.

**No Monday Prayer Tomorrow** – Monday Prayer will not meet tomorrow morning, but will resume on Monday, January 5, at 9 AM in the Conference Room to pray for the needs of the congregation and the work of the church. Make this a new habit in the new year!

**Looking Ahead to 2026**—Take note of these upcoming dates and events:

- ***Prayer for the New Year, Sunday January 4*** — Join us as we come together next Sunday as a congregation to launch 2026 in united prayer during the Sunday School hour, 9:30-10:30 am. Afterwards, Pastor Hunter will preach on The Lord's Prayer in the worship service, and we will celebrate both sacraments.
- ***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 missionary 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!

**Flowers** - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Joe Timberlake's 85th birthday and Joe & Mary Jane's first wedding anniversary.



# 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	Neal Ham
Cal Garretson	Tommy James
Ed Grimsley	Rob Morton
Charles Hall	Charlie Parrish
	Howard Reed

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## Diaconate

Joshua Buckner	Rick Funk
Matt Cathey	Hays Fyke
	Jack Pyles

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## Staff

Every Member, <i>Ministers</i>	
Hunter Stevenson, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	
Bob Brunson, <i>Executive Pastor</i>	
David Todd, <i>Pastor Emeritus</i>	
Bryce Little, <i>Interim Youth Director</i>	
Melanie Buckner, <i>Music Director</i>	

Megan Cathey, <i>Children's Ministry Director</i>
Kathy Pye, <i>Church Secretary</i>
Monni Parrish, <i>Administrator, Financial Director &amp; Pianist</i>
Holly Shepley, <i>North Macon Preschool Director</i>

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