



THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

January 4, 2026



**NORTH MACON**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship  
Sunday, January 4, 2026

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*You who answer prayer,  
to you all people will come.  
Psalm 65:2*

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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Call to Worship

Psalm 108:1-5

Pastor: My heart is steadfast, O God; I will sing and make music with all my soul.

People: **Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn.**

Pastor: I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples.

People: **For great is your love, higher than the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies!**

Pastor: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, and let your glory be over all the earth.

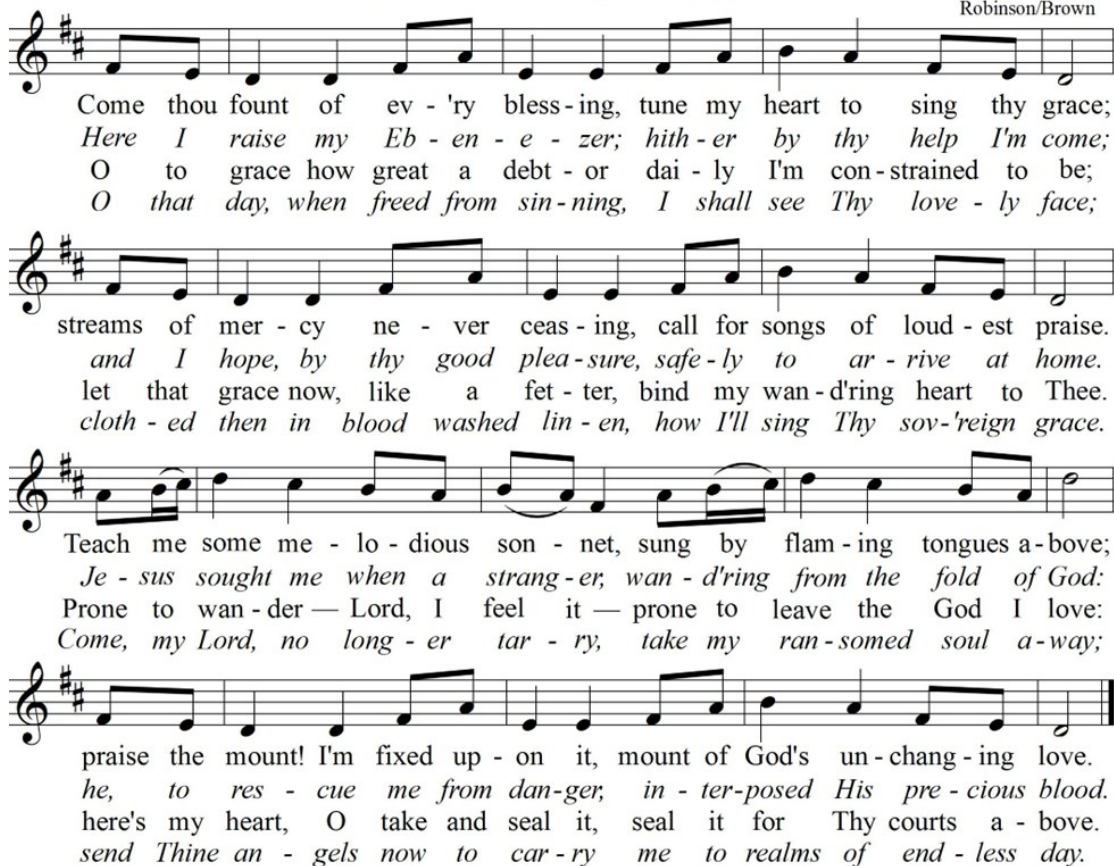
*\* those who are able please stand*

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

## Come Thou Fount

Robinson/Brown



Come thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
*Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;*  
 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;  
*O that day, when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy love - ly face;*

streams of mer - cy ne - ver ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
*and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.*  
 let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee.  
*cloth - ed then in blood washed lin - en, how I'll sing Thy sov - 'reign grace.*

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;  
*Je - sus sought me when a strang - er; wan - d'ring from the fold of God:*  
 Prone to wan - der — Lord, I feel it — prone to leave the God I love:  
*Come, my Lord, no long - er tar - ry, take my ran - somed soul a - way;*

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
*he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.*  
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts a - bove.  
*send Thine an - gels now to car - ry me to realms of end - less day.*

Q. Christian, what is prayer?

A. Prayer is an offering up of our desires to God,  
in the name of Christ,  
by the help of his Spirit,  
with confession of our sins  
and thankful acknowledgement of his mercies.

Q. What rule hath God given for our direction in the duty of prayer?

A. The whole Word of God is of use to direct us in the duty of prayer;  
but the special rule of direction is that form of prayer which our Savior  
Christ taught his disciples, commonly called, The Lord's Prayer.

Q. 187. How is the Lord's Prayer to be used?

A. The Lord's Prayer is not only for direction, as a pattern, according to which  
we are to make other prayers; but may also be used as a prayer, so that it  
be done with understanding, faith, reverence, and other graces necessary  
to the right performance of the duty of prayer.

Quinn, Izzy & Emery Ann Sukhia

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?

*Emery Ann Sukhia*

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 *Emery Ann Sukhia* 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  
her moments and her days; let them flow in ceaseless praise  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

## Call to Confession

Psalm 65:1-5

Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion; to you our vows will be fulfilled. You who answer prayer, to you all people will come. When we were overwhelmed by sins, you forgave our transgressions. Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts! We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple. You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds, God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

## Corporate Confession

Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence, because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from you, if you dealt with us as we deserve. We have sinned against you, O Lord, and we have offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you. And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your Son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our life, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

## Silent Confession

## Words of Assurance

Romans 4:25

*He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.*

## 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

*Before the Throne of God Above*

# 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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## 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

*Jesus Teaches Us How to Pray*  
Matthew 6:9-13

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

## The Sacrament of Communion

*All those who have placed their faith and trust in Christ alone for their salvation, are baptized, and are members in good standing of a Bible-believing, evangelical church are invited to come forward and partake of the Lord's Supper this morning. All others, please remain in your seats, as you consider your relationship with Christ and His Church. There is a prayer at the bottom of the page to help you reflect upon what it means to trust Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.*

## \*Hymn of Response

*Oh the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*  
*printed on page #9*

## \*Benediction

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

## \*Doxology

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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

# Oh the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Samuel T. Francis/Bob Kauflin

Oh the deep, deep love of Je - sus, vast un-mea - sured, bound-less free,  
*Oh the deep, deep love of Je - sus, spread His praise from shore to shore,*  
Oh the deep, deep love of Je - sus, far sur-pass - ing all the rest,  
rol - ling as a might - y o - cean in its full - ness o - ver me,  
*how He came to pay our ran - som through the sav - ing cross He bore;*  
it's an o - cean full of bless - ing in the midst of e - very test.  
un - der neath me all a - round me is the cur - rent of Your love,  
*how He watch - es o'er His loved ones, those He died to make his own,*  
Oh the deep, deep love of Je - sus, might - y Sav - ior pre - cious friend,  
lead - ing on - ward, lead - ing home - ward to Your glo - rious rest a - bove.  
*how for them He's in - ter - ce - ding plead - ing now be - fore the throne.*  
You will bring us home to glo - ry where Your love will ne - ver end.

Oh the deep, deep love, all I need and trust is the deep, deep love of Je - sus.

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 3/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. Some lyrics are in italics, indicating a softer or more expressive part of the song. The score ends with a double bar line.

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# • The Preached Word •

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**Title:** *Jesus Teaches Us How to Pray*

**Text:** Matthew 6:9-13

**Pastor:** Rev. Hunter Stevenson

## Providing a Home

### Members of the Week:

John, Jessica, Hannah, Grant & Kate Harman  
Kate Harrison  
Jason, Allison, Benjamin & Patton Hawkins  
Caleb, Hannah, Jack & Shep Henning

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: Women's Ministry (Debi Reed & team)

## Partnering with Ministries

Missionaries of the Week: Trey & Kiki Adams (church planting in Bangkok,  
Thailand with MTW)

Sister Church of the Week: Covenant Presbyterian Church (Warner Robins)

Local Ministry Partner of the Week: Covenant Care Adoptions

*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.*

# Discipleship Opportunities

## Sunday School Classes

9:30 - 10:30 AM

Returning Sunday, January 18

*NMPC offers Sunday School for children ages 2-5th grade and middle & high school students (6th-12th grade).*

## 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)

- Sunday Night, 5 pm (John 1-12) begins 1/11
- Wednesday Night, 6:30 pm (Colossians) begins 1/21
- Thursday Morning, 6:45 am (The Book of Acts) begins 1/8

## Ladies' Bible Studies

(all studies meet in the conference room at NMPC)

- Tuesday morning, 10:00 am (Proverbs) begins 1/20
- Wednesday Night, 6:30 pm (Proverbs) begins 1/21
- Friday morning, 10:00 am (Proverbs) begins 1/23

## 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](mailto: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.

**Global Focus Week Begins Next Sunday**— Be sure to be with us for a very special Sunday (1/11) and Wednesday (1/14) as we start the year by focusing on our partnership with missionaries in the work of world missions. Here’s what’s in store:

- ***Combined Sunday School***, 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall for a video report from Julian Bacon on church planting in Brussels, along with an in-person presentation by Oliver Pierce (MTW/RUF-Global) on his call to student ministry in Brussels
- ***Morning Worship***, featuring special guest Dee Hammond, Director of Trips & Internships for MTW, preaching
- ***Wednesday Night Church-wide Dinner*** at 5:45 pm, followed by in-person reports from MTW missionaries Trey & Kiki Adams and Brian & Mandy Stock on their church planting work together in Bangkok, Thailand
- **Sunday, January 18**—2026 Faith Promise Campaign launch & Sacred Road Mission Trip (June 28-July 4) registrations begin

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



# 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  
Cal Garretson  
Ed Grimsley  
Charles Hall

Neal Ham  
Tommy James  
Rob Morton  
Charlie Parrish  
Howard Reed

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## Diaconate

Joshua Buckner  
Matt Cathey

Rick Funk  
Hays Fyke  
Jack Pyles

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## 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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