

THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

February 22, 2026



**NORTH MACON**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship  
Sunday, February 22, 2026

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*Then Jesus declared, I am the bread of life.  
Whoever comes to me will never go hungry,  
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.  
John 6:35*

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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Ephesians 1:3-8

- Pastor: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ!
- People: **For he chose us in Christ before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.**
- Pastor: In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—
- People: **To the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves!**
- Pastor: In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins,
- People: **In accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.**

\*Praise Hymn

*#4 - All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above  
verses 1-5*

\*Invocation

Rev. Bob Brunson

*\* 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 about the liberty Christ has purchased for you?

People: The liberty which Christ has purchased for us under the gospel  
consists in our freedom from  
    the guilt of sin,  
    the condemning wrath of God,  
    and the curse of the moral law;  
and in our being delivered from  
    this present evil world,  
    bondage to Satan,  
    dominion of sin,  
    the evil of afflictions,  
    the sting of death,  
    the victory of the grave,  
    and everlasting damnation;  
and also in our free access to God,  
and our yielding obedience unto him,  
    not out of slavish fear,  
    but a child-like love, and willing mind.

All which were common also to believers under the law;  
but under the New Testament,  
the liberty of Christians is further enlarged  
    in our freedom from the yoke of slavery to the ceremonial law  
        to which the Jewish Church was subjected,  
    and in greater boldness of access to the throne of grace,  
    and in fuller communications with the Spirit of God,  
    than believers under the law did ordinarily partake. Amen.

*The Westminster Confession of Faith expresses the teachings of the Bible in summary form. It was comprised at the Westminster Assembly in London (1643-1648), and it sets forth the doctrinal standards of our church and our denomination, the Presbyterian Church in America.*

## Ancient of Days



1. Though the na - tions rage, king - doms rise and fall, there is still one  
2. *Though the dread of night o - ver - whelms my soul, he is here with*  
3. Though I may not see what the fu - ture brings, I will watch and



King reign - ing o - ver all. So I will not fear, for this truth re -  
*me, I am not a - lone. Oh, his love is sure, and he knows my*  
wait for the Sav - ior King. Then, my joy com - plete, stand - ing face to



mains: that my God is the An - cient of Days. *None a - bove him, none be -*  
*name, for my God is the An - cient of Days.*  
face in the pre - sence of the An - cient of Days.



*fore him; all of time in his hands. For his throne, it shall re - main and ev - er*



*stand. \_\_\_\_\_ All the pow - er, all the glo - ry, I will trust in his*



*name, for my God is the An - cient of Days.*

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## Call to Confession

Jeremiah 2:13

My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

## Corporate Confession

We have sinned against you, O Lord, our Maker, our Defender, and our Redeemer. Our natures are corrupt and sinful; prone to fall away from you, sluggish to do good and swift to do evil. Vain thoughts have come upon us and found lodging within us, defiling and disquieting our minds, and keeping out good thoughts. We have burdened ourselves with that care which you have commanded us to cast upon you. We have failed in our duties one to another, and have provoked one another as much to folly and anger as to love and good works. We have been cold in our love to you, weak in our desires toward you, unsteady in our walking with you, and are even at this time poorly prepared to serve you. We beseech you--Forgive all our sins, for Christ's sake, and be at peace with us in Him Who died to make peace and lives to make intercession for us. Amen.

## Silent Confession

## Words of Assurance

Isaiah 43:25

*I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions,  
for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.*

## Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Rev. Bob Brunson

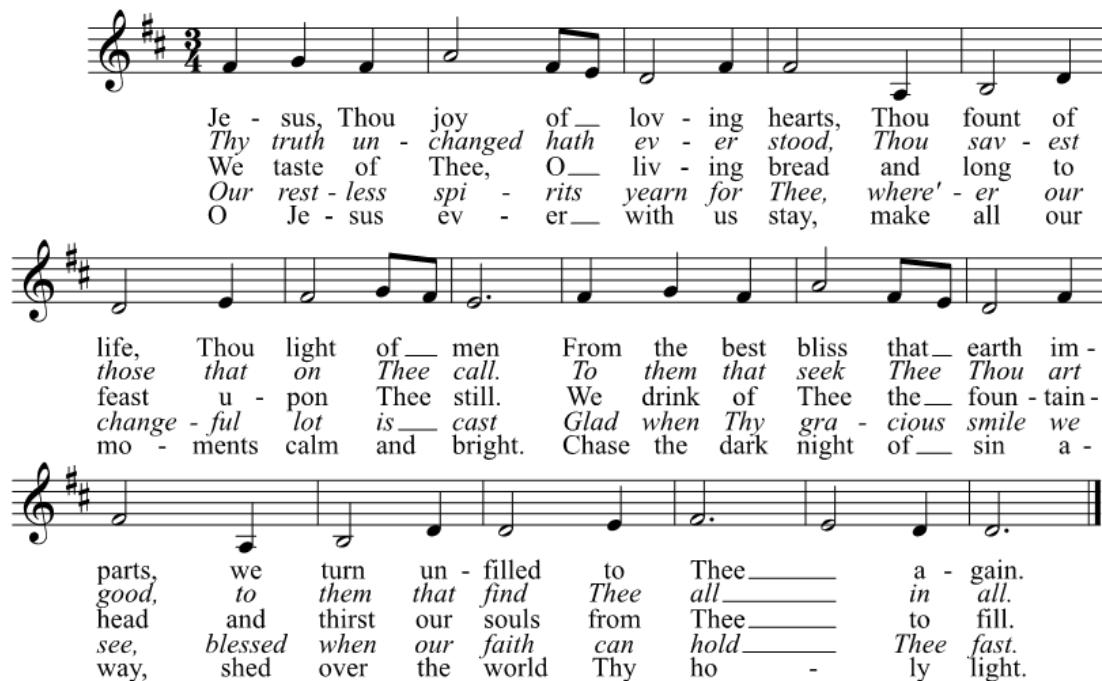
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

## Offertory

## Scripture Reading

Psalms 36:5-9; Matthew 13:44-46

## Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts



Je - sus, Thou joy of lov - ing hearts, Thou fount of  
Thy truth un - changed hath ev - er stood, Thou sav - est  
We taste of Thee, O liv - ing bread and long to  
Our rest - less spi - rits yearn for Thee, where' - er our  
O Je - sus ev - er with us stay, make all our  
life, Thou light of men From the best bliss that earth im -  
those that on Thee call. To them that seek Thee Thou art  
feast u - pon Thee still. We drink of Thee the foun - tain -  
change - ful lot is cast. Glad when Thy gra - cious smile we  
mo - ments calm and bright. Chase the dark night of sin a -  
parts, we turn un - filled to Thee a - gain.  
good, to them that find Thee all in all.  
head and thirst our souls from Thee to fill.  
see, blessed when our faith can hold Thee fast.  
way, shed over the world Thy ho - ly light.

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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

Our Greatest Treasure  
Philippians 3:4-9

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

### \*Hymn of Response

My Worth Is Not in What I Own

# My Worth Is Not In What I Own



1. My worth is not in what I own; not  
 2. My worth is not in skill or name;  
 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



love at the cross.  
 flowed at the cross. *I re-joice in my Re-deem-er, Great-est trea-sure, Well-spring*  
 us at the cross.  
 Christ at the cross.  
 paid at the cross.



of my soul. *I will trust in Him, no o-ther; my soul is sa-tis-fied in Him a-lone.*

## \*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

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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.

# • The Preached Word •

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Title: *Our Greatest Treasure*

Text: Philippians 3:4-9

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*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.*



## Providing a Home

### Members of the Week:

Alan & Kathy Little

Bryce Little

Gary, Jennifer, William Lober & Hannah Johnson

Rebecca Lober

Expecting: Lizzie Gossett (5/11) & Bonnie Andree

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); Joan Barr (grandson); Elaine Libbey's family

Caring for Loved Ones: Phil Davies (Tina); Skip Yetter (Debbie); Jackie Wachob (Chuck); 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: Missions Committee

## Partnering with Ministries

Missionary of the Week: Adair Evans (MTW): serving victims of human trafficking in Munich, Germany

Sister Church of the Week: Westminster Presbyterian Church (Columbus)

Local Ministry Partner of the Week: PCA Mission to North America

# Discipleship Opportunities

## Sunday School Classes 9:30 - 10:30 AM

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

We offer 4 season-of-life based Sunday Communities for adults at NMPC:

- 20's-30's are studying Romans in Modular Classroom 1
- 30's-50's are studying Exodus in Modular Classroom 2
- 50's-60's are studying Acts in the Fellowship Hall
- 66+ are studying Hebrews in the Conference Room

*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 Bible Studies (all studies meet at NMPC)

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

## Ladies' Bible Studies (all studies meet in the conference room at NMPC)

- Tuesday morning, 10:00 am (Proverbs)
- Wednesday Night, 6:30 pm (Proverbs)
- Friday morning, 10:00 am (Proverbs)

## 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 and 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.

Dinner is \$7/adults/teen, \$3/child, with a family max \$20.  
Menu: TBD, Salad Bar & Dessert

## 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@nmpe.net](mailto:monni@nmpe.net) and she will add you to the distribution list. She can also assist you with signing up for NMPC’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.

**Wonderfully Made & Built for More** — Wonderfully Made for girls (3rd-8th grade) and Built for More for boys (3th-8th grade) will both meet this afternoon, at 4 pm at the church. See you then!

**North Macon Preschool Registration** - North Macon Preschool registration for the 2026 -2027 school year is open. It is now available to the community. Visit our web page at [www.nmpe.net/preschool/apply](http://www.nmpe.net/preschool/apply) to apply.

**Faith Promise Campaign Report** - This year’s Faith Promise campaign not only met, but substantially exceeded our goal of \$80,000 with a total of \$100,420! This will enable us to fully meet our current missionary support commitments and increase our giving to each missionary and allow us consider taking on new missionaries for support as well. If you’d still like to participate, it’s not too late—go to <https://bit.ly/2026FaithPromiseCard> to submit your card today!

**Flowers** - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Elaine Libbey by her family.

<b>Finances (1/31)</b> -	Income:	\$ 92,238	Faith Promise 2026 Goal:	\$ 80,200
	Expenses:	\$ 95,788	Faith Promise 2026 Pledged:	\$ 100,420



# 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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