

THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

February 8, 2026



**NORTH MACON**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship  
Sunday, February 8, 2026

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*A new command I give you: Love one another.  
As I have loved you, so you must love one another.  
By this everyone will know that you are my disciples,  
if you love one another.”  
John 13:34-35*

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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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

*#1 - All People that on Earth Do Dwell*

\*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?

ALL: I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell\*;  
the third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church\*\*,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*\*Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 50. What did Christ's humiliation after his death consist of?  
Christ's humiliation after his death consisted in his being buried and continuing in the state  
of the dead and under the power of death until the third day, which has also been  
expressed in these words: "He descended into hell."*

*\*\*The words, the holy catholic church, do not refer to the Roman Catholic Church but to the universal  
body of Christ, that is, all true believers in every time and place who are united to Christ by faith.*

*The Apostles' Creed was not written by the apostles but is a summary of their teachings.  
It dates back to the 4th century and has been used by the church to identify believers,  
instruct new converts, and provide a confession of faith for worship.*

# Only a Holy God

Farren, Robinson, Smith, and Thompson



1. Who else com - mands all the hosts of heav - en?
2. *What oth - er beau - ty de - mand such prais - es?*
3. What oth - er glo - ry con - sumes like fi - re?
4. *Who else could res - cue me from my fail - ing?*



Who else could make ev - 'ry king bow down?  
*What oth - er splen - dor out - shines the sun?*  
 What oth - er pow - er can raise the dead?  
*Who else would of - fer His on - ly Son?*



Who else can whis - per and dark - ness trem - bles? On - ly a Ho - ly God. *(to v. 2)*  
*What oth - er maj - es - ty rules with just - ice? On - ly a Ho - ly God.*  
 What oth - er name re - mains un - de - feat - ed? On - ly a Ho - ly God.  
*Who else in - vites me to call Him Fa - ther? \*On - ly my Ho - ly God.\**



Come and be - hold Him, the One and the On - ly. Cry out, sing



ho - ly, for - ev - er a Ho - ly God. Come and wor - ship the Ho - ly God.

## 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

Psalm 103:12

*As far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.*

## 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

John 13:1-17, 34-35

# My Savior's Love

Charles H. Gabriel



I stand a-mazed in the pres-ence of Je - sus the Naz - a - rene, and  
He took my sins and my sor - rows, He made them His ver - y own; He  
When with the ran - somed in glo - ry His face I at last shall see, 'twill



won - der how He could love me, a sin - ner, con-demned, un - clean.  
bore the bur - den to Cal - v'ry; and suf - fered and died a - lone.  
be my joy thru the a - ges to sing of His love for me.



How mar-ve-lous! How won-der-ful! and my song shall ev - er be:



How mar-ve-lous! How won-der-ful is my Sav - ior's love for me!

## 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

Servant Leadership  
Philippians 2:19-30

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

**\*Hymn of Response**

*Take My Life, and Let it Be*

*Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.*

*Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love, at the impulse of Thy love.*

*Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.*

*Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King, always only for my King.*

*Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.*

*Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise, let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.*

*Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne, it shall be Thy royal throne.*

**\*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 lift up the light of his countenance upon you, and give you peace, both 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.

Postlude

# • The Preached Word •

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Title: *Servant Leadership*

Text: Philippians 2:19-30

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:

Marshall Keen  
Tyler & Erin Kelly  
Jeff & Cindy Kross  
John & Judy LaPish

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

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); Joan Barr (grandson)

Caring for Loved Ones: 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: Children's Ministry

## Partnering with Ministries

Missionaries of the Week: Rodney & Jana Davila (MTW): church planting in El Salvador

Sister Church of the Week: Christ Community Presbyterian Church (Thomasville)

Local Ministry Partner of the Week: PCA Administrative Committee

# 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: Baked Chicken & Dressing, Grilled Vegetables, Salad Bar, Rolls, 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@nmpc.net](mailto:monni@nmpc.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.

**Faith Promise Commitments for 2026** — Join us in supporting NMPC's global missionary partners by completing a Faith Promise card (either paper or digital) to indicate what you're trusting God to supply for you to give to world missions this year. This 2026 campaign will remain open for the next week. Cards can be dropped off at the center table in the narthex or completed digitally in Realm.

**Sacred Road Mission Trip Update** — All slots for this summer's Sacred Road Mission trip have filled up and registrations are closed. If you would like to be added to a waiting list, please contact trip organizer Bryce Little to let us know.

**Wonderfully Made & Built for More** — Wonderfully Made for girls (4th-8th grade) and Built for More for boys (4th-8th grade) will both meet on Sunday, February 22, at 4 pm at the church. See you then!

**2026 Men's Retreat, February 27-March 1** — Registration opens today for the 2026 Men's Retreat to be held at Little Ocmulgee State Park & Lodge Friday, February 27 – Sunday, March 1. Our speaker this year will be Dr. Charley Chase, veteran pastor & chaplain at FPD here in Macon. The cost of the retreat will be \$200 for 2 nights & 4 meals (double occupancy) and \$400 (single occupancy). Sign up in person at the table this morning or on Realm at your convenience.

**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.nmpc.net/preschool/apply](http://www.nmpc.net/preschool/apply) to apply.



# 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.