

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

March 1, 2026



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship
Sunday, March 1, 2026

*Now this is eternal life:
that they know you, the only true God,
and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.
John 17:3*

Preclude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 63:1-5

Pastor: O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you.

People: My soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Pastor: I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.

People: Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.

Pastor: I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.

People: My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you!

* *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.*

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.

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe?

People: We believe that God
—who is perfectly merciful and also very just—
sent his Son to assume the nature
in which the disobedience had been committed,
in order to bear in it the punishment of sin
by his most bitter passion and death.
So God made known his justice toward his Son,
who was charged with our sin,
and he poured out his goodness and mercy on us,
who are guilty, and worthy of damnation,
giving to us his Son to die, by a most perfect love,
and raising him to life, for our justification,
in order that by him
we might have immortality and eternal life. Amen.

The Belgic Confession was composed in 1561 by Guido de Brés. It was adopted at the Synod of Dordt in 1619 as one of the doctrinal standards to which all office bearers in the Reformed churches were required to subscribe. The confession stands as one of the best symbolical statements of Reformed doctrine.

*Hymn

#252 - *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Call to Confession

Psalm 139:23-24

Search me, O God, and know my heart. Test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Corporate Confession

Almighty, eternal God and Father, we confess and acknowledge that we were conceived and born in sin and are therefore inclined to all evil and slow to all good, that we transgress Thy holy commandments without ceasing, and ever more corrupt ourselves. But we are sorry for the same and seek Thy grace and help. Please have mercy upon us, most gracious and merciful God and Father, through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant to us and increase in us Thy Holy Spirit, that we may recognize our sin and unrighteousness from the bottom of our hearts, attain true repentance and sorrow for them, die to them wholly, and please Thee entirely by a new and godly life. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Romans 4:25

*Jesus Christ 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

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.

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

I Want to Know Christ
Philippians 3:10-11

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 7 to help you reflect upon what it means to trust Christ as Savior and Lord.

*Hymn of Response

#642 - *Be Thou My Vision*

*Benediction

Revelation 1:5b-6

Now to him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! 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: *I Want to Know Christ*

Text: Philippians 3:10-11

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:

Betty Luce
Joe, Mackenzie, Jane, Nora, Simon & Eden Lyles
Sandy Manwaring
Diane McCallum

Expecting: Lizzie Gossett (5/11), Mia Garrison (8/4) & Bonnie Andree (10/2)

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); Elaine Libbey's family; Jackie Wachob (Chuck)

Caring for Loved Ones: Phil Davies (Tina); Skip Yetter (Debbie); 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

Partnering with Ministries

Missionary of the Week: Jeff & Jamic G (MTW): transitioning to a new
assignment in Asia after years serving in church planting
& pastoral training in the region.

Sister Church of the Week: St. Andrews Presbyterian Church (Columbus)

Local Ministry Partner of the Week: Campus Clubs

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, 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: Meat Loaf w/sauce, mashed potatoes, green peas, 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 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.

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 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!

Receiving the Lord's Supper - The middle sections will come down the center aisle to receive the elements and will return to their seats via the interior aisles. The outer sections will come down the outside aisles and return via the interior aisles. For those with mobility issues, please raise your hand and make eye contact with Elder Matt Shepley; he will bring the elements to you. Please hold the elements until everyone has been served so that we can partake together. There is a description of the worshipers who are invited to participate in the sacrament on page 6 in the bulletin.

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Chuck Wachob. His memorial service will be tomorrow at 2:00 PM at NMPC.



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.