

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

March 15, 2026



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship
Sunday, March 15, 2026

*Delight yourself in the LORD
and he will give you the desires of your heart.
Psalm 37:4*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-4, 9

Pastor: Sing to the LORD a new song! Sing to the LORD, all the earth!

People: **Sing to the LORD! Praise his name! Proclaim his salvation day after day.**

Pastor: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

People: **For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise. He is to be feared above all gods.**

Pastor: Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness. Tremble before him, all the earth.

*Praise Hymn

*Behold Our God
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*Invocation

Rev. Bob Brunson

* *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.*

Behold Our God

Baird and Altrogge



Who has held the o - ceans in his hands? Who has num-bered ev-'ry grain of sand?
Who has gi-ven coun-sel to the Lord? Who can ques-tion an-y of his words?
Who has felt the nails up - on His hands, bear-ing all the guilt of sin - ful man?



Kings and na-tions trem-ble at his voice. All cre - a - tion ris-es to re - joice.
Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fath-om all his won-drous deeds?
God e - ter - nal hum-bled to the grave, Je - sus, Sav-ior, ri-sen now to reign!



Chorus: Be - hold our God. seat-ed on his throne. Come let us a - dore Him.



Be-hold our King, noth-ing can com-pare, come, let us a - dore _____ Him!



Men: You will reign for - ev-er, Je-sus Christ our Sav-ior.

Women: *Let your glo - ry fill the earth. All cre - a - tion sings Your worth.*



You will reign for - ev-er, — Je - sus Christ our Sav-ior. Be-
Let your glo - ry fill the earth. All cre - a - tion sings,



hold our God. seat-ed on his throne. Come let us a - dore Him.



Be - hold our King, noth-ing can com - pare, come, let us a - dore Him! Be-

*(repeat
chorus)*

Pastor: Christian, who is Jesus Christ?

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn over all creation.

For by him all things were created:

things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,
whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities;
all things were created by him and for him.

He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

And he is the head of the body, the church;

He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead,
so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether things on earth or things in heaven,

by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Amen.

Jesus Shall Reign



1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc - ces - sive
 2. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he__ reigns; the pri - 'ner leaps to
 3. Peo - ple and realms of__ ev - 'ry__ tongue dwell on his love with
 4. Let ev - 'ry crea - ture__ rise and bring bless - ing and hon - or



jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 loose his chains; the wea - ry find e -
 sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es -
 to our King; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till sun shall rise and set no more. (to vs. 2)
 ter - nal rest, and all the sons of want are blest.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men!



To our King be high - est praise, ris - ing through e - ter - nal days.



Just and faith - ful he shall reign: Je - sus shall reign!

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Call to Confession

Psalm 51:17

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Corporate Confession

based on the Ten Commandments

Most Gracious Lord, we proclaim you to be our King, but our duplicity is exposed by your question, “Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you?” Forgive us for disobeying the word of the LORD and failing to keep your commandments. Have mercy on us...

for worshipping the gods of our culture and clinging to our worthless idols,
for misusing and not defending your name,
for neglecting your holy day and for carelessness in worship,
for not honoring our parents or those in authority over us,
for murderous hearts and actions and for failing to protect innocent life,
for adulterous thoughts, lustful glances, and impure actions,
for taking what is not rightfully ours, for cheating, and for dishonest gain,
for failing to speak the truth and for deceitful words,
for wanting more than you have given us
and for coveting what belongs to others.

Cleanse us from our sin and cause us to submit to your kingly rule in our lives.
Through Jesus Christ, we pray, who ever lives to make intercession for us. Amen

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Romans 3:21-22

*But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known,
to which the Law and the Prophets testify.
This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.*

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 27

*Hymn of Preparation

#600 - *He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!*

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

A Mature Perspective on Life
Philippians 3:12-15

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Hymn of Response

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*Benediction

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. 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

Turn Your Eyes

Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus look full in His won-der-ful
 Turn your eyes to the hill - side where jus - tice and mer - cy em -
 Turn your eyes to the morn - ing and see Christ the li - on a -
 Turn your eyes to the hea - vens, our King will re - turn for His

face. and the things of earth will grow strange - ly dim, in the
 brace. There the Son of God gave His life for us, and our
 wake. What a glo - rious dawn, fear of death is gone, for we
 own. Ev - ery knee will bow, ev - ery tongue will shout "All the

light of His glo - ry and grace. (to 2nd vs.) Je - sus to You we lift our
 mea - sure-less debt was e - rased.
 car - ry His life in our veins.
 glo - ry to Je - sus a - lone!"

eyes. Je - sus our glo-ry and our prize. We a-dore You be-

hold You our Sav-ior ev - er true. Oh Je - sus we turn our eyes to You.

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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.

• The Preached Word •

Title: *A Mature Perspective on Life*

Text: Philippians 3:12-15

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Providing a Home

Members of the Week:

Beth McSween
Curt, Amber, Noah, Rachel & Luke Montgomery
Kathy Moore
Rick & Julie Moran

Expecting: Sophie Martin (3/18), 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); Cindy Gibson (Jamie); Barbara Freeman (Bobby); Jennifer Burch (sister); Rebecca Lober (mom & Bill); Joan Barr (grandson); Elaine Libbey's family; Jackie Wachob (Chuck); Ron Henning (dad & mom)

Caring for Loved Ones: Phil Davics (Tina); Skip Yetter (Debbie); Monni Parrish (dad; Charlie); Joseph Egloff (mom); Rana Munna (mom); Margaret Rogers (mom); Rod Baker (Bess)

Proclaiming the Gospel

Church's Leaders: The Session, Diaconate, and Staff
Ministry of the Week: Youth Ministry

Partnering with Ministries

Missionary of the Week: Clay & Hannah Jones (SHELTER): leading a faith-based nonprofit providing homes in El Salvador (learn more at www.shelterhelps.com)

Sister Church of the Week: Bethany Presbyterian Church (Greensboro)

Local Ministry Partner of the Week: Covenant Care Adoptions

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: Chicken w/Lemon Butter Mushroom Sauce, Long Grain & Wild Rice, Buttered Carrots, 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.

Parent's Night Out - Mark your calendars and register for this special night on Friday, March 20th! Children (ages 4- 5th grade) will enjoy a night of fun while parents enjoy a night to themselves. Spots are limited so sign up on REALM or contact Megan Cathey.

New Members Class - If you are interested in learning more about NMPC or joining our membership, you are invited to attend the New Members Class next month. The class consists of two Sunday night meetings, **April 19 & 26 from 5:30 - 7:45 PM**. Dinner & childcare are provided. (We provide makeup sessions if you have a conflict one evening.) Please email Pastor Hunter (hunter@nmpc.net) to sign up or for more information.

Communicants Class Pastor Hunter will be teaching the Communicants Class for students in 5th grade and up who are interested in becoming communing members of NMPC. The Class will be held during the Sunday School hour on April 12, 19, 26 & May 3. Please contact Megan Cathey (megan@nmpc.net) to sign up by **Sun, April 5th**.

Easter is coming soon! – Events & services include:

- Good Friday Service of Remembrance (**Friday, April 3** at 6:30 pm)
- Easter Egg Hunt (**Saturday, April 4** at 10 am)
- Easter Sunday Brunch (**Sunday, April 5** at 9:30 am)
- Easter Sunday Worship (**Sunday, April 5** at 10:45 am)

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and for Karen Brunson on her birthday by Suzanne Heninger.