

THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

March 22, 2026



**NORTH MACON**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship  
Sunday, March 22, 2026

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*Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.*  
*Colossians 3:2*

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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Revelation 5:6, 9-14

Pastor: Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. And they sang a new song:

People: **You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.**

Pastor: Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they sang:

People: **Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and praise!**

Pastor: Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing:

People: **To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor, glory and power, for ever and ever!**

Pastor: The four living creatures said, 'Amen!', and the elders fell down and worshiped.

\* *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.*

\*Praise Hymn

#302 - *Come Christinas, Join to Sing*

\*Invocation

Rev. Bob Brunson

\*Confession of Faith

Philippians 2:5-11

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe about Jesus Christ?

We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the only Savior for sinners,  
who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God  
something to be grasped,  
but made himself nothing,  
taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to death—  
even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

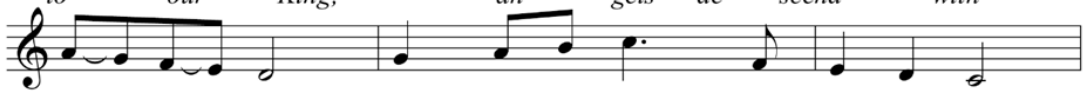
## Jesus Shall Reign



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!

Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

### 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

1 Peter 2:24-25

*He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.*

### 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

Jesus, I am Resting, Resting

## Jesus I Am Resting, Resting

David Hampton



1. Je - sus, I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the joy of what Thou art.
2. *Oh, how great Thy lov - ing kind - ness, vast - er, broad - er than the sea.*
3. Sim - ply trust - ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, I be - hold Thee as Thou art.
4. *Ev - er lift Thy face up - on me as I work and wait for Thee.*



I am find - ing out the great - ness of Thy lov - ing heart.  
*Oh, how mar - vel - ous Thy good - ness lav - ished all on me.*  
 And Thy love so pure, so change - less sat - is - fies my heart,  
*Rest - ing 'neath Thy smile Lord Je - sus, earth's dark shad - ows flee.*



Thou hast bid me gaze up - on Thee, and Thy beau - ty fills my soul  
*Yes, I rest in Thee, Be - lov - ed, know what wealth of grace is Thine,*  
 sat - is - fies its deep - est long - ings, meets, sup - plies its ev - 'ry need,  
*Bright - ness of my Fa - ther's glo - ry, sun - shine of my Fa - ther's face;*



for by Thy trans - form - ing pow - er, Thou hast made me whole.  
*know Thy cer - tain - ty of prom - ise and have made it mine.*  
 com - pass - eth me 'round with bless - ings, Thine is love in - deed.  
*keep me ev - er trust - ing, rest - ing, fill me with Thy grace.*



Je - sus, I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the joy of what Thou art. —



I am find - ing out the great - ness of Thy lov - ing heart. —

## 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 Citizenship Is in Heaven*  
Philippians 3:17-4:1

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

### \*Hymn of Response

#565 - All for Jesus

### \*Benediction

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word. 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

*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 •

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**Title:** *Our Citizenship Is in Heaven*

**Text:** Philippians 3:17-4:1

**Pastor:** Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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## Providing a Home

### Members of the Week:

Tate, Stephanie, Charlie & Tate Morris

Rob & Anne Morton

Lee & Lynn Mumford

Dustin, Melissa, Emerson, Lakelyn & Ryder Newell; Harley Langford

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 (Jamic); 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 Davies (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: North Macon Preschool

## Partnering with Ministries

Missionary of the Week: Jim & Noelle have been called to serve as support team coordinators for workers who serve in majority Muslim locations across the globe.

Sister Church of the Week: Penfield Presbyterian Church (Penfield)

Local Ministry Partner of the Week: RUF Mercer (Marlin Harris, Mallory)

# 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: Grilled Pork Chops, Sweet Potato Casserole, Roasted Garlic Broccoli, Salad Bar & Dessert

## Announcements

**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.

**NMPC Kids Easter Celebration** - Join us Sat, April 4th at 10 am for an Easter Celebration! We will have a hands-on activity to remember the forgiveness of Jesus followed by an egg hunt! Please bring to the church by Friday, April 3rd 1 dozen pre-filled eggs per child. For more details and to sign-up, please visit REALM or contact Megan Cathey.

**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@nmnpc.net) to sign up by **Sunday, April 5th**.

**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.) *The class notebooks are available on the buffet outside of Pastor Hunter's office. Please pick one up!*

**BBQ & Bake Sale for Missions:** - Our annual BBQ fundraiser is **Saturday, April 18th** to raise money for our Sacred Road Mission Team. Tickets will go on sale next week. Prices are: \$10 for a plate, \$12 for a pound, \$11 for a quart of stew, \$6 for a pint of stew, & \$40 for a Boston Butt. Also, we will have a bake sale! Please contact Rebecca Lober at [rs3art@pstel.net](mailto:rs3art@pstel.net) if you are willing to bring a dessert. Tickets are available in Kathy's office, on Wednesday Nights and Sunday mornings.

**A New Easter Tradition** - The Flower Committee at NMPC is introducing a new tradition this Easter. A cross will be set up on **Easter Sunday** to the right of the main entrance. Each family is invited to bring fresh flowers (from your yard) to decorate the cross as a joyful expression of our faith & a celebration of the risen Christ. Several ladies from the Committee will help you place the flowers on the cross at 9:30 AM before you go to the Easter Brunch in the Fellowship Hall

**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)

**The Heart of Hospitality** - Ladies, mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 2nd!** Our Women's Ministry will be hosting a hospitality seminar led by Mary Clare Freel in the Fellowship Hall from 9 am-2 pm. We will enjoy a light breakfast, sweet fellowship, lots of learning and door prizes! Lunch will be provided and childcare is available. Go to Realm to register today!



# 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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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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