

THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

March 8, 2026



**NORTH MACON**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship  
Sunday, March 8, 2026

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*In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.*

*The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.*

*Hebrews 1:1-3*

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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Bob Brunson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 93

Pastor: The LORD reigns! He is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength. The world is firmly established; it cannot be moved.

People: **Your throne was established long ago. You are from all eternity.**

Pastor: The seas have lifted up, O LORD, the seas have lifted up their voice; the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.

People: **Mightier than the thunder of the great water, mightier than the breakers of the sea—the LORD on high is mighty!**

Pastor: Your statutes, O LORD, stand firm; holiness adorns your house for endless days.

\*Praise Hymn

*#165 - Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

\*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?

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
begotten from the Father before all ages,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God;  
begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven;  
He became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and was made human.

He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;

He suffered and was buried;

The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.

He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead.

His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.

He proceeds from the Father and the Son,

and with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified;

He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,

and to life in the world to come. Amen.

*The Nicene Creed is a statement of the orthodox faith of the early Christian church in opposition to certain heresies, especially Arianism, which taught that neither Jesus nor the Holy Spirit were divine. In its present form this creed goes back partially to the Council of Nicea (A.D. 325) with additions by the Council of Constantinople (A.D. 381). It was accepted in its present form at the Council of Chalcedon in 451.*

# 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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Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

### Corporate Confession

Holy Jesus, Mighty Savior, Merciful King, Forgive my sins: forgive the sins that I remember, and the sins I have forgotten; forgive my many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when I have been stubborn in the face of correction; forgive the times I have been proud of my own achievements and the times when I have failed to boast in your works; forgive the harsh judgments I have made of others, and the leniency I have shown myself; forgive the lies I have told to others, and the truths I have avoided; forgive me the pain I have caused others and the indulgence I have shown myself. Lord Jesus, have mercy on me and make me whole; help me rest in your grace. Amen.

### Silent Confession

### Words of Assurance

2 Corinthians 5:21

*God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

### 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 1:1-5, 14-18

\*Hymn of Preparation

#170 - *Fairest Lord Jcsus*

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Bob Brunson

*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 Gallery of Glory*  
Colossians 1:15-20

Rev. Bob Brunson

\*Hymn of Response

*Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery*  
*Printed on Page #6*

\*Benediction

Jude 24-25

To him who is able to keep you from stumbling 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 authority, 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.

\*Postlude

# Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery



Come be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, in the dawn-ing of the King. He the  
*Come be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, He the per - fect Son of Man. In His*  
Come be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, Christ the Lord up - on the tree. In the  
*Come be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, slain by death, the God of life. But no*



theme of heav-en's praise - es, robed in frail hu - man - i - ty. In our  
*liv - ing, in His suf - fring, ne - ver trace, nor stain of sin. See the*  
stead of ru - ined sin - ners hangs the Lamb in vic - to - ry. See the  
*grave could e'er re - strain Him. Praise the Lord, He is a - live! What a*



long - ing, in our dark - ness, now the light of life has come. Look to  
*true and bet-ter A - dam, come to save the hell-bound man. Christ, the*  
price of our re - demp - tion, see the Fa - ther's plan un - fold. Bring - ing  
*fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance, how un - wa - ver - ing our hope. Christ in*



Christ, who con - de - scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.  
*great and sure ful - fill - ment of the law, in Him we stand.*  
man - y sons to glo - ry; grace un - meas - ured, love un - told.  
*pow - er res - ur - rect - ed, as we will be when He comes.*

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# • The Preached Word •

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Title: *A Gallery of Glory*

Text: Colossians 1:15-20

Pastor: Rev. Bob Brunson

*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:

Matt, Hannah & Scottie McCommon  
Paul & Debbie McCommon  
Boo, Rebecca & Michael McKelvey  
Collier, Meredith, West, Harrison & Benjamin McKenzie

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 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: Worship & Music Ministry

## Partnering with Ministries

Missionary of the Week: Tomo & Juliana Ito (Sacred Road Ministries): serving as the director of team that replicates SRM's ministry in WA on the Warm Springs Reservation in Oregon.

Sister Church of the Week: Lake Oconee Presbyterian Church (Eatonton)

Local Ministry Partner of the Week: RUF Columbus State (Tim Grider)

# 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: Breakfast Bar: Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Grits, French Toast Casserole, Fruit & Yogurt

## 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.

**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.

**Campus Club Banquet** - Campus Club, one of our local ministry partners, is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary at its annual banquet on March 17th. Matt and Holly Shepley are hosting a table at the event and would love for you to join them. Interested? Please contact Holly Shepley at [holly@nmpc.net](mailto:holly@nmpc.net) for more information.

**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.

**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)



# 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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