

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

April 12, 2026



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship
Sunday, April 12, 2026

*Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.
Psalm 90:14*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 84:1-2, 10-12

Pastor: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD Almighty!

People: My soul yearns, even faints for the courts of the LORD. My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

Pastor: Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

People: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

Pastor: For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.

People: O LORD Almighty, blessed is the man who trusts in you.

*Praise Hymn

#101– Come, Thou Almighty King

*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.*

Christian, what do you believe when you say in the Apostles' Creed:
"I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth"?

We believe that the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ—
who out of nothing created heaven and earth
and everything in them,
and who still upholds and rules them
by His eternal counsel and providence—
is my God and Father
because of Jesus Christ His Son.

I trust Him so much that I do not doubt
that He will provide whatever I need for body and soul,
and He will turn to my good
whatever adversity He sends me in this sad world.

He is able to do this because He is Almighty God;
He desires to do this because He is a faithful Father.

What do you understand by the providence of God?

Providence is the almighty and ever present power of God,
by which he upholds—as with his hand—
heaven and earth and all creatures;
and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought,
fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness,
prosperity and poverty—all things, in fact,
come to us not by chance, but from his fatherly hand. Amen.

*The Heidelberg Catechism was composed in Heidelberg, Germany in 1563.
It has been translated into many European, Asian, and African languages,
and is the most widely used and most warmly praised catechism of the Reformation period.*

Call to Prayer

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies, You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

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

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

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Psalm 23 paraphrase by Isaac Watts



My Shep-herd will sup - ply my need; Je - ho - vah is his name;
When I walk through the shades of death, Your pre-sence is my stay;
The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;



In pas - tures fresh He makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.
One word of Your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
O may Your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.



He brings my wan - dering spir - it back when I for - sake His ways;
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;
There would I find a set - tled rest, While oth - ers go and come;



And leads me, for His mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
My cup with bless - ings o - ver flows, Your oil a - noints my head.
No more a stran - ger, nor a guest, But like a child at home.

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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

Rejoicing in the Lord
Philippians 4:4

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

*Hymn of Response

Jesus, Thank You
Printed on page #6

*Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up the light of his countenance upon you, 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

Jesus, Thank You

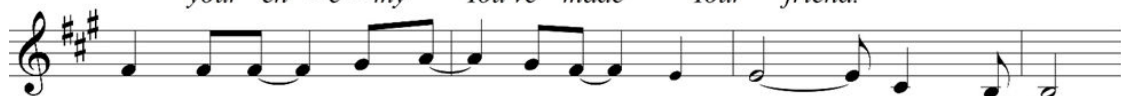
Pat Sczebel



1. The mys - t'ry of the cross I can - not com - pre - hend,
2. By Your per - fect sac - ri - fice I've been brought near.



the ag - o - nies of Cal - va - ry.
your en - e - my You've made Your friend.



You, the per - fect Ho - ly One, crushed Your Son,
Pour - ing out the rich - es of Your glo - rious grace,



drank the bit - ter cup re - served for me.
Your mer - cy and Your kind - ness know no end.



Chorus: Your blood has washed a-way my sin.— Je-sus, thank You. The Fa-ther's wrath



com - plete - ly sat - is - fied Je - sus, thank You. Once Your en - e - my,—



now seat - ed at Your ta - ble, Je - sus, thank _____ You. *2nd time to Bridge*



Bridge: Lov - er of my soul, I want to live for You. *2nd time to Chorus*

• The Preached Word •

Title: *Rejoicing in the Lord*

Text: Philippians 4:4

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:

Howard & Debi Reed

Chip & Cathy Ridley

Susan Robertson

David, Martha, Harvey & Seaborn Roddenberry

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

Newborns: Isaac Martin, Shepherd Henning, Emery Sukhia, Elizabeth Leskosky, Everett Frecl, 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); Callie Hilson (grandfather); Beverly Adams (sister)

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: Men's Ministry

Partnering with Ministries

Missionary of the Week: Brian & Megan Moore (MTW): church planting in the Freiburg-area in southwest Germany

Sister Church of the Week: First Presbyterian Church (Macon)

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, 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: Pizza, Salad Bar & 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 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.

New Members Class - If you are interested in learning more about NMPC or becoming a member, 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 can offer makeup sessions if you have a conflict one evening.) *The class notebooks are available on the buffet in the narthex outside of Pastor Hunter's office. Please pick one up!*

BBQ & Bake Sale for Missions: - Our annual BBQ fundraiser is this coming **Saturday, April 18th** to raise money for our Sacred Road Mission Team. Tickets are on sale today in the Narthex. 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 (rsl3art@pstel.net) if you would like to donate a dessert. **Today is the last day to purchase tickets.**

Men's Tour of the Rocking Chair Ranch - Men! Are you interested in seeing how a cattle ranch operation works? Join us on **Thursday, April 23rd at 9AM** as our own Joseph Egloff gives us a behind-the-scenes tour of the Rocking Chair Ranch in Forsyth. We'll get a first-hand glimpse of how God uses a cattle ranch to provide sustenance for His people in a private walking tour of the entire operation. There's no cost to attend. You can get more information and sign-up to attend in the Narthex.

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 or sign up in the narthex today.

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Peggy Timberlake on her birthday by Joe & Mary Jane Timberlake.



NORTH MACON

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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.