

THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

April 19, 2026



**NORTH MACON**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship  
Sunday, April 19, 2026

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*Cast all your cares on Him  
because He cares for you.  
1 Peter 5:7*

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Preclude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 34:1, 3-6, 8

Pastor: I will extol the LORD at all times! His praise will always be on my lips.

People: **Glorify the LORD with me. Let us exalt his name together!**

Pastor: For I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.

People: **Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.**

Pastor: This poor man called out, and the LORD heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles.

People: **Taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.**

\*Praise Hymn

*#53—Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

\*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.*

Q. Christian, what is prayer?

A. Prayer is an offering up of our desires to God,  
in the name of Christ,  
by the help of his Spirit,  
with confession of our sins,  
and thankful acknowledgement of his mercies.

Q. What does it mean to pray in the name of Christ?

A. To pray in the name of Christ is,  
in obedience to his command,  
and in confidence in his promises,  
to ask mercy for his sake;  
not by merely mentioning his name,  
but by drawing our encouragement to pray,  
along with boldness, strength,  
and hope of our prayers being accepted,  
from Christ and his mediation.

Q. How does the Spirit help us to pray?

A. Since we do not know what to pray for as we ought,  
the Spirit helps our infirmities,  
by enabling us to understand for whom, for what,  
and how prayer is to be made,  
and by working and enlivening in our hearts  
(although not in all persons, nor at all times, in the same degree)  
all those appreciations, desires, and graces  
which are needed for the right performance of this duty. Amen.

*The Westminster Larger Catechism expresses the truths of the Bible in summary form.  
It was comprised at the Westminster Assembly in London (1643-1648), and it sets forth  
the doctrinal standards of our church and our denomination, the Presbyterian Church in America.*

Call to Prayer

Matthew 7:7-11

Ask and it will be given to you. Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

Corporate Confession

Holy Father, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of you and for ignoring your immensity and greatness. Lord Jesus, forgive us when we forget that you rule the nations and our small lives. Holy Spirit, we offend you in minimizing your power and squandering your gifts. We confess that our blindness to your glory, O triune God, has resulted in shallow confession, tepid conviction, and only mild repentance. Have mercy upon us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Hebrews 7:24-25

*But because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood.  
Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him,  
because he always lives to intercede for them.*

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

2 Chronicles 20:1-30

## \*Hymn of Preparation

*Our God Will Go Before Us*

### Our God Will Go Before Us

1. Our God will go be - fore us and guide us by His  
2. Through un - known paths, through sha - dows, our hearts fear not to -  
3. Though e - vil forms a - gainst us, all hea - ven will de -  
4. Now send us with your pre - sence and lead us on to  
pre - sence. What con - fi - dence this pro - mise is: we will  
mor - row. For ev - 'ry step, His faith - ful - ness is the  
fend us. The gates of hell shall not pre - vail, for the  
hea - ven, where songs of sor - row strain no more and our  
ne - ver walk a - lone. (to verse 2) Our God will go be - fore us; the  
truth that lights our way. bat - tle is the Lord's.  
ev - 'ry breath is praise!  
Lord of hosts is with us. O, praise the One who  
leads us on for His grace will bring us 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

*The Antidote to Anxiety*  
Philippians 4:5-7

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\*Hymn of Response

*My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness*  
*printed on page #6*

\*Benediction

2 Thessalonians 3:16

Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times and in every way.  
The Lord be with all of you. 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

# My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness

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My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who bore my pain;  
My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who walks be - side;  
My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who reigns a - bove;

Who plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and gave me life a - gain;  
Who floods my weak-ness - es with strength and caus-es fears to fly.  
Whose wis - dom is my per-fect peace, whose ev - 'ry thought is love.

Who crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness and clothed me with his light  
Whose ev - 'ry pro - mise is e - nough for ev - 'ry step I take.  
For ev - 'ry day I have on earth is giv - en by the King.

and wrote his law of right-eous - ness with pow'r up - on my heart.  
Sus - tain - ing me with arms of love and crown - ing me with grace.  
So I will give my life, my all, to love and fol - low Him.

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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 •

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**Title:** *The Antidote to Anxiety*

**Text:** Philippians 4:5-7

**Pastor:** Rev. Hunter Stevenson

## Providing a Home

### Members of the Week:

Al & Margaret Rogers

Donna Rohn

Susana, Sara Jane & Oscar Sandefur

Ryan, Jessie, Evie, Emerson, Elle, Frankie & Parker Schnerzer

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

Newborns: Isaac Martin, Tommy Swicegood, Shepherd Henning, Emery Sukhia, Elizabeth Leskosky, Everett Frecl, Henry Cathey

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); Callie Hilson (grandfather); Beverly Adams (sister)

Caring for Loved Ones: Phil Davies (Tina); Skip Yetter (Debbie); Monni Parrish (dad; Charlic); 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: Missions Committee

## Partnering with Ministries

Missionary of the Week: Victor & Nosizo Nakah (MTW): serving as MTW's international director for sub-Saharan Africa.

Sister Church of the Week: Houston Lake Presbyterian Church (Kathleen)

Local Ministry Partner of the Week: PCA Christian Discipleship Ministries

# 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: Beef tips w/rice, broccoli casserole, 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@nmnpc.net](mailto:monni@nmnpc.net) and she will add you to the distribution list. She can also assist you with NMPC's app, Realm Connect.

**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. The class consists of two Sunday night meetings—**tonight & April 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.*

**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.

**Register This Week for The EDGE** - The EDGE is a retreat for rising 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> graders held on the campus of Covenant College in Lookout Mountain, GA on June 15 – 19. The deadline for registration is **THIS Thursday, April 23**. The cost is \$400, and scholarships are available. Reach out to Bryce Little ([bryce@nmnpc.net](mailto:bryce@nmnpc.net)) for more information!

**Men's Tour of the Rocking Chair Ranch** - Men! Are you interested in seeing how a cattle ranch operation works? Join us this **Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 John McSween on his birthday by Beth McSween.



# 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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