

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

April 26, 2026



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship
Sunday, April 26, 2026

*Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world,
but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.
Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—
his good, pleasing and perfect will.
Romans 12:2*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 66:1-9

Pastor: Shout for joy to God, all the earth!

People: **Sing the glory of his name! Offer him glory and praise!**

Pastor: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you."

People: **All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing praise to your name.**

Pastor: Come and see what God has done, his awesome deeds for mankind!

People: **He has turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the waters on foot—come, let us rejoice in him!**

Pastor: He rules forever by his power, his eyes watch the nations!

People: **Praise our God, all peoples! Let the sound of his praise be heard!
For he has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping.**

*Please turn off all cellular devices during the worship service
and do not bring food or drink into the sanctuary.*

*Praise Hymn

#92—A Mighty Fortress is Our God

*Invocation

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*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism #1

Q. Christian, what is your only comfort in life and death?

A. That I am not my own,
but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.
He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven;
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.
Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him. 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.*

* those who are able please stand

Call to Confession

Proverbs 20:9

Who can say, “I have kept my heart pure; I am clean and without sin”?

Corporate Confession

from Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Cleanse me, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Psalm 103:10,12

*He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.
As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.*

Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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

Speak, O Lord

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Townend and Getty



Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re - ceive the food of Your
Teach us Lord full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu -
 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your
 ho - ly word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and
 mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the
 plans for us. Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will
 fash - ion us in Your like - ness, that the light of Christ might be
 ra - di - ance of Your pur - i - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our
 e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your
 seen to - day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
 eyes to see Your ma - je - stic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can
 pro - mi - ses, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your
 fill in us all Your pur - po - ses for Your glo - ry.
 ne - ver fail; Let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
 church is built, and the earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

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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

Wholesome Thinking
Philippians 4:8-9

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Hymn of Response

#644 - *May the Mind of Christ My Savior*

*Benediction

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

May God Himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.

*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 •

Title: *Wholesome Thinking*

Text: Philippians 4:8-9

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

NMPC's Vision & Values

NMPC exists 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

- Warm & welcoming to all who come
- Connected & caring for one another
- Vulnerable & gracious with one another

Proclaiming the Gospel

- Christ-centered worship & expository preaching
- Classes for all ages to educate, encourage & equip
- Small Groups to disciple & deepen relationships

Partnering with Ministries

- North Macon Preschool
- Global Missionaries & Annual Mission Trip
- Central GA Presbytery & The General Assembly of the PCA
- Local Ministry Partners
 - Reformed University Fellowship (Mercer & Columbus State)
 - Covenant Care Adoptions (promoting Christian adoption)
 - Freedom Coalition of Middle Georgia (caring for trafficking victims)
 - Campus Clubs (tutoring & discipling lower-income students)

Providing a Home

Members of the Week:

Shane, Amy, Dalton & Colby Self
Matt, Holly, Lucy, Simon, Luke & Clifton Jake Shepley
Mike & Cheryl Simmons
Chase, Katie, Eli & Perry Singleton

Expecting: Lizzie Gossett (5/11), Mia Garrison (8/4), Bonnie Andree (10/2) & Hali Leskosky (10/28)

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

Recovering: Bess Baker (stroke); Charlie Parrish (transplant); Rob Morton (knee)

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; 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: Women's Ministry

Partnering with Ministries

Missionary of the Week: David & Erin Pervis (MTW): assisting a Greek evangelical church in an Athens suburb in their care for Middle Eastern refugees.

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

Local Ministry Partner of the Week: PCA Mission to North America

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

The Spring Semester of Wednesday Night Ministries wraps up this week. 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. We'll take a break until Wednesday, May 27.

Dinner is \$7/adults/teen, \$3/child, with a family max \$20.

Menu: Taco Salad, 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@nmnpc.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. The class will meet **tonight from 5:30 - 7:45 PM**. Dinner & childcare are provided. *Pickup a class notebook on the buffet in the narthex outside of Pastor Hunter's office and join us tonight.*

The Heart of Hospitality - This **Saturday, May 2nd** our Women's Ministry will be hosting a hospitality seminar led by Mary Clare Frecl 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.

Save the Date: Men's Pickleball Fellowship—Guys, plan now to join us on **Thursday, May 21**, from 5:30-8:00 pm for an evening of fun and fellowship playing pickleball at Rhythm and Rally Sports & Events on Eisenhower parkway. Coaching will be available for those who want a little help. Food and drinks will be served before we play. Sign-ups are now open on Realm & will open in the narthex next Sunday.

BBQ Fundraiser Recap—Thank you so much for supporting the BBQ fundraiser for our Sacred Road Team! We have raised over **\$11,000** to help send our team of 15 to Washington State to minister to the Yakama Tribe of native Americans in late June.

VBS Volunteer Sign-Up – Mark your calendars for VBS (**July 20-24**)! God uses every type of gift and talent for VBS so please go to REALM and select the area in which you may be interested in serving. If you have any questions, please contact Megan Cathey. (megan@nmnpc.net).



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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.