

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

April 5, 2026



**NORTH MACON**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship  
Sunday, April 5, 2026

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*We know that the One who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead  
will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in His presence.  
2 Corinthians 4:14*

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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Revelation 7:9-12

Pastor: After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb.

People: **They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.**

Pastor: And they cried out in a loud voice:

People: **Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!**

Pastor: All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying:

People: **Amen! Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks, honor and power and strength, be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!**

\*Praise Hymn

#277 - *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

\* *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, how does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

A. First, by his resurrection he has overcome death,  
so that he might make us share in the righteousness  
he won for us by his death.  
Second, by his power we too  
are already now resurrected to a new life.  
Third, Christ's resurrection  
is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection.

Q. In the Apostles Creed, we confess that we believe in *the resurrection of the body  
and the life everlasting*. How does *the resurrection of the body* comfort you?

A. Not only my soul will be taken immediately after this life  
to Christ its Head;  
but even my very flesh, raised by the power of Christ,  
will be reunited with my soul,  
and made like Christ's glorious body.

Q. How does *the life everlasting* comfort you?

A. Even as I already now experience in my heart  
the beginning of eternal joy,  
so after this life, I will have perfect blessedness  
such as no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man  
conceived—a blessedness in which to praise God eternally. 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 Confession

1 John 3:1-3

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.

Corporate Confession

Heavenly Father you have commanded us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, to live self-controlled and godly lives in all gentleness and kindness, speaking evil of no one and avoiding quarrels. But we confess that we often let this former way of life creep into the present. We have been foolish and disobedient; we have allowed ourselves to be led astray by the evil one and have fallen prey to various passions and pleasures. And so we have become bitter and angry, full of envy and hateful of one another. Gracious Father, turn our hearts back to you. Renew us by your Holy Spirit that we might live as heirs of the glory of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Ephesians 1:7-8

*In Jesus Christ, we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins,  
in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us.*

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

Matthew 27:62 - 28:20

\*Hymn of Preparation

#286 - *Worship Christ, the Risen King*

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

*Sharing in His Glory*  
Romans 8:16-18

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

\*Hymn of Response

#295 - *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

\*Benediction

Jude 24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from falling 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 dominion, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! 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

# • The Preached Word •

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Title: *Sharing in His Glory*

Text: Romans 8:16-18

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

## 1. Resurrected Bodies

*But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who... will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.*  
(Philippians 3:20-21; cf. 1 Corinthians 15:20, 42-44, 50-51 and 1 John 3:2-3)

## 2. A New Heaven & a New Earth

*But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.* (2 Peter 3:13; cf. Isaiah 65:17-19; Revelation 21:1-5; 7:14-17; 22:1-5)

### 3. Reigning with Christ

*To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne. (Revelation 3:21; cf. Luke 22:28-30; 2 Timothy 2:12; Revelation 2:26-27; 5:9-10; Matthew 25:21; 1 Corinthians 6:2-3; Romans 8:17; Galatians 4:7; Matthew 25:34; 1 Peter 1:3-5; Ephesians 1:18)*

### 4. Everlasting Life

*Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. (John 17:3; cf. Genesis 14:1; Lamentations 3:24; Psalm 73:25-26; Luke 23:43; Philippians 1:23; John 14:2-3; Revelation 21:3; Psalm 16:11; Job 19:25-27)*

*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.*

# 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
- 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)

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## Providing a Home

### Members of the Week:

Will, Molly, Noah, Annie & Amelia Prestwood  
Charlie & Kathy Pyc  
Jack, Sara, Maggie & Katie Pyles  
Liz Ream

Expecting: 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); Callie Hilson (grandfather)

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: Children's Ministry

## Partnering with Ministries

Missionary of the Week: Brent Kooi (MTW); pursuing young adult discipleship & student ministry in Sydney Australia.

Sister Church of the Week: Dayspring Presbyterian Church (Forsyth)

Local Ministry Partner of the Week: Central Georgia Presbytery

# 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: Hamburger Stroganoff, Green Beans, Salad Bar, Garlic Bread & 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.

**Church Office Closed Tomorrow** — The church office will be closed for Easter Monday tomorrow. We will reopen Tuesday at 9 am.

**No Monday Prayer This Week** – There will be no Monday Prayer tomorrow due to the Easter Monday holiday. Join us next Monday at 9 am in the Conference Room to pray for the needs of the congregation and the work of the church.

**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](mailto:megan@nmnpc.net)) by **Sunday, April 5th** to sign up.

**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 **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 ([rs13art@pstel.net](mailto:rs13art@pstel.net)) if you would like to donate a dessert. Tickets are available in the church office, on Wednesday Nights and Sundays.

**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 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 at the men's ministry table 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 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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## 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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