

THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

May 3, 2026



**NORTH MACON**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship  
Sunday, May 3, 2026

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*I will make an everlasting covenant with them:  
I will never stop doing good to them.  
Jeremiah 32:40*

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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Pastor: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

People: Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine  
or nakedness or danger or sword?

Pastor: No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who  
loved us!

People: For we are convinced that neither death nor life,  
neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future,  
nor any powers, neither height nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God  
that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

\*Praise Hymn

*Father Long Before Creation*

\* *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.*

# Father, Long Before Creation

Andrew Osenga



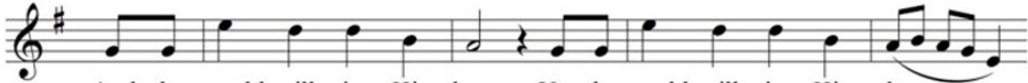
1. Fa - ther long be - fore cre - a - tion Thou hadst cho - sen us in love,
2. *Though the world may change its fash - ion yet our God is e'er the same;*
3. God's com - pas - sion is my sto - ry, is my boast - ing all the day;
4. *Lov - ing Fa - ther now be - fore Thee we will ev - er praise Thy love,*



And that love so deep, so mov - ing, draws us close to Christ a - bove.  
*His com - pas - sion and His cov - nant through all a - ges will re - main.*  
Mer - cy free and nev - er fail - ing moves my will, di - rects my way.  
*And our songs will sound un - ceas - ing 'til we reach our home a - bove.*



Still it keeps us, still it keeps us firm - ly fixed in Christ a - lone. ↗ *to vs. 2*  
*God's own chil - dren, God's own chil - dren must for - ev - er praise His name.*  
God so loved us, God so loved us that His on - ly Son He gave. ↗ *to vs. 4*  
*Giv - ing glo - ry, giv - ing glo - ry to our God and to the Lamb.*



*Chorus:* And the world will sing His love, Yes the world will sing His love, —



And we'll all join hands, ev - 'ry wom - an ev - ry man to sing His love,



to sing His love. —

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\*Invocation

Rev. Bob Brunson

Q. Christian, what do you understand by the providence of God?

A. 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.

Q. How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

A. We can be patient when things go against us,  
thankful when things go well,  
and for the future we can have good confidence  
in our faithful God and Father,  
that nothing will separate us from his love.  
All creatures are so completely in his hand,  
that without his will, they can neither move nor be moved. 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

Psalm 27:1-3

The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid? When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, when my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall. Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident.

## Corporate Confession

Our Great God and Heavenly Father, we come to you through Jesus Christ; the Lamb who was slain; the One who is worthy to take the scroll of all history and open our lives to your grace. Lord, we confess that we have belittled your worth and honor, and we have denied your power and might. We have rejected your wealth and wisdom to seek glory and blessing in the world and not in you. Though we have been washed in your blood, we defile ourselves with lies and passions that mock your redemption. O Lamb of God, our Shepherd, shelter us with your presence and guide us to the springs of living waters that we might follow you faithfully all of our days.

## Silent Confession

## Words of Assurance

Micah 7:18-19

*Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us. You will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.*

## 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

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

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### Chorus

Words and Music by Matt Redman and Jonas Myrin

Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh my soul. Wor-ship His ho - ly name.

Sing like ne-ver be-fore, oh my soul. I wor-ship Your ho - ly name.

The sun comes up. It's a new day dawn - ing.  
You're rich in love and You're slow to an - ger.  
And on that day when my strength is fail - ing.

It's time to sing Your song a - gain. What -  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind. For  
the end draws near and my time has come,

ev - er may pass and what - ev - er lies be - fore me,  
all Your goodness I will keep on sing - ing  
Still my soul will sing Your praise un - end - ing

let me be sing - ing when the ev'n - ing comes.  
ten thou - sand rea - sons for my heart to find. **To Chorus**  
ten thou - sand years and then for - ev - er more.

## 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 Secret of Contentment*  
Philippians 4:10-13

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

## \*Hymn of Response

#691 - *It Is Well With My Soul*

## \*Benediction

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. 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

# • The Preached Word •

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Title: *The Secret of Contentment*

Text: Philippians 4:10-13

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:

Bryan, Vanessa, Dallas, Caleb & Aiden Smith  
Cathy Smith  
Matt, Ashlee, Maddie & Reid Smith  
Hunter, Heather & Hunt Stevenson

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); Lee Mumford (Aunt Tyresa)

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: Oliver & Kim Pierce—MTW/RUF Belgium  
Sister Church of the Week: Covenant Presbyterian Church (Warner Robins)  
Local Ministry Partner of the Week: Campus Clubs

# 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 - On Summer Break
- 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 - On Summer Break
- Wednesday Night, 6:30 pm - On Summer Break
- Friday morning, 10:00 am

## Wednesday Nights @ NMPC

The Summer Semester of Wednesday Night Ministries will begin on May 27, 2026

## 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@nmipc.net](mailto:monni@nmipc.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.

**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 **\$13,000** 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@nmipc.net](mailto:megan@nmipc.net)).



# 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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