

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

May 10, 2026



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship
Sunday, May 10, 2026

*God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.
Psalm 46:1*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Bob Brunson

Introit

Call to Worship

Zephaniah 3:14-17

Pastor: Sing, O Daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, O Daughter of Jerusalem!

People: The LORD has taken away your punishment, he has turned back your enemy.

Pastor: The LORD, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm.

People: On that day they will say to Jerusalem, "Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands hang limp. The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save.

Pastor: He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing."

*Praise Hymn

*#4 - All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above
vs. 1-4, 6*

*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.*

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe?

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God;
begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven;
He became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified;
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.

The Nicene Creed is a statement of the orthodox faith of the early Christian church in opposition to certain heresies, especially Arianism, which taught that neither Jesus nor the Holy Spirit were divine. In its present form this creed goes back partially to the Council of Nicea (A.D. 325) with additions by the Council of Constantinople (A.D. 381). It was accepted in its present form at the Council of Chalcedon in 451.

Wonderful, Merciful Savior



1. Won - der - ful, mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, pre - cious Re - deem - er and
 2. Coun - se - lor, Com - fort - er, Keep - er, Spir - it we long to em -
 3. Al - might - y, in - fin - ite Fa - ther, faith - ful - ly lov - ing Your



Friend; — Who would have thought that a Lamb could res - cue the
 brace; — You of - fer hope when our hearts have hope - less - ly
 own; — Here in our weak - ness You find us fall - ing be -



souls of men? Oh, — You res - cue the souls of men. — (to vs. 2)
 lost the way. Oh, — we hope - less - ly lost the way. —
 fore Your throne. Oh, — we're fall - ing be - fore Your throne. —



You are the One that we praise, — You are the One we a - dore. —



— You give the heal - ing and grace our hearts al - ways hun - ger



for, oh, — our hearts al - ways hun - ger for.

Call to Confession

Hosca 14:1-2

Return, Israel, to the LORD your God. Your sins have been your downfall! Take words with you and return to the LORD. Say to him: "Forgive all our sins and receive us graciously, that we may offer the fruit of our lips.

Corporate Confession

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; O Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Psalms 103:10-12

*He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from 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

John 16:25-33

“Though I have been speaking figuratively, a time is coming when I will no longer use this kind of language but will tell you plainly about my Father. In that day you will ask in my name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. No, the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father.” Then Jesus’ disciples said, “Now you are speaking clearly and without figures of speech. Now we can see that you know all things and that you do not even need to have anyone ask you questions. This makes us believe that you came from God.” “Do you now believe?” Jesus replied. “A time is coming and in fact has come when you will be scattered, each to your own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me. “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

*Hymn of Preparation

#498 - Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Bob Brunson

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

When Trouble Comes, Ask
Psalm 25:1-7

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*Hymn of Response

#30 - Our God, Our Help in Ages Past
vs. 1-4, 7

*Benediction

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. 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 •

Title: *When Trouble Comes, Ask*

Text: Psalm 25:1-7

Pastor: Rev. Bob Brunson

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:

Steve & Julie Strange
Dan & Connie Strawn
Quinn, Izzy & Emery Sukhia
Tom, Courtney, Phillips & Mary Marshall Swift

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 Freel, 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 (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); 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: Youth Ministry

Partnering with Ministries

Missionary of the Week: Mike & Eli Sabin—(MTW): serving in cooperative agreement with Trans World Radio as a member of the global technical team that broadcast biblical programs to Asia

Sister Church of the Week: Northgate Presbyterian Church (Albany)

Local Ministry Partner of the Week: RUF Columbus State (Tim Grider)

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 - 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 - Continues through the Summer

Wednesday Nights @ NMPC

Wednesday Night Summer Fellowships 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@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.

Men's Pickleball Fellowship: Sign up today—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 & in the narthex today.

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 Director Megan Cathey. (megan@nmnpc.net).

Summer Books Are Here! - Each summer at NMPC our congregation reads a book together and discusses it during Sunday School. This year we are reading **What Happens When We Worship** by Jonathan Landry Cruse. Pick up your free copy in the narthex today & join us as we start the conversation on Sunday, May 31.

Finances (4/30) -	Income:	\$ 439,030	Faith Promise 2026 Pledged:	\$ 107,770
	Expenses:	\$ 452,691	Faith Promise Receipts:	\$ 73,171



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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.