

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

May 31, 2026



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship
Sunday, May 31, 2026

*I rejoiced with those who said to me,
Let us go to the house of the LORD!
Psalm 122:1*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 100

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

People: **Serve the LORD with gladness! Come before him with joyful songs!**

Pastor: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

People: **Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him and praise his name!**

Pastor: For the LORD is good, and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

***Praise Hymn**

#310 - Rejoice, the Lord is King

** 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.*

*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.*

*Hymn

#521— *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

Corporate Confession

Most Gracious Lord, we proclaim you to be our King, but our duplicity is exposed by your question, "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you?" Forgive us for disobeying the word of the LORD and failing to keep your commandments. Have mercy on us...

for worshipping the gods of our culture and clinging to our worthless idols,
for misusing and not defending your name,
for neglecting your holy day and for carelessness in worship,
for not honoring our parents or those in authority over us,
for murderous hearts and actions and for failing to protect innocent life,
for adulterous thoughts, lustful glances, and impure actions,
for taking what is not rightfully ours, for cheating, and for dishonest gain,
for failing to speak the truth and for deceitful words,
for wanting more than you have given us
and for coveting what belongs to others.

Cleanse us from our sin and cause us to submit to your kingly rule in our lives.
Through Jesus Christ, we pray, who ever lives to make intercession for us. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Colossians 2:13-14

*When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh,
God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins,
having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness,
which stood against us and condemned us;
he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.*

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

Hebrews 10:19-25

*Hymn of Preparation

There is One Gospel

There Is One Gospel



There is one Gos-pel on which I stand for all e - ter - ni - ty. It
There is one Gos-pel to which I cling, all else I count as loss. For
 There is one Gos-pel where hope is found, the emp - ty tomb still speaks. For
And in this Gos-pel, the church is one, we do not walk a - lone. We



is my sto - ry, my Fa - ther's plan, the Son has res - cued me.
there, where jus - tice and mer - cy meet, He saved me on the cross.
 death could not keep my Sav - ior down, He lives and I am free.
have His Spir - it as we press on to lead us safe - ly home.



Oh, what a Gos - pel, oh what a peace. My high - est joy and my deep - est need.
No more I boast in what I can bring, no more I car - ry the weight of sin.
 Now on my Sav - ior I fix my eyes, my life is His and His hope is mine.
And when in glo - ry still I will sing of this old sto - ry that res - cued me.



Now and for - ev - er, He is my light. I stand in the Gos - pel of Je - sus Christ.
For He has brought me from death to life. I stand in the Gos - pel of Je - sus Christ.
 For He has prom - ised I too will rise. I stand in the Gos - pel of Je - sus Christ.
Praise to my Sav - ior, the King of life. I stand in the Gos - pel of Je - sus Christ.

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

From Strength to Strength
Psalm 84

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Hymn of Response

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death
printed on page #6

*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. 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

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.

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death



What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a-
What truth can calm the trou-bled soul? God is good, God is
Un - to the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He



lone. What is our on - ly con - fi - dence? That our souls to Him be-
good. Where is His grace and good-ness known? In our great Re-deem-er's
lives!" And what re - ward will heav - en bring? Ev - er - last - ing life with



long. Who holds our days with - in His hand? What comes, a -
blood. Who holds our faith when fears a - rise? Who stands a -
Him. There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and



part from His com-mand? And what will keep us to the
bove the storm - y trial? Who sends the waves that bring us
death will be de - stroyed, And we will feast in end - less



end? The love of Christ, in which we stand. ____
nigh un - to the shore, the rock of Christ ____ O sing ha - le-
joy, When Christ is ours for - ev - er - more. ____



lu-jah! Our hope springs e - ter - nal; O sing ha - le - lu - jah! Now and



ev - er we con - fess Christ our hope in life and death.

• The Preached Word •

Title: *From Strength to Strength*

Text: Psalm 84

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Providing a Home

Members of the Week:

Chandler, Kristen & Bear Vaughn
Stewart, Shannon, Stewart & Sloan Vernon
Jackie Wachob
Helen Watson

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

Newborns: Reed Gossett, 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 (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: Children's Ministry

Partnering with Ministries

Missionary of the Week: Trey & Kiki Adams (MTW): Church Planting in
Bangkok, Thailand

Sister Church of the Week: New Life Presbyterian Church (Tifton)

Local Ministry Partner of the Week: Covenant Care Adoptions

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).

Adult Summer Reading Groups

9:30 - 10:30 AM

Members and regular attendees have been assigned a recommended group, but you are welcome to attend any group you like.

- Reading Group 1: Fellowship Hall
- Reading Group 2: Modular Classroom 1
- Reading Group 3: Modular Classroom 2

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 - Fruit of the Spirit: Peace

Wednesday Nights @ NMPC

Plan to join us this **Wednesday, June 3**, for Summer Fellowship!
Children, youth, & adults will be all together to meet our summer youth interns
Dinner is \$7/adults/teen, \$3/child, family max \$20.

Menu: Fried Chicken Tenders, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, 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.

Summer Fellowships - We will gather on Wednesdays this summer at 6:00 PM for dinner, followed by a lesson/report/special event for all ages. Here is our schedule through June:

- June 3: Hymn Sing in the Sanctuary
- June 10: Hannah Huyck missionary report
- June 17: Pastor Hunter teaching
- June 24: TBD
- July 1: No meeting for the July 4th holiday

Summer Splash (June 19th, 11 am - 2 pm) - Beat the summer heat with NMPC Kids! Join us for an afternoon of water fun for all ages. We'll have a water slide for the older kids and a splash pad for toddlers. Pack a lunch, bring your towel and invite a friend! Register now on REALM.

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).

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



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.

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.