

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

August 2, 2026



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship
Sunday, August 2, 2026

*Follow my example,
as I follow the example of Christ.
1 Corinthians 11:1*

Preclude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalms 96:1-4, 9

Pastor: Sing to the LORD a new song! Sing to the LORD, all the earth!

People: Sing to the LORD! Praise his name! Proclaim his salvation day after day!

Pastor: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples!

People: For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise. He is to be feared above all gods.

Pastor: Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness. Tremble before him, all the earth.

*Praise Hymn

#302-Come Christians, Join to Sing

** 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

Belgic Confession, Article 30

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe about the government of the church?

People: We believe that a true church
ought to be governed according to the spiritual order
that our Lord has taught us in his Word:

There should be ministers or pastors
to preach the Word of God
and administer the sacraments.
There should also be elders and deacons,
along with the pastors,
to make up the council of the church.

By this means
true religion is preserved;
true doctrine is able to take its course;
and evil people are corrected spiritually and held in check,
so that also the poor and all the afflicted
may be helped and comforted according to their need.

By this means
everything will be done well and in good order in the church,
when such persons are elected
who are faithful and are chosen according to the rule
that Paul gave to Timothy. Amen.

The Belgic Confession was composed in 1561 by Guido de Brés. It was adopted at the Synod of Dordt in 1619 as one of the doctrinal standards to which all office bearers in the Reformed churches were required to subscribe. The confession stands as one of the best symbolical statements of Reformed doctrine.

*Hymn

#347 – *The Church's One Foundation*
vs. 1-4

Call to Prayer

Hebrews 13:17

Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.

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

Speak, O Lord

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

Qualifications for Officers

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

1 Timothy 3:1-16

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

*Hymn of Response

*My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness
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.

*Doxology

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

My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness

Townend and Getty

My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who bore my pain;
My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who walks be - side;
My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who reigns a - bove;
Who plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and gave me life a - gain;
Who floods my weak-ness - es with strength and caus-es fears to fly.
Whose wis - dom is my per-fect peace, whose ev - 'ry thought is love.
Who crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness and clothed me with his light
Whose ev - 'ry pro - mise is e - nough for ev - 'ry step I take.
For ev - 'ry day I have on earth is giv - en by the King.
and wrote his law of right-eous - ness with pow'r up - on my heart.
Sus - tain - ing me with arms of love and crown - ing me with grace.
So I will give my life, my all, to love and fol - low Him.

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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: *Qualifications for Officers*

Text: 1 Timothy 3:1-18

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Providing a Home

Members: Phil & Tina Davies
 Carol Dawson
 Susan & Lauren deBey
 Peggy DeFore

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

Newborns: Reed Gosett, Isaac Martin, Tommy Swicegood, Shepherd Henning

Recovering: Bess Baker (stroke); Charlie Parrish (transplant)

Bereaved: Fiona Leggett (mom); Donna Rohn (Terry); Sandy Manwaring (Dick); Reba Hudson (son); Cindy Gibson (Jamic); Rebecca Lober (mom & Bill); Joan Barr (grandson); Jackie Wachob (Chuck); Ron Henning (dad & mom); Lee Mumford (Aunt Tyresa); Rick Moran (Julie); Jack Pyles (cousin); Rana Munna (mom)

Caring for Loved Ones: Kathy Pyc (mom); Phil Davies (Tina); Skip Yetter (Debbie); Monni Parrish (dad; Charlie); Joseph Egloff (mom); Margaret Rogers (mom); Rod Baker (Bess)

Proclaiming the Gospel

Church's Leaders: The Session, Diaconate, and Staff

Ministry of the Week: Men's Ministry

Partnering with Ministries

Missionary of the Week: Clay & Hannah Jones (SHELTER): leading a faith-based nonprofit building homes in El Salvador (learn more at www.shelterhelps.com)

Sister Church of the Week: Dayspring Presbyterian (Forsyth)

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).*

Sunday Adult Communities

Fall Term Begins Sunday, August 16!

9:30 - 10:30 AM

*We offer 4 season-of-life based Sunday Communities for adults at NMPC:
20s-30s (Daniel); 30s-50 (John); 50s-60s (Isaiah); and 66+ (John).*

*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 - On Summer Break
- Wednesday Night, 6:30 pm - On Summer Break
- Thursday Morning, 6:45 am - On Summer Break

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 - On Summer Break

Wednesday Nights @ NMPC

Our Wednesday Night Dinner & Classes will resume on August 19 with an all church gathering for our *"New Ministry-year Showcase!"* Come learn the 'why, what, & how' of the ministries of our church as we begin a new year of worship, growth, service, & mission together!

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.

Upcoming Sunday School Schedule (9:30-10:30 AM):

- Sunday, August 9 - churchwide prayer in the Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, August 16 - Fall semester begins

Officer Nominations - Communing members of NMPC are encouraged to prayerfully consider whom they might nominate for the offices of elder and deacon. Please submit your nomination form by Sun, Aug 23rd. Nomination forms are in the narthex.

Ladies' Vision Luncheon 2026 - Ladies, please join us immediately following worship on **Sunday, August 16th** for our Women's Ministry Vision Luncheon. We will enjoy a lovely lunch together as we look at our ministry's purpose and plans for the next year. There is a place for you to serve and enjoy fellowship with your sisters in Christ right here at NMPC! Please register on Realm or call the church office to make a reservation before August 10.

Men's Kickoff Breakfast - Attention men! Will you plan to attend the **Men's Kickoff Breakfast** on Saturday, August 22nd at 8am in the Fellowship Hall? This will be a special time where we can build relationships with one another, while enjoying a hearty country breakfast prepared by our own Susan Robertson and her team. We will also learn about upcoming opportunities and events just for our men and hear Rev. Eric Freel introduce the men's ministry theme for the upcoming year. If you are a junior in high school or older, you are invited. Register on Realm or at the sign-up table in the Narthex.

Flowers – The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Paul Robertson on his birthday by his family.



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*
Jake Adams, *Director of Student Ministries*
Melanie Buckner, *Music Director*

Megan Cathey, *Children's Ministry Director*
Kathy Pye, *Church Secretary*
Monni Parrish, *Admin, Pianist & Financial Director*
Holly Shepley, *North Macon Preschool Director*

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