

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

July 26, 2026



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship
Sunday, July 26, 2026

*Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!
Romans 11:33*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 97:1-6

Pastor: The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad! Let the distant shores rejoice!
People: **Clouds and thick darkness surround him; righteousness and justice
are the foundation of his throne.**
Pastor: Fire goes before him and consumes his foes on every side.
People: **His lightning lights up the world; the earth sees and trembles.**
Pastor: The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all
the earth.
People: **The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his
glory.**

*Praise Hymn

#38–Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

** 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

Apostles Creed

PASTOR: Christian, what do you believe?

ALL: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell*;
the third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church**,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 50. What did Christ's humiliation after his death consist of?
Christ's humiliation after his death consisted in his being buried and continuing in the state
of the dead and under the power of death until the third day, which has also been
expressed in these words: "He descended into hell."*

***The words, the holy catholic church, do not refer to the Roman Catholic Church but to the universal
body of Christ, that is, all true believers in every time and place who are united to Christ by faith.)*

*The Apostles' Creed was not written by the apostles but is a summary of their teachings.
It dates back to the 4th century and has been used by the church to identify believers,
instruct new converts, and provide a confession of faith for worship.*

Call to Confession

Isaiah 55:8-9

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Corporate Confession

O great and everlasting God, Who dwells in unapproachable light, Who searches and knows the thoughts and intentions of the heart; we confess that we have not loved you with all our heart, nor with all our soul, nor with all our mind, nor with all our strength; nor our neighbors as ourselves. We have loved what we ought not to have loved; we have coveted what is not ours; we have not been content with Your provisions for us. We have complained in our hearts about our family, about our friends, about our health, about our occupations, about Your church, and about our trials. We have sought our security in those things which perish, rather than in You, the Everlasting God. Chasten, cleanse, and forgive us, through Jesus Christ, who is able for all time to save us who approach You through him, since he always lives to make intercession for us. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Isaiah 1:18

Come now, let us settle the matter, says the LORD. Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.

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 21:28-46

*Hymn of Preparation

Jesus, Your Mercy

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Je - sus, Your mer - cy is all my plea. I have no de - fense, my
Je - sus, Your mer - cy is all my boast, the good - ness I claim the
Je - sus, Your mer - cy is all my rest, when fears weigh me down and
Je - sus, Your mer - cy is all my joy. For - e - ver I'll lift my
guilt runs too deep. The best of my works pierced Your
grounds of my hope. What - ev - er I lack it's still
en - e - mies press. A com - fort I cling to in
heart and my voice, to sing of a trea - sure no
hands and Your feet. Je - sus, Your mer - cy is all my plea. vs. 2
what I need most. Je - sus, Your mer - cy is all my boast.
life and in death. Je - sus, Your mer - cy is all my rest.
pow'r can de - stroy. Je - sus, Your mer - cy is all my joy.

9 Chorus
Praise the King who bore my sin, took my place when I stood con - demned.

13
Oh how good You've al - ways been to me. I will sing of Your mer - cy.

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

How Should We Think about Israel Today? Rev. Hunter Stevenson
Romans 11:1-36

*Hymn of Response

#455 - And Can It Be
vs. 1, 3-5

*Benediction

Romans 16:20

The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you. 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.

• The Preached Word •

Title: *How Should We Think About Israel Today?*

Text: Romans 11:1-36

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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
 - Covenant Care Adoptions (promoting Christian adoption)
 - Freedom Coalition of Middle Georgia (caring for trafficking victims)
 - Campus Clubs (tutoring & discipling lower-income students)

Providing a Home

Members of the Week:

Trey & Tricia Copeland
Bryan, Meredith, Hunter, Rhett & Madison Covert
Seaborn, Shannon, Christian & Conner Crosby
Larry & Cathy Crumbley

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)

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: Children's Ministry

Partnering with Ministries

Missionary of the Week: Tomo & Juliana Ito (Sacred Roads Ministry): serving as
the director of the team that is replicating SRM's
ministry in WA on the Warm Springs Reservation in
Oregon.

Sister Church of the Week: Macon Korean Presbyterian (Macon)

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).

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 - 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 - Fruit of the Spirit: Peace

Wednesday Nights @ NMPC

Plan to join us this **Wednesday, July**, for Summer Fellowship! Children, youth, & adults will be meet together to recognize Bryce Little. Dinner is \$7/adults/teen, \$3/child, family max \$20.

Menu: Taco Salad, Black Beans & 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.

Last Summer Fellowships - We will gather on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM for our last Summer Fellowship of the summer. Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM, and then we will recognize Bryce Little for his 3 years of ministry to our students and bid farewell to our summer youth interns, Bella Baker and Connor Crosby.

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

- Sunday, August 2 - last discussion of the summer book
- 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.



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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*
Jake Adams, *Director of Student Ministries*

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.