

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

July 5, 2026



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship
Sunday, July 5, 2026

*Every good and perfect gift is from above,
coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights,
who does not change like shifting shadows.
James 1:17*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 46

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble.

People: **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.**

Pastor: The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

People: **He says, 'Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.'**

Pastor: The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

*Praise Hymn

#92 - *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

*Invocation

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

* *those who are able please stand*

Please turn off all cellular devices during the worship service

We believe that because of the depravity of the human race
our good God has ordained kings, princes, and civil officers.
God wants the world to be governed by laws and policies so that
human lawlessness may be restrained and
that everything may be conducted in good order among human beings.
For that purpose God has placed the sword in the hands of the government,
to punish evil people and protect the good.

And being called in this manner to contribute
to the advancement of society that is pleasing to God,
the civil rulers have the task, subject to God's law,
of removing every obstacle to the preaching of the gospel and
to every aspect of divine worship.

They should do this
while completely refraining from every tendency toward exercising
absolute authority,
and while functioning in the sphere entrusted to them,
with the means belonging to them.

They should do it in order that
the Word of God may have free course;
the kingdom of Jesus Christ may make progress;
and every anti-Christian power may be resisted.

Moreover everyone, regardless of status, condition, or rank,
must be subject to the government, and pay taxes,
and hold its representatives in honor and respect,
and obey them in all things that are not in conflict with God's Word,
praying for them,
that the Lord may be willing to lead them in all their ways,
and that we may live a peaceful and quiet life,
in all piety and decency. 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.

Call to Confession

James 1:22-25

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

Corporate Confession

from the Ten Commandments

Lord, we have been a stiff-necked people who have been unfaithful. We have loved other gods before you and have become their slaves. We have not worshipped you in Spirit and in truth, and so we have mocked your glory. We have used your name in vain and profaned your reputation on earth. We have desecrated the Lord's Day because we have not trusted you to give us rest. We have not honored our fathers and mothers, and so we have proved ourselves rebels. We have hated our neighbors and murdered them in our hearts. We have made adulterers of ourselves in the lust of our eyes and in the deeds of our flesh. We have stolen honor and wealth and privileges that are not ours. We have lied and falsely accused, for we have loved gossip more than truth. We have coveted blessings you wisely and righteously gave to others. O LORD, have mercy on us for we have not kept your good and holy law. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us all our sins. Renew us and lead us by your Holy Spirit so that we may delight in your law and walk joyfully in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Romans 3:21-22

*But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known,
to which the Law and the Prophets testify.
This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.*

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

#164 - *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*
vs. 1-5

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 Truth Will Set You Free
John 8:32

Rev. Eric Freel

*Hymn of Response

#98 - *Now Thank We All Our God*

***Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up the light of his countenance upon you, give you peace, both now and forevermore. 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: *The Trust Will Set You Free*

Text: John 8:32

Pastor: Eric Freel

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:

Brad, Shannon, Lexi & Sara Bibb
Steven, Jill, Anderson, Isaiah, Lowndes & Nolan Bloodworth
John & Dianne Bowman
Larry & LuAnn Breed

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 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); Rick Moran (Julie)

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: Student Ministry

Partnering with Ministries

Missionary of the Week: Jonas & Christian Davison (MTW): serving in
worship, discipleship, teaching, hospitality, and
shepherding ministries as part of a church on the
northeast side of Tokyo Bay

Sister Church of the Week: Lake Oconee Presbyterian (Eatonton)

Local Ministry Partner of the Week: PCA Committee on Discipleship Ministries

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 (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 on **Wednesday, July 8th**, for Summer Fellowship!
Children, youth, & adults will be together to hear a report from our Sacred Road Mission Team!
Dinner is \$7/adults/teen, \$3/child, family max \$20.

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 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 for all ages. Here is our schedule for the rest of the summer:

- July 8: Sacred Road Mission Team report
- July 15: SweatFest report
- July 22: Hunter teaching

NMPC Kids Summer Skating-Lace up your skates for an afternoon of fun! Meet us at Level Up Roller Rink on **Friday, July 10th** from 1-4 pm. Cost is \$15 per skater. Register on REALM or contact Megan Cathey.

Space Mission VBS-Blast off for adventure as we seek to know and worship our Lord and Creator! VBS will be held July 20-24 and is open to rising 4K-6th grade. Register on REALM or contact Megan Cathey

Finances (6/30) -Income: \$694,448 Faith Promise 2026 Pledged: \$ 107,770
Expenses: \$661,492 Faith Promise Receipts: \$ 87,636



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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.