

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

August 16, 2026



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship
Sunday, August 16, 2026

*The LORD is in his holy temple;
let all the earth be silent before him.
Habakkuk 2:20*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalms 99:1-3, 9

Pastor: The LORD reigns. Let the nations tremble.

People: **He sits enthroned between the cherubim. Let the earth shake.**

Pastor: Great is the LORD in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations.

People: **Let them praise your great and awesome name—He is holy.**

Pastor: Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his holy mountain, for the LORD our God is holy.

*Opening Hymn

#100 – Holy, Holy, Holy

** 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

Romans 8:1-2, 28-30, 38-39

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe?

We believe that there is now no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus,
because through Christ Jesus,
the law of the Spirit of life
set us free from the law of sin and death.

And we know that in all things
God works for the good of those who love him,
who have been called according to his purpose.
For those God foreknew he also predestined
to be conformed to the likeness of his Son,
that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.
And those he predestined, he also called;
those he called, he also justified;
those he justified, he also glorified.

For we are convinced
that neither death nor life,
neither angels nor heavenly rulers,
neither the present nor the future,
nor any powers,
neither height nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

He Will Hold Me Fast

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1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
 2. *Those He saves are His de-light,* Christ will hold me fast;
 3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;

When the tempt - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.
Pre - cious in his ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.
 Just - ice has been sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast.

I could nev - er keep my hold through life's fear - ful path;
He'll not let my soul be lost; His prom - is - es shall last;
 Raised with Him to end - less life, He will hold me fast

For my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me fast.
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
 'till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

For my Sa - vior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

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Call to Confession

Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

Corporate Confession

Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the evil desires of our own hearts. We have willingly broken your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive us all of our sins. Turn our wandering hearts back to you, and lead us by your Holy Spirit in the way of righteousness, holiness, and truth.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

2 Corinthians 5:21

*God made him who had no sin to be sin for us,
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

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

Hebrews 10:32 - 11:2

*Hymn of Preparation

#508 – *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

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

An Introduction to Habakkuk
Habakkuk 1-3

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

*Hymn of Response

Ancient of Days
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*Benediction

2 Thessalonians 3:16

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way.
The Lord be with all of you. Amen.

*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

Ancient of Days



1. Though the na - tions rage, king - doms rise and fall, there is still one
 2. Though the dread of night o - ver - whelms my soul, he is here with
 3. Though I may not see what the fu - ture brings, I will watch and



King reign - ing o - ver all. So I will not fear, for this truth re -
 me, I am not a - lone. Oh, his love is sure, and he knows my
 wait for the Sav - ior King. Then, my joy com - plete, stand - ing face to



mains: that my God is the An - cient of Days. None a - bove him, none be -
 name, for my God is the An - cient of Days.
 face in the pre - sence of the An - cient of Days.



fore him; all of time in his hands. For his throne, it shall re - main and ev - er



stand. All the pow - er, all the glo - ry, I will trust in his



name, for my God is the An - cient of Days.

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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: *An Introduction to Habakkuk*

Text: Habakkuk 1-3

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

- A. 1st complaint (1:2-4): *how long must I wait for Your justice?*
- B. 1st answer (1:5-11): *the unstoppable army of Babylon!*
- C. 2nd complaint (1:12-17): *how can a just God employ a wicked instrument?*
- D. CENTER (2:1-5): ***wait for it; the wicked will be punished; meanwhile, the righteous will live by faith***
- C'. 2nd answer (2:6-20): *5 woes upon the wicked—justice is coming!*
- B'. Final answer (3:1-15): *the unstoppable army of the LORD!*
- A'. Final resolution (3:16-19): *I will wait for the LORD.*

Providing a Home

- Members: Bill & Glenda Eaves
Joseph Egloff, Rana Munna
Rhett, Joyce & Sara Rhett Farmer
Caroline Fleming
- Expecting: Bonnie Andree (10/2) & Hali Leskosky (10/28)
- Newborns: Charlotte Garrison, 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 (Jamie); Rebecca Lober (mom &
Bill); Joan Barr (grandson); Jackie Wachob (Chuck); Ron Henning
(dad & mom); Lee Mumford (Aunt Tyresa); Rick Moran (Julie);
Marshall Keen (son); 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: Women's Ministry

Partnering with Ministries

- Missionary of the Week: Bryan & Megan Moore (MTW): church planting in
the Freiburg-area in southwest Germany
- Sister Church of the Week: Houston Lake Presbyterian (Kathleen)
- Local Ministry Partner of the Week: Freedom Collective of Middle Georgia

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 Today 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 – 1 & 2 Kings (starting soon!)
- Tuesday, noon – “Brown Bag Theology” (*The Shorter Catechism Made Simple*)
- Wednesday Night, 6:30 pm – *The Godly Man's Picture* (starts 8/26)
- Thursday Morning, 6:45 am – *Encounters with Jesus* (starting soon)

Ladies' Bible Studies (all studies meet in the conference room at NMPC)

- Tuesday morning, 10:00 am – *Turn Your Eyes: A Study in the Psalms* (starting soon)
- Wednesday Night, 6:30 pm - *Turn Your Eyes: A Study in the Psalms* (starting soon)
- Friday morning, 10:00 am – *Turn Your Eyes: A Study in the Psalms* (starting soon)

Wednesday Nights @ NMPC

Our Wednesday Night Dinner & Classes will resume this week 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!

Menu: Marry Me Chicken, Cream Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad Bar, & Berry Cobbler

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.

Ladies' Vision Luncheon 2026 - Ladies, please join us immediately following worship **today** 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!

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.

New Ministry-year Showcase - This **Wednesday, August 19th** we will resume our Wednesday Night Activities with an all-church gathering for our New Ministry-year Showcase. Our Children, Youth, Music, Women & Men's ministries will report on how we can grow & serve together. We will also recognize Barbara Gibson for her 35 years of service to our church. ***Please write a note of thanks to Barbara; we will give her these notes & a gift on Wednesday.*** Join us for dinner at 5:45 & the showcase at 6:30.

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.

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.

Finances (7/31) - Income:	\$ 806,038	Faith Promise 2026 Pledged:	\$ 107,770	
	Expenses:	\$ 809,827	Faith Promise Receipts:	\$ 92,337



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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