

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

August 9, 2026



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship
Sunday, August 9, 2026

*For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected
if it is received with thanksgiving.
1 Timothy 4:4*

Preclude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalms 147:1, 4-5, 7-9, 12

Pastor: Praise the LORD!

People: How good it is to sing praise to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him!

Pastor: He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name.

People: Great is our Lord and mighty in power! His understanding has no limit.

Pastor: Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving!

People: He covers the sky with clouds. He supplies the earth with rain and makes grass grow on the hills.

Pastor: He provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they call.

People: Extol the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

*Opening Hymn

#115 – All Creatures of Our God and King
vs. 1, 2, 4 & 5

* 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**

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q. 9, 10, & 1

Pastor: Christian, what is the work of creation?

People: The work of creation is,
God's making all things of nothing,
by the word of his power,
in the space of six days,
and all very good.

Pastor: How did God create man?

People: God created man male and female,
after his own image,
in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness,
with dominion over the creatures.

Pastor: What is the chief end of man?

People: Man's chief end is to glorify God,
and to enjoy him forever. Amen.

The Westminster Shorter Catechism summarizes the teachings of Scripture in a question and answer format. It was comprised at the Westminster Assembly in London (1643-1648), and it sets forth the doctrinal standards of North Macon Presbyterian Church and our denomination, the Presbyterian Church in America.

Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

Corporate Confession

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge before you our sinful nature and our many offenses. We are prone to do evil and slow to do good. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your way, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Lord, we are ashamed and sorry for all the ways that we have displeased you. Father, teach us to hate our rebellious acts, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of your Son. Help us to love you with all our heart and mind and strength. And give us the power of your Holy Spirit so that we may walk in your ways and serve you all our days. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Isaiah 43:25

*I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions,
for my own sake,
and remembers your sins no more.*

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Mr. Jake Adams

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

Come Thou Fount

Robinson/Brown



Come thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;
 O that day, when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy love - ly face;
 streams of mer - cy ne - ver ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee.
 cloth - ed then in blood washed lin - en, how I'll sing Thy sov - 'reign grace.
 Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:
 Prone to wan - der — Lord, I feel it — prone to leave the God I love:
 Come, my Lord, no long - er tar - ry, take my ran - somed soul a - way;
 praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
 send Thine an - gels now to car - ry me to realms of end - less day.

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.

*Hymn of Response

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death
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*Benediction

Jude 24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and dominion, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! 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

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: *Applying a Reformational Worldview to AI*

Text: Colossians 1:15-20

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Providing a Home

- Members: Cathc Dondes
James & Amy Drummond
John Dukes
Lonnie & Donna Dyc
- 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); 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: Missions Committee

Partnering with Ministries

- Missionary of the Week: Brent Kooi (MTW): pursuing young adult discipleship & student ministry in Sydney, Australia.
- Sister Church of the Week: First Presbyterian (Macon)
- Local Ministry Partner of the Week: RUF Mercer (Marlin Harris, Mallory Griffin, Andrew Burckhalter)

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 – 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 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.

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.



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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*
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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