

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

October 4, 2026



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship
Sunday, October 4, 2026

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!
2 Corinthians 9:15

Preclude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 98:1-2, 4-6

Pastor: Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

People: **The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.**

Pastor: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth! Burst into jubilant song with music!

People: **Make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn.**

Pastor: Shout for joy before the LORD, the King!

*Opening Hymn

#53 – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

** 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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Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

God is Worthy of Our Praise

*Praise the Lord, praise God in His sanctuary. Praise the Lord, praise God who reigns above.
Praise the Lord with heart and voice! Let earth and heaven rejoice,
for God is worthy of our praise.*

*Praise the Lord, praise God in His sanctuary. Praise the Lord, praise God who reigns above.
Praise Him for His mighty deeds; He knows our every need. 'The Lord is worthy of our praise!*

*Praise the Lord with trumpet sound. Let the lute and harp resound in worship to the Lord.
Play the timbrel, strings and pipe; dance and chant, let every type of music praise the Lord.*

*Praise the Lord with joyous song; crashing cymbals loud and strong in worship to the Lord.
Let every instrument be raised; let every voice ring out in praise with music to the Lord.*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Praise the Lord with heart and voice! Let earth and heaven rejoice,
for God is worthy of our praise, our highest praise!*

Text adapted from Psalm 150

***Hymn of Preparation**

#521- My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

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

Resting and Rejoicing
Habakkuk 3:16-19

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

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**

#691-It Is Well with My Soul

***Benediction**

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. 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**

An Outline of Habakkuk

by David Dorsey

- 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.*

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: *Resting & Rejoicing*

Text: Habakkuk 3:16-19

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Providing a Home

- Members: Charles & Kelley Hall
Betty Ham
Neal & Willa Ham
Becky Harman
- Expecting: Bonnie Andree (10/7) & Hali Leskosky (10/28)
- Newborns: Charlotte Garrison, Reed Gossett, Isaac Martin, Tommy Swicgood, 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: Mission's Committee

Partnering with Ministries

- Missionary of the Week: Julian & Rachel Bacon (MTW): church planting in Brussels Belgium
- Sister Church of the Week: Christ Community Presbyterian (Thomasville)
- 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).

Sunday Adult Communities 9:30 - 10:30 AM

We offer 5 season-of-life based Sunday Communities for adults at NMPC: College & Career (Mark); 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 – 1st & 2nd Kings (starts 9/6)
Tuesday at Noon – “Brown Bag Theology”: *The Shorter Catechism Made Simple*
Wednesday Night, 6:30 pm – *The Godly Man's Picture*
Thursday Morning, 6:45 am – *Encounters with Jesus*

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

Tuesday morning, 10:00 am - *Turn Your Eyes*
Wednesday Night, 6:30 pm - *Turn Your Eyes*
Friday morning, 10:00 am – *Turn Your Eyes*

Wednesday Nights @ NMPC

Join us for dinner with the church family at 5:45, then stay for small groups and Bible studies for children, youth and adults from 6:30-7:30. Along with the studies mentioned above, Rev. Eric Freel will be leading a Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall.
Dinner is \$7/adults/teen, \$3/child, with a family max \$20.

Menu: Sausage Egg & Cheese Casserole, Bacon, Grits, Biscuits, Fruit and Yogurt Bar.

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@nmpc.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.

Men Helping Feed Middle Georgia - Our men's ministry is seeking 16 men to serve at the Middle Georgia Food Bank on Thursday, October 29th from 10:30am to 2:30pm where, we will prepare food boxes for local families who have a need. Lunch will be provided. Will you consider being part of this effort to serve others in our community? See Charlie Parrish or Owen Freel for more information. Register at the sign-up table in the Narthex or on Realm.

New Members Class - If you are interested in learning more about NMPC or becoming a member, you are invited to attend the New Members Class. The class consists of two Sunday night meetings, **November 8th & 15th from 5:30 - 7:45 PM.** Dinner & childcare are provided. (We can offer makeup sessions if you have a conflict one evening.)

Celebrating the Lord's Supper - The middle sections will come down the *center aisle* to receive the elements and will return to their seats via the interior aisles. The outer sections will come down the *outside aisles* and return via the interior aisles. For those with mobility issues, please raise your hand and make eye contact with Elder Matt Shepley; he will bring the elements to you in your seat. Please hold the elements until everyone has been served so that we can partake together. There is a description of the worshipers who are invited to participate in the sacrament on page 5 in the bulletin.

Flowers - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jerry Willis by Cheryl Willis.

Security & Ushers (10/11): Team 9: Charlie Pyc, Hampton Johnson, Ed Grimsley, Tyler Kelly & Charlie Parrish

Finances (8/31) - Income:	\$ 914,662	Faith Promise 2026 Pledged:	\$ 107,770
Expenses:	\$ 921,083	Faith Promise Receipts:	\$ 95,316



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

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*
Abigail Stevenson, *Girls Discipleship Coordinator*

Megan Cathey, *Children's Ministry Director*
Melanie Buckner, *Music Director*
Kathy Pye, *Church Secretary*
Monni Parrish, *Admin, Pianist & Financial Director*
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.