

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship



November 1, 2026



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship
Sunday, November 1, 2026

*Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.
Psalm 46:10*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Bob Brunson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 18:1-3

Pastor: I love you, O LORD, my strength!

People: The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer. My God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.

Pastor: He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

People: I call to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies.

*Opening Hymn

#77 – Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

* 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

Belgic Confession 20

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe?

People: We believe that God
—who is perfectly merciful and also very just—
sent his Son to assume the nature
in which the disobedience had been committed,
in order to bear in it the punishment of sin
by his most bitter passion and death.

So God made known his justice toward his Son,
who was charged with our sin,
and he poured out his goodness and mercy on us,
who are guilty, and worthy of damnation,
giving to us his Son to die, by a most perfect love,
and raising him to life, for our justification,
in order that by him
we might have immortality and eternal life. 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.

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Newton, Tomlin, and Giglio



1. A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a_ wretch like me.
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re - lieved.
 3. Through ma - ny dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - rea - dy come;
 4. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright shin - ing as the sun,

I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see. (to v. 2)
 How pre - cious did the grace ap - pear; the hour I first be - lieved.
 'tis grace that brough me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first be - gun.

Chorus: My chains are ____ gone. I've been set ____ free. My God, my
 Sav - ior has ran - somed ____ me. And like a ____ flood His mer - cy
 ____ rains, un - end - ing love, ____ a - maz - ing grace. ____

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Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say, Israel, “My way is hidden from the Lord; my cause is disregarded by my God”?

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

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

*Hymn of Preparation

#500 – Rock of Ages

Prayer for Covenant Children

Rev. Bob Brunson

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.

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**

In Christ Alone
printed on page 6

***Benediction**

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. 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**

In Christ Alone

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1. In Christ a-lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
2. In Christ a-lone, who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help-less babe!
3. There in the ground His bod-y lay, Light of the world by dark-ness slain;
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;

This Cor-ner-stone, this sol-id ground, firm through the fierc-est drought and storm.
This gift of love and right-eous-ness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
Then burst-ing forth in glo-rious day, up from the grave He rose a-gain!
From life's first cry to fin-al breath, Je-sus com-mands my des-ti-ny.

What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-ings cease.
'Til on that cross as Je-sus died the wrath of God was sat-is-fied.
And as He stands in vic-to-ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev-er pluck me from His hand;

My Com-for-ter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
For ev'-ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the prec-ious blood of Christ.
'Til He re-tURNS or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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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: *The End of Self-Reliance*

Text: Genesis 32

Pastor: Jake Adams

Providing a Home

- Members: Pat Jenkins
Glen & Helen Johnson
Hampton Johnson
Paul Johnson
- Newborns: Ella Burns Leskosky, Archer Andree, Charlotte Garrison, Reed Gossett, Isaac Martin, Tommy Swicegood
- 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); Rana Munna (mom); Amy Peed (Dad); Davey Deal (mom)
- Caring for Loved Ones: Kathy Pye (mom); Phil Davies (Tina); Skip Yetter (Debbie); Monni Parrish (dad; Charlie); Joseph Egloff (mom); Margaret Rogers (mom); Rod Baker (Bess); Amy Peed (Mom)

Proclaiming the Gospel

- Church's Leaders: The Session, Diaconate, and Staff
- Ministry of the Week: North Macon Preschool

Partnering with Ministries

- Missionary of the Week: Jonas & Christina 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: Central Georgia Presbytery

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

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: Chicken Spaghetti, Salad Bar & 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@nmpc.net and she will add you to the distribution list. She can also assist you with NMPC's app, Realm Connect.

Celebrating the Lord's Supper - The middle sections will come down the *center aisle* to receive the elements and 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.

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's Chili Cookoff— Guys, plan now to join us Saturday, **November 7**, at 6 PM, at the home of Cal Garretson for our Men's Chili Cookoff. Bring a pot of your finest recipe and enjoy a selection of delicious options, along with a side of fun, fellowship, and encouragement in the Lord with the men of NMPC. Register by scanning the QR code.



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.) Register by scanning the QR code. Notebooks are available for pick up in the narthex by Pastor Hunter's office.



Parents Morning Out – Mark Your Calendar for **November 14th** (9 am – noon) where children will enjoy a morning of games, crafts and fun and parents will enjoy a morning to themselves! All ages up to 5th grade welcome. Register by scanning the QR code.



Security & Ushers (11/8): Team 4: Russel Freel, Richard Fyke, Owen Freel & Nate Martin



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*

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