

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship



October 25, 2026



NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship
Sunday, October 25, 2026

*Our help is in the name of the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.
Psalm 124:8*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 148

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens:

People: Praise him, all his angels and all his heavenly hosts. Praise him, sun and moon and all you shining stars. Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies. Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

Pastor: Praise the LORD from the earth:

People: Praise him, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths. Praise him, lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding. Praise him, you mountains and hills, fruit trees and cedars, wild animals and cattle, small creatures and flying birds.

Pastor: Praise him, kings of the earth and all nations; praise him, you princes and all rulers; praise him, young men and maidens, old men and children.

People: Let them all praise the name of the LORD! For his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens. Praise the LORD!

** 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.*

Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him



Praise the Lord: ye heav'ns a - dore him, praise him, an - gels, in — the
Praise the Lord, for he is glo - rious; ne - ver shall his pro - mise
 Wor - ship, hon - or, glo - ry, bless - ing, Lord, we of - fer un - to
 height; sun and moon re - joice be - fore — him; praise him all ye
fail: God hath made his saints vic - to - rious; sin and death shall
 thee; young and old, — thy praise ex - press - ing, in glad hom - age
 stars of light. Praise the Lord, for he hath spo - ken; worlds his
not — pre - vail. Praise the God of our sal - va - tion; hosts on
 bend the knee. All the saints in heav'n a - dore thee; we would
 might - y voice o - beyed: laws — which ne - ver shall be
high, his pow'r pro - claim; heav'n and earth and all — cre -
 bow — be - fore — thy throne: as — thine an - gels serve be -
 bro - ken for their guid - dance hath he made.
a - tion, laud and mag - ni - fy his name.
 fore — — — — — thee, so on earth — thy will be done.

*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism #26

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe when you say in the Apostles' Creed:
"I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth"?

We believe that the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ—
 who out of nothing created heaven and earth
 and everything in them,
 and who still upholds and rules them
 by His eternal counsel and providence—
is my God and Father
 because of Jesus Christ His Son.

I trust Him so much that I do not doubt
 that He will provide whatever I need for body and soul,
 and He will turn to my good
 whatever adversity He sends me in this sad world.

He is able to do this because He is Almighty God;
He desires to do this because He is a faithful Father. Amen.

*The Heidelberg Catechism was composed in Heidelberg, Germany in 1563.
It has been translated into many European, Asian, and African languages,
and is the most widely used and most warmly praised catechism of the Reformation period.*

*Hymn of Praise

#111 – *This Is My Father's World*

Indeed, there is no one on earth who is righteous, no one who does what is right and never sins.

Corporate Confession

written by John Knox

Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence, because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from you, if you dealt with us as we deserve. We have sinned against you, O Lord, and we have offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you. And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your Son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our life, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Psalm 130:7-8

Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

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**

#672 – Trust and Obey
Vs. 1, 3-5

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

*An Introduction to 2 Peter
2 Peter 1-3*

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

***Hymn of Response**

*O Great God
printed on page 6*

***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.

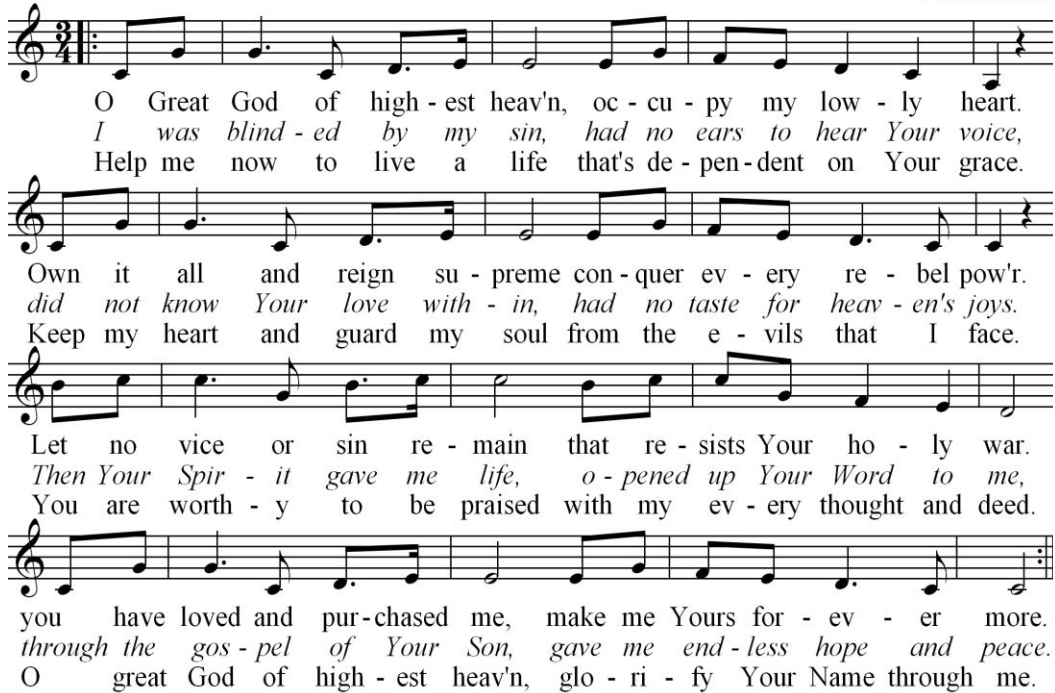
***Doxology**

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**

O Great God

Bob Kauflin



O Great God of high - est heav'n, oc - cu - py my low - ly heart.
I was blind - ed by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,
Help me now to live a life that's de - pen - dent on Your grace.

Own it all and reign su - preme con - quer ev - ery re - bel pow'r.
did not know Your love with - in, had no taste for heav - en's joys.
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the e - vils that I face.

Let no vice or sin re - main that re - sists Your ho - ly war.
Then Your Spir - it gave me life, o - pened up Your Word to me,
You are worth - y to be praised with my ev - ery thought and deed.

you have loved and pur - chased me, make me Yours for - ev - er more.
through the gos - pel of Your Son, gave me end - less hope and peace.
O great God of high - est heav'n, glo - ri - fy Your Name through me.

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 of 2 Peter*

Text: 2 Peter 1-3

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Providing a Home

- Members: Eric, Jennifer & Benjamin Hornick; Nicholas & Abigail McCullough
Reba Hudson
Charles & Patricia Hughes
Tommy & Lolly James
- Newborns: Archer Andree, Charlotte Garrison, Reed Gossett, 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 (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: Youth Ministry

Partnering with Ministries

- Missionary of the Week: Rodney & Jana Davilla (MTW): church planting in
El Salvador
- Sister Church of the Week: St. Andrews Presbyterian (Columbus)
- 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 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: Fish Fry, French Fries, Hushpuppies, Cole Slaw & Lemon Delight

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'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. ***Notbooks 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.



Flowers – The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Charles & Myra Bakers 45th wedding anniversary.

Security & Ushers (11/1): Team 3: Bryan Settle, Anderson Bloodworth, Shane Self & Rick Moran

Finances (9/30) - Income:	\$ 1,093,566	Faith Promise 2026 Pledged:	\$ 107,770
Expenses:	\$ 1,044,970	Faith Promise Receipts:	\$ 98,981



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*
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.