

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

November 15, 2026

NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship
Sunday, November 15, 2026

But grow in the grace and knowledge
of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
2 Peter 3:18a

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship Psalm 84:1-2, 10-12

Pastor: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD Almighty!
People: My soul yearns, even faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.
Pastor: Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere.
People: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
Pastor: For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.
People: O LORD Almighty, blessed is the man who trusts in you.

***Opening Hymn** #101 – *Come Thou Almighty King*

** 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.

***Invocation** Mr. Jake Adams

***Confession of Faith** Westminster Shorter Catechisms, 88-90

Pastor: Christian, what are the outward and ordinary means Christ uses to bring us the benefits of redemption?

People: The outward and ordinary means Christ uses to bring us the benefits of redemption are His ordinances, especially the Word, sacraments, and prayer; all of which are made effective for the salvation of the elect.

Pastor: What makes the Word effective for salvation?

People: The Spirit of God causes the reading, and especially the preaching of the Word, to convince and convert sinners and to build them up in holiness and comfort through faith unto salvation.

Pastor: How is the Word to be read and heard to become effective for salvation?

People: For the Word to become effective for salvation, we must pay careful attention to it, prepare ourselves for it, and pray for understanding. We must also receive it with faith and love, treasure it in our hearts, and practice it in our lives. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise** *#537 – Take Time to Be Holy*

Call to Confession 1 John 1:8-10

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

Corporate Confession

Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your loving kindness is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive us for our frivolous attitude toward life, our callousness towards suffering, our envy of those who have more than we have, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance Psalm 65:3-4

When we were overwhelmed by sins, you forgave our transgressions.
Blessed is the man you choose and bring near to live in your courts!
We are filled with the good things of your house!

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer 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

Scripture Reading Proverbs 2:1-8; 3:13-18

***Hymn of Preparation** *Holy Spirit*

Holy Spirit



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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 Effective and Productive Life* Rev. Hunter Stevenson
2 Peter 1:5-9

***Hymn of Response** *#644 – May the Mind of Christ My Savior*
vs. 1 all, vs. 2 men, vs. 3 women, vs 4-5 all

***Benediction** 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

May God Himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The One who calls you is faithful, and he will do it. 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.*

The Preached Word

Title: *An Effective and Productive Life* **Text:** 2 Peter 1:5-9

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

North Macon Presbyterian Church

NMPC exists 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

- Warm & welcoming to all who come
- Connected & caring for one another
- Vulnerable & gracious with one another

Proclaiming the Gospel

- Christ-centered worship & expository preaching
- Classes for all ages to educate, encourage & equip
- Small Groups to disciple & deepen relationships

Partnering with Ministries

- North Macon Preschool
- 22 Global Missionaries & an Annual Mission Trip
- Central GA Presbytery & the General Assembly of the PCA
- Local Ministry Partners
    - Campus Clubs (tutoring & discipling students in Pleasant Hill)
    - Covenant Care Adoptions (promoting Christian adoption)
    - Freedom Coalition (caring for trafficking victims)
    - Reformed University Fellowship (Mercer, UNG & Columbus State)

Providing a Home

Members: Moses & Mary Lee
Mac, Hali, Elizabeth & Ella Burns Leskosky
Lynn Leverette
Alan & Kathy Little

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 (Jamie); Rebecca Lober (mom & Bill); Joan Barr (grandson); Jackie Wachob (Chuck); Ron Henning (mom & dad); Lee Mumford (Aun 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: Children's Ministry

Partnering with Ministries

Missionary of the Week: Jeff & Jamie G. (MTW): transitioning to a new assignment in Asia after years of service in church planting & pastoral training in the region.

Sister Church of the Week: Penfield Presbyterian (Penfield)

Local Ministry Partner of the Week: PCA Christian Discipleship Ministries

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: Baked potatoes stuffed with beef, 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.

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.

Youth Redneck Roundup – The Redneck Roundup is planned for our 6rh – 12rh grade youth this evening from 6:00 – 8:30 pm at the Garretson Home (7247 Rivoli Road). This will be a great night of food, fellowship & dancing. Register by scanning the QR code.



Lessons and Carols - Please join us for Lessons and Carols on **Wednesday, December 2nd** at 7 pm. This will be a special night of celebrating Christ's first coming. We will sing Christmas carols alongside our children, the Ensemble, and instrumentalists, and be led by the Scriptures to worship Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Ladies' Christmas Dinner – Ladies, please plan to join us on **Wednesday, December 9th** @ 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall for dinner, music and a special presentation. It promises to be a sweet night of Christmas fellowship! Register in the narthex or by scanning the QR code.



Security & Ushers (11/22): Team 6: Hays Fyke, Skylar Gossett, Chase Garrison, Matt Cathey & Rob Morton

Finances (10/30) -Income:	$ 1,226,586	Faith Promise 2026 Pledged:	$ 107,770
Expenses:	$ 1,198,753	Faith Promise Receipts:	$ 105,246

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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.