

THE LORD'S DAY

Worship

November 22, 2026

NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship
Sunday, November 22, 2026

We give thanks to you, O God, we give thanks, for your Name is near;
people tell of your wonderful deeds.
Psalm 75:1

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship Psalm 103:1-8

Pastor: Praise the LORD, O my soul!
People: All my inmost being, praise his holy name!
Pastor: Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits!
People: He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases.
Pastor: He redeems my life from the pit and crowns me with love and compassion.
People: He satisfies my desires with good things, so that my youth is renewed like the eagle's.
Pastor: The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:
People: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

***Opening Hymn** #98 – *Now Thank We All Our God*

***Invocation** Rev. Bob Brunson

** 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** Nicene Creed

Pastor: Christian, what do you believe?

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God;
begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven;
He became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified;
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.

The Nicene Creed is a statement of the orthodox faith of the early Christian church in opposition to certain heresies, especially Arianism, which taught that neither Jesus nor the Holy Spirit were divine. In its present form this creed goes back partially to the Council of Nicea (A.D. 325) with additions by the Council of Constantinople (A.D. 381). It was accepted in its present form at the Council of Chalcedon in 451.

***Hymn of Praise** *#115 – All Creatures of Our God and King*

Corporate Thanksgiving

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!
Men: **His love endures forever!**
Pastor: Give thanks to the God of gods.
Women: **His love endures forever!**
Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord of lords.
All: **His love endures forever!**

Pastor: He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.
Women: **For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;**
Men: **As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**
All: **Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever!**

Pastor: Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.
Men: **The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.**
Women: **You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.**
All: **Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever!**

Pastor: The LORD is righteous in all his ways and loving toward all he has made
Women: **The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.**
Men: **He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.**
All: **Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever!**

(Psalm 136:1-3; Psalm 103:10-12; James 1:17; Psalm 145:15-19)

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.

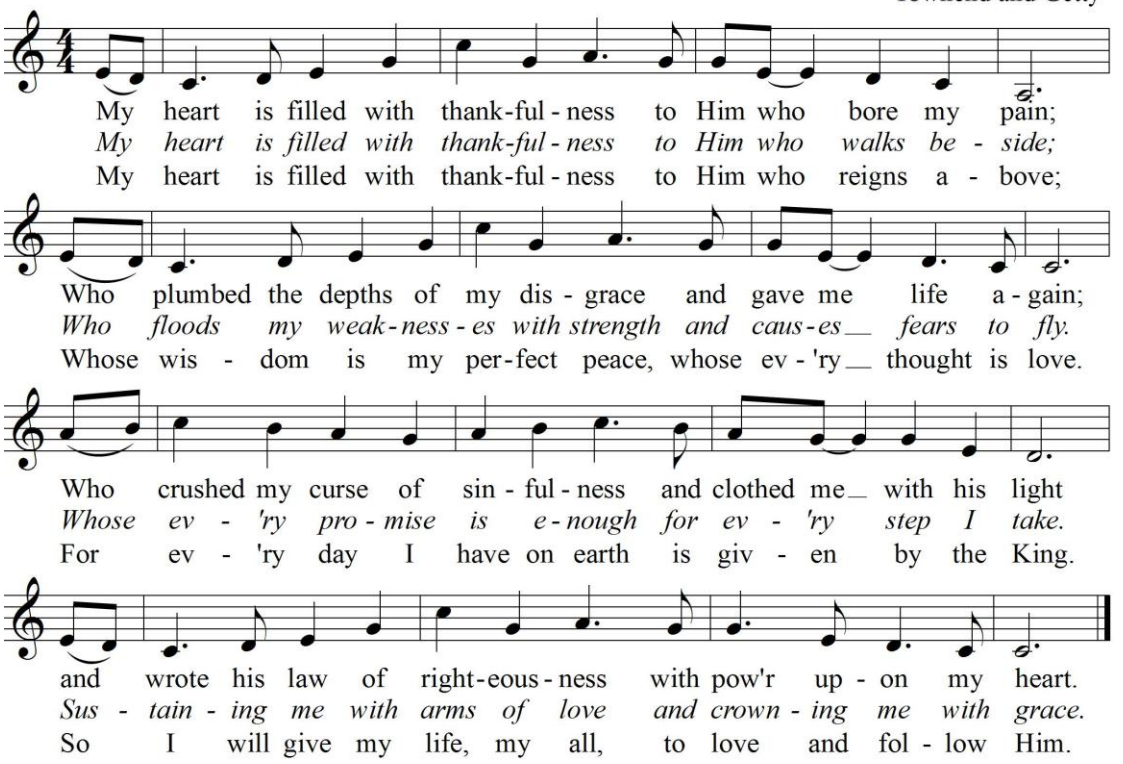
Offertory

Scripture Reading — John 5:37-40; 17:1-9

*Hymn of Preparation — *My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness*

My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness

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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 *Have I Been Predestined?* Rev. Hunter Stevenson
2 Peter 1:10-11

***Hymn of Response** *Father, Long Before Creation*
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***Benediction** 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word. Amen.

***Doxology**

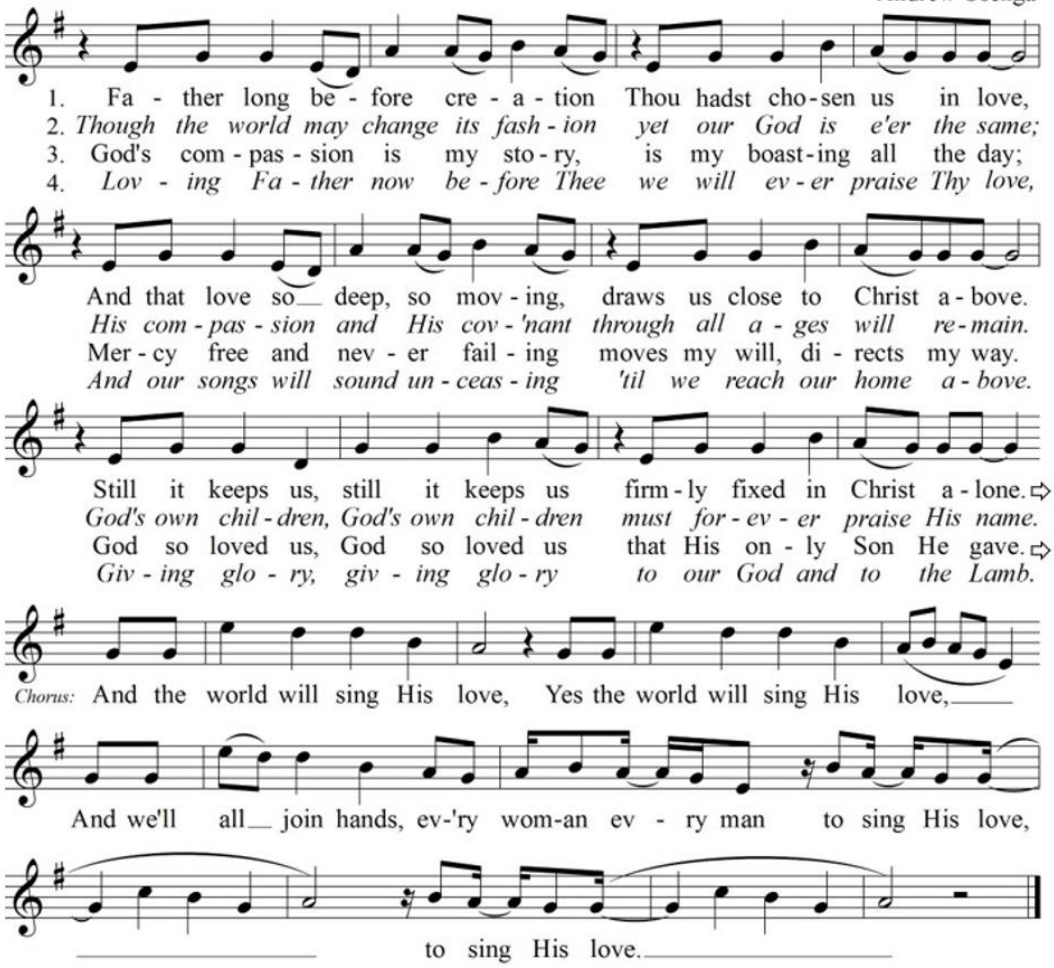
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***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.*

Father, Long Before Creation

Andrew Osenga



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Title: *Have I Been Predestined?* **Text:** 2 Peter 1:10-11

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Providing a Home

Members: Bryce Little
Gary, Jennifer & William Lober; Hannah Johnson
Rebecca Lober
Betty Luce

Expecting: Izzy Sukhia (4/7) and Hannah Henning (5/26)

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: Men's Ministry

Partnering with Ministries

Missionary of the Week: Tomo & Juliana Ito (Sacred Road Ministries): serving as the director of the ministry in WA on Warm Springs Reservation in Oregon

Sister Church of the Week: Macon Korean Presbyterian (Macon)

Local Ministry Partner of the Week: PCA Mission to North America

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, 6:30pm – *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

Wednesday nights have concluded for 2026.
We will resume on January 13, 2027.

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.

Thanksgiving Holiday – The church office will be closed Wednesday-Friday this week for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Poinsettias for Christmas – Please help us decorate for Christmas by purchasing a poinsettia in honor or in memory of someone special. Please include your name and the honoree's name. The cost per poinsettia is $20.00, which can be paid by cash, check or on Realm.

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.

Congregational Meeting – There will be a congregational meeting to elect officers immediately following the worship service on **Sunday, December 6th**. The elder candidates are John Harman, Ron Henning & Matt Shepley; the deacon candidate is Paul Johnson.

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 (11/29): Team 7: Josh Buckner, Reese Freel, Charles Hall & Josh Miller

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

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.