THE LORD'S DAY

Worship



November 8, 2026

NORTH MACON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship
Sunday, November 8, 2026

In Jesus Christ are hidden all the treasures
of wisdom and knowledge.
Colossians 2:3

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship Ephesians 1:3-8

Pastor: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ!

People: For he chose us in Christ before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.

Pastor: In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—

People: To the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves!

Pastor: In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins,

People: In accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.

** 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.

***Opening Hymn** *#55 – To God Be the Glory*

***Invocation** Rev. Bob Brunson

***Confession of Faith** Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 1

Q. Christian, what is your only comfort in life and death?

A. **That I am not my own,**
but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.
He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven;
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.
Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him. 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** *#498 – Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!*
Verses 1-3 & 5

Call to Confession — Matthew 11:28-30

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

Corporate Confession

Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the evil desires of our own hearts. We have willingly broken your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive us all of our sins. Turn our wandering hearts back to you, and lead us by your Holy Spirit in the way of righteousness, holiness, and truth.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance — 1 Peter 2:24-25

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,
so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness;
by his wounds you have been healed.
For you were like sheep going astray,
but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

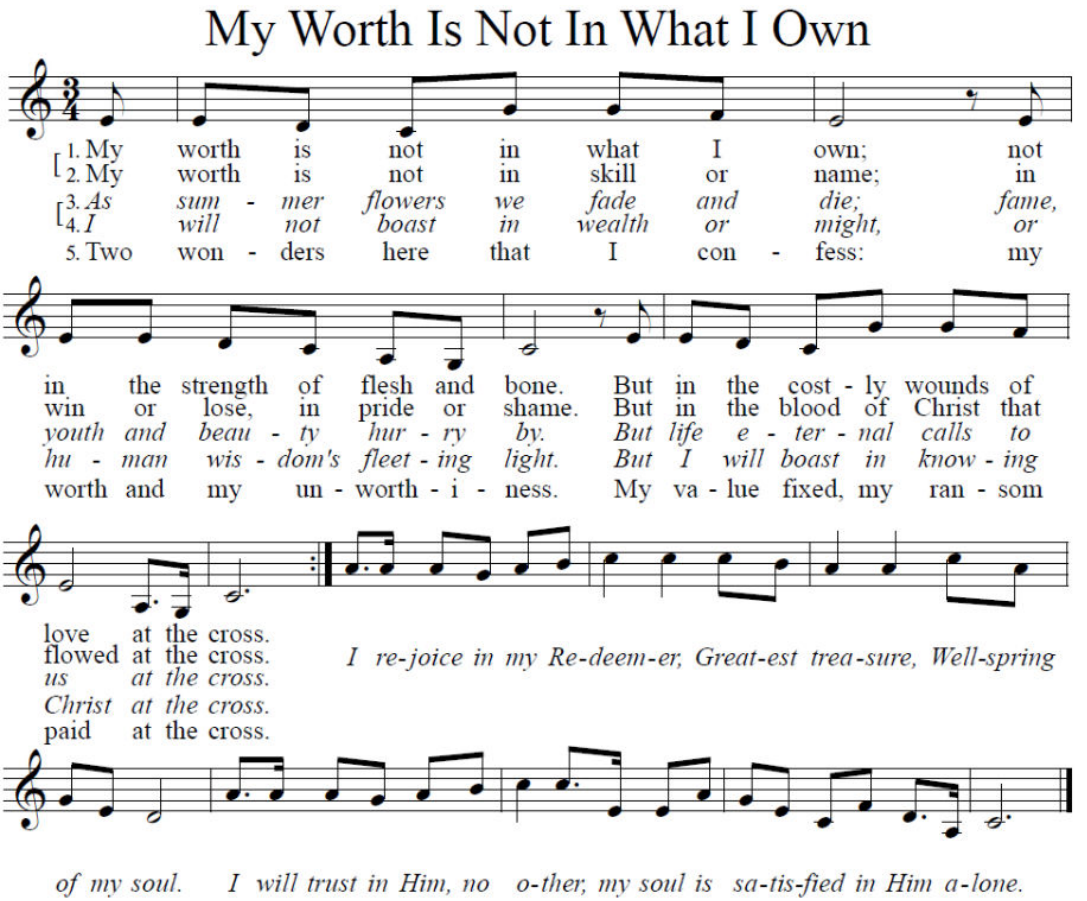
Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer — Rev. Bob Brunson

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 Habakkuk 3:17-19; Philippians 4:11-13

***Hymn of Preparation** *My Worth Is Not in What I Own*



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 *Our Riches in Christ Jesus* Rev. Hunter Stevenson
2 Peter 1:1-4

***Hymn of Response** *Christ Our Hope in Life and Death*
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***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**

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.*

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death



The Preached Word

Title: *Our Riches in Christ Jesus* **Text:** 2 Peter 1:1-4

Pastor: Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Providing a Home

Members: Marshall Keen
Tyler & Erin Kelly
John & Judy LaPish
George & Sally Lee

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: Adult Ed Committee

Partnering with Ministries

Missionary of the Week: Adair Evans (MTW): serving victims of human trafficking in Munich, Germany

Sister Church of the Week: Bethany Presbyterian (Greensboro)

Local Ministry Partner of the Week: PCA Administrative Committee

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: Chili, Pimento Cheese Sandwiches, 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.

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, **tonight and November 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.

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.

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.

Youth Redneck Roundup – Redneck Roundup is planned for our 6th – 12th grade youth on Sunday, **November 15th** 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.

Security & Ushers (11/15): Team 5: Steven Bloodworth, Alan Little, Trey Copeland, Lee Mumford & Quinn Sukhia

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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.