

THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

August 18, 2024



**NORTH MACON**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship  
Sunday, August 18th

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*The grass withers and the flowers fade,  
but the word of our God endures forever.  
Isaiah 40:8*

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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 33:1-4, 6, 8-9

Pastor: Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous! It is fitting for the upright to praise him.

People: **Praise the LORD with the harp! Make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.**

Pastor: Sing to him a new song! Play skillfully, and shout for joy!

People: **For the word of the LORD is right and true. He is faithful in all he does.**

Pastor: By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth.

People: **Let all the earth fear the LORD. Let all the people of the world revere him.**

Pastor: For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

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*Please turn off all cellular devices during the worship service  
and do not bring food or drink into the sanctuary.*

## I Sing the Mighty Power of God



1. I sing the might - y pow'r of God that made the mount - ains rise,
2. *I sing the good - ness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;*
3. There's not a plant or flow'r be - low but makes Thy glo - ries known;



that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y skies.  
*He formed the crea - tures with His word and then pro - nounced them good.*  
And clouds a - rise and tem - pests blow by or - der from Thy throne;



I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;  
*Lord, how Thy won - ders are dis - played wher - e'er I turn my eye,*  
While all that bor - rows life from Thee is ev - er in Thy care,



the moon shines full at His com - mand and all the stars o - bey.  
*if I sur - vey the ground I tread or gaze up - on the sky!*  
and ev - 'ry - where that man can be, Thou God, are pres - ent there.

Q. Christian, what do you understand by the providence of God?

A. Providence is the almighty and ever present power of God,  
by which he upholds—as with his hand—  
heaven and earth and all creatures;  
and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought,  
fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness,  
prosperity and poverty—all things, in fact,  
come to us not by chance, but from his fatherly hand.

Q. How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

A. We can be patient when things go against us,  
thankful when things go well,  
and for the future we can have good confidence  
in our faithful God and Father,  
that nothing will separate us from his love.  
All creatures are so completely in his hand,  
that without his will, they can neither move nor be moved. 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.*

## Call to Confession

1 John 1:8-9

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.

## 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

2 Corinthians 5:21

*God made him who had no sin to be sin for us,  
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

## 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

1 Kings 12:25-33  
page 278 in the pew Bible

# Speak, O Lord

Townend and Getty



Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re - ceive the food of Your  
*Teach us Lord full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu -*  
Speak, O Lord, and re - new\_\_ our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your



ho - ly word. Take Your truth, plant it deep\_\_ in us;\_\_ Shape and  
*mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the*  
plans for us. Truths un - changed from the dawn\_\_ of time, that will



fash - ion us\_\_ in Your like\_\_ ness, that the light of Christ might be  
*ra - di - ance of Your pur - i - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our*  
e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your



seen to-day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -  
*eyes to see Your ma - je - stic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can*  
pro - mi - ses, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your



fill\_\_ in us\_\_ all Your pur - po - ses for Your glo - ry.  
*ne - ver fail; Let their truth\_\_ pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.*  
church\_\_ is built, and the earth\_\_ is filled with Your glo - ry.

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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.*

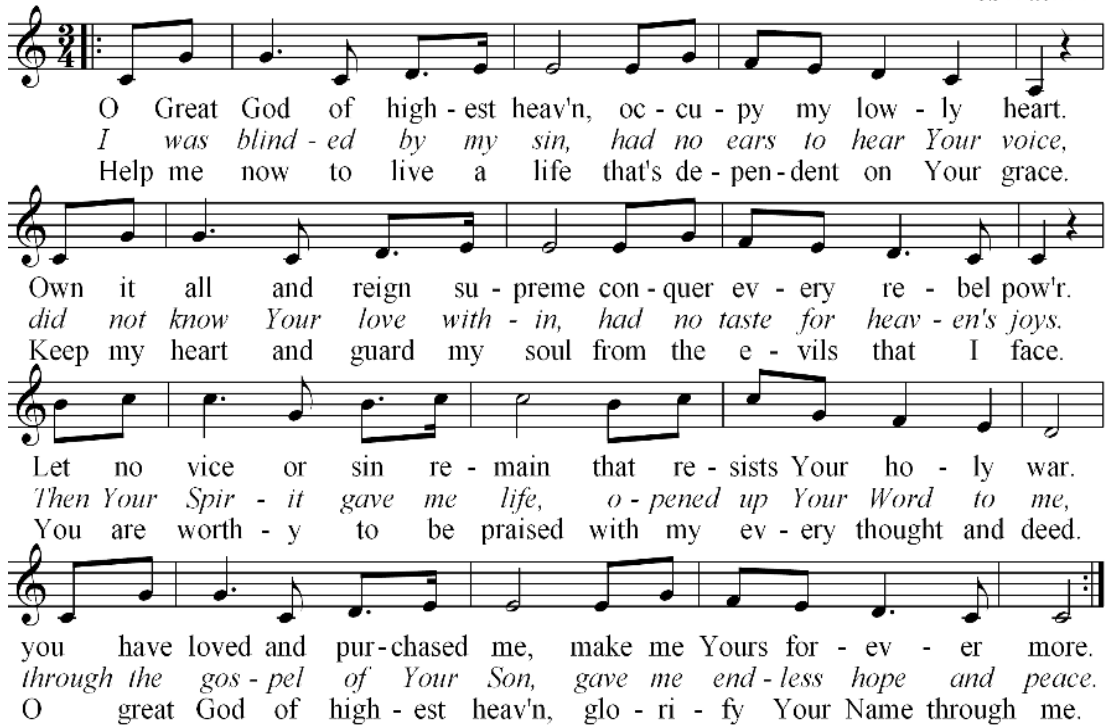
## Sermon

*The Sin of Jeroboam  
1 Kings 13:1-34*

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

# O Great God

Bob Kauffman



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.

\*Benediction

Jude 24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from falling and 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

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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.

# • The Preached Word •

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**Title:** *The Sin of Jeroboam*

**Text:** 1 Kings 13:1-34

**Pastor:** Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 278 in your pew Bible



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## Prayer Guide

### Providing a Home

#### Members of the Week:

George & Sally Lee  
Moses & Mary Lee  
Mary Jane Leggett  
Lynn Leverette

Newborns: Parker Schnetzer, Heidi Bentley, Charlee Andree, Grayson Gossett,  
Perry Singleton, Eden Lyles, Jack Henning

Recovering: Dick Manwaring (stroke); Bess Baker (stroke)

Bereaved: Cathy Smith (JC); Carol Dawson (sister); Lynn & Aaron Hogg &  
Melissa Newell (Jerry); Dan Taylor (dad); Madeline Thompson (dad,  
mom & sister); Fiona Leggett (mom); Kathy Little (dad)

Caring for Loved Ones: Monni Parrish (dad); Joseph Egloff (mom); Rana Munna  
(mom); Margaret Rogers (mom); Rod Baker (Bess)

### Proclaiming the Gospel

Church's Leaders: The Session, Diaconate, and Staff

Ministry of the Week: Men's Ministry

### Partnering with Ministries

#### Missionaries of the Month:

*David & Erin Pervis are in a church planting ministry in Greece, reaching  
people with the gospel through several means, by teaching English.*

*Mike & Eli Sabin help spread the gospel throughout Southeast Asia by  
means of Trans World Radio in Guam.*

Sister Church of the Week: Perry Presbyterian - Perry

Local Ministry Partner of the Week: Covenant Care Adoption Services

# Discipleship Opportunities

## Summer Sunday School

9:30 – 10:30 AM

2-3 Year-Olds: *God's Love* (room 112). Teacher: Seth & Amy Peed

4k-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: *Jesus is the Savior* (room 121). Teacher: Megan Cathey

3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade: *The Biggest Story* (room 122). Teachers: Myra Baker, Beth McSween

6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade: *The Screwtape Letters* (youth room). Teachers: Mark Ballard, Bryce Little

## Community-focused Adult Classes

(combined for summer)

9:30-10:30 AM

Young Adults/Older Adults: *The Screwtape Letters* (Modular 2)

Middle Adults/Senior Adults: *The Screwtape Letters* ( Fellowship Hall)

## Men's Small Groups

*A Study of 2 Samuel*, Thursday mornings, 6:45 am (Conference Room)

## Ladies' Bible Study

The Friday morning Ladies' Bible Study meets on Friday mornings at 10:00 am.

## Wednesday Nights @ NMPC

Wednesday Night Fellowships have concluded for the summer.

We will resume on August 28th, 2024.

## Announcements

**Welcome, Guests!** – We are so glad you’ve come to worship with us today! Please feel free to speak with one of the pastors after the service. They would be glad to answer any questions you may have and would enjoy meeting you. Be sure to sign the Book of Friendship when it’s passed during the offering time this morning so we can say thank you for joining us in worship today.

If you desire to receive email communications from the church, please email Monni Parrish at [monni@nmnpc.net](mailto:monni@nmnpc.net) and she will add you to the distribution list.

**Monday Prayer** – Each Monday we gather at 9 AM in the Conference Room to pray for the needs of the congregation and the work of the church—come join us tomorrow!

**Officer Nominations** - Communing members of NMPC are encouraged to prayerfully consider whom they might nominate for the offices of elder and deacon. The last day to submit a nomination form will be next Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. Forms may be picked up and dropped off at the table in the narthex.

**Men’s Ministry Kickoff Breakfast**—Guys, plan now to join us this Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup> 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for some good food, fellowship, a rundown of groups and events for men this fall, and an encouraging talk from special guest, Dr. Guy Richard, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology & President of the Atlanta campus of Reformed Theological Seminary. Click on ‘Events’ in the Realm Connect app to register online or stop by the sign-up table in the narthex.

**Women’s Ministry Fall Luncheon** — Ladies, plan to join us for lunch after worship on Sunday, September 9, for good food, fellowship, encouragement, & a preview of what’s planned for Women’s Ministry at NMPC this fall. Watch for additional details soon!

**Covenant Care Banquet** - The annual Covenant Care Adoption Services Banquet will be held on September 24, 2024 at Northway Church at 6:00 pm. Ryan Bomberger will share his story. To reserve a spot, go to <https://bit.ly/CovCareSignup>.

NMPC Finances (07/31) -Income:	\$ 728,405	Faith Promise giving:	\$ 14,600
	Expenses: \$ 757,926	Needed by Dec. 31:	\$ 33,750

**Flowers** - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Monica Leggett on her birthday by the Leggett Family.

**Church App** – The best way to stay informed is by downloading our church’s app, Realm Connect. Email Monni ([monni@nmnpc.net](mailto:monni@nmnpc.net)) if you need help downloading the app.



# 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

Cal Garretson<sup>25</sup>  
Neal Ham<sup>24\*</sup>  
Tommy James<sup>25\*</sup>

Paul McCommon<sup>26\*</sup>  
Rob Morton<sup>26\*</sup>  
Charlie Parrish<sup>25</sup>  
Howard Reed<sup>26\*</sup>

## Diaconate

Joshua Buckner<sup>25</sup>  
Lee Burch<sup>24</sup>

Rick Funk<sup>25</sup>  
Hays Fyke<sup>25\*</sup>

*The number indicates the officer's class; \*indicates the officer is at the end of a 2nd term and will roll off*

## Staff

Every Member, *Ministers*  
Hunter Stevenson, *Senior Pastor*  
Bob Brunson, *Executive Pastor*  
Mark Ballard, *Youth Director*  
Bryce Little, *Youth Assistant*  
Melanie Buckner, *Music Director*

Megan Cathey, *Children's Ministry Director*  
Kathy Pye, *Church Secretary*  
Monni Parrish, *Administrator, Financial Director & Pianist*  
Holly Shepley, *North Macon Preschool Director*

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