

THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

September 8, 2024



**NORTH MACON**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship  
Sunday, September 8, 2024

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*The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.  
James 5:16b*

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Preclude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

Introit

Call to Worship

Psalm 5:1-3

Pastor: Give ear to my words, O LORD, consider my lament.

People: Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray.

Pastor: Morning by morning, O LORD, you hear my voice. Morning by morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.

\*Praise Hymn

#101– Come, Thou Almighty King

\*Invocation

Rev. Bob Brunson

*\* those who are able please stand*

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

Q. Christian, what is prayer?

A. Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God,  
for things agreeable to his will,  
in the name of Christ,  
with confession of our sins,  
and thankful acknowledgment of his mercies.

Q. What rule has God given for our direction in prayer?

A. The whole Word of God is of use to direct us in prayer;  
but the special rule of direction  
is that form of prayer  
which Christ taught his disciples,  
commonly called The Lord's Prayer. Amen.

*The Westminster Shorter Catechism expresses the teachings of the Bible in summary form.  
It was comprised at the Westminster Assembly in London (1643-1648), and it sets forth the  
doctrinal standards of our church and our denomination, the Presbyterian Church in America.*

## Call to Confession

Matthew 7:7-11

Ask and it will be given to you. Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

## Corporate Confession

from Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; O Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.

## Silent Confession

## Words of Assurance

Psalm 130:7-8

*O 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

*Spirit of God*

## Spirit of God



Spi - rit of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
Teach me to feel that Thou art al - ways nigh;  
Hast Thou not bid me love Thee, God and King?  
Teach me to love Thee as Thine an - gels love.

Wean it from earth; through all its puls - es move;  
Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear.  
All, all Thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind.  
One ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

Stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as Thou art;  
To check the ri - sing doubt, the re - bel sigh,  
I see Thy cross; there teach me to cling;  
The pre - sence of Thy de - scend - ed Dove.

And make me love Thee as I ought to love.  
Teach me the pa - tience of strug - gling in prayer.  
O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!  
My heart an al - tar, and Thy love the flame.

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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 Power of Prayer*  
*1 Kings 16:29 - 17:6*

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

\*Hymn of Response

*O Great God*  
*printed on page #6*

\*Benediction

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! 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.

\*Postlude

The United Kingdom

Saul 1020-1000

David 1000 - 961

Solomon 961 - 922

The Divided Kingdom

Kings of Judah

Rehoboam 922 - 915

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Asa 913 - 873

Jehoshaphat 873 - 849

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Babylonian Exile 586

Kings of Israel

Jeroboam 922 - 901

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Ahab 869 - 850

Ahaziah 850 - 849

Jehoram 849 - 843

Jehu 843 - 815

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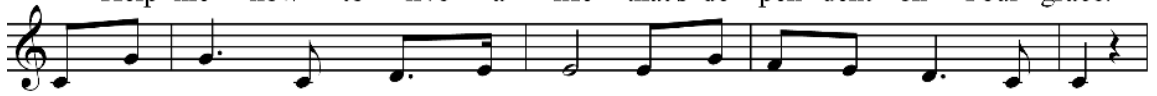
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# O Great God

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.

# • The Preached Word •

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**Title:** *The Power of Prayer*

**Pastor:** Rev. Hunter Stevenson

**Text:** 1 Kings 16:29-17:6

pg. 282 in your pew Bible



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## Prayer Guide

### Providing a Home

Members of the Week:

Paul & Debbie McCommon  
Boo, Rebecca, Anna Helen & Michael McKelvey  
Collier, Meredith, West, Harrison & Ben McKenzie  
Beth McSween

Expecting: Kristen Vaughn

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

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

Bereaved: Lynn & Aaron Hogg & Melissa Newell (Jerry); Dan Taylor (dad);  
Madeline Thompson (dad, mom & sister); Fiona Leggett (mom);  
Kathy Little (dad); Bryce Little & Hannah McCommon  
(grandfather); Donna Rohn (Terry)

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: Women's Ministry

### Partnering with Ministries

Missionaries of the Month:

*Roger and Diannc Smalling write, publish, distribute, and teach Reformed literature in Latin America*

*Dal and Beth Stanton have been a part of a church planting team in Sofia Bulgaria, and are now doing a similar work in Ukraine*

Sister Church of the Week: Redeemer - Valdosta

Local Ministry Partner of the Week: Campus Clubs

# Discipleship Opportunities

## Fall Sunday School

9:30 – 10:30 AM

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

4k-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: *Growing in God* (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: *Youth Bible Study* (youth room). Teachers: Mark Ballard, Bryce Little

## Community-focused Adult Classes

9:30-10:30 AM

20's-30's: *Let's Study 2 Corinthians* (Modular 1)

30's-50's: *The Good News We Almost Forgot, part 1* (room 125)

50's-60's: *Ecclesiastes, part 2* (Fellowship Hall)

66+: *The Good News We Almost Forgot, part 2* (conference room)

## Men's Small Groups

(all studies meet at NMPC)

Wednesdays (6:30-7:30 pm): *The Disciplines of a Godly Man* (Sanctuary Cry Room)

Wednesdays (6:30-7:30 pm): MRGB: *The Bruised Reed (Modular 1)*

Thursdays (6:30-7:30 am): *Trusting God in the Darkness (Job)* (conference room).

Sundays (6:15-7:30 pm): *The Letters of John* (conference room).

## Ladies' Bible Study

(all studies meet in conference room at NMPC)

Tuesdays (10-11:30 am): *Behold & Believe* (childcare available on request). Begins 9/10

Wednesdays (6:30-7:30 pm): *Behold & Believe* (childcare available).

Fridays (10-11:30 am): *Aging with Grace*. Begins 9/13

## Wednesday Nights @ NMPC

Join us for dinner with the church family at 5:45, then stay for groups and studies for children, youth, & adults from 6:30 - 7:30. Adult Bible Study: Ephesians (Eric Freel)

Dinner is \$7/adults/teen, \$3/child, with a family max \$20.

Menu: Beef tips, rice, broccoli casserole, salad bar, rolls, dessert.

## 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!

**Women’s Ministry Fall Luncheon** — Ladies, plan to join us for lunch after the service this morning for good food, fellowship, encouragement, & a preview of what’s planned for Women’s Ministry at NMPC this fall. There will be plenty, so even if you didn’t pre-register, we’d still like you to come!

**Sunday Serve** – NMPC Kids and the Youth Group will be visiting Bolingbroke Nursing & Rehabilitation on Sunday, September 15th @ 1:30 pm. Youth Group, stay after church to hang out and have lunch! Sign up on REALM or contact Megan Cathey or Mark Ballard.

**Family Football Tailgate (Mercer vs. The Citadel)** - Families, join us on September 21<sup>st</sup> as we cheer on the Mercer Bears with food and fellowship. Tailgate begins at 4 pm, and kickoff is at 6 pm. Sign up on REALM or contact Megan Cathey.

**Something New for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Girls** - “Wonderfully Made” will be a time for girls to come together to be reminded of the truths of who God created them to be through Bible study and creative arts. We’ll meet monthly through December, beginning Sunday, 9/29, 4– 6 pm at NMPC. Registration is \$10 per girl, with additional information available on REALM.

**Covenant Care Banquet** - The annual Covenant Care Adoption Services Banquet will be held on September 24, 2024, at Northway Church at 6:00 pm. Signup at <https://bit.ly/CovCareSignup>.

<b>NMPC Finances (08/31)</b> - Income:	\$ 839,585	Faith Promise giving:	\$ 21,860	
	Expenses:	\$ 864,648	Needed by Dec. 31:	\$ 33,750
			Deacon’s Fund:	\$ 37,540

**Flowers** - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Hunter’s birthday (8/19) and Hunter & Heather’s 14th anniversary at NMPC (8/23) by the NMPC Staff.



# 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*  
David Todd, *Pastor Emeritus*  
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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