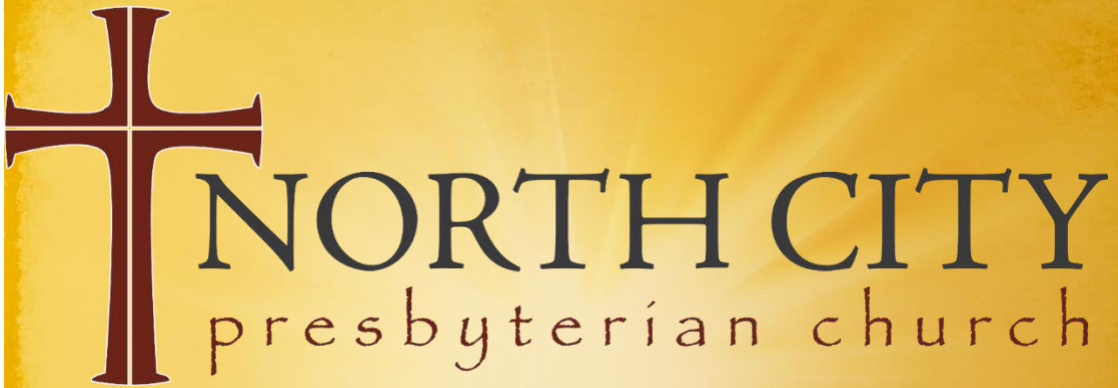


The Lord's Day, October 10, 2021



**Sunday School**

**9:00 am**

**Morning Worship**

**10:00 am**

*For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.*

*To Him be glory forever.*

*Romans 11:36*

*Worshipping God...Living in Community...Serving Our World*

## **Welcome to Worship**

*In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we welcome all who sin and need a Savior; all who are spiritually weak and need rest; all who struggle and desire victory; all who are strangers and want fellowship; all who hunger and thirst to know the true God; all who are willing to hear the message of God's transforming grace. Our prayer is that you will experience a genuine sense of God's presence, greatness, and grace as we worship together.*

## **Welcome to our Guests**

*We are so glad that you have joined us for worship today. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship after the morning worship service.*

## **The Foundation of our Worship**

*The Bible, because it is God's Word, is the completely trustworthy foundation and supreme guide and standard for our worship, revealing who God is and what He requires of us. The great confessions and catechisms of the 16<sup>th</sup> century Reformation are used in our worship as tools that accurately teach, clarify, and summarize the truths of the Bible and link us to the historic Christianity of past generations.*

## **Children's Ministries During Worship**

*We love and welcome kids at NCPC! We encourage families to worship together. What a great way to train the next generation and build family unity. However, we know that our optional ministries can be a big help for young children and parents. Our Nursery is available for infants and toddlers up to kindergarten. We also offer an area in the Fellowship Hall for nursing mothers and for children (accompanied by a parent) who are unable to sit quietly during the preaching. We encourage parents, and especially fathers, to have a "family huddle" on Sunday afternoons to discuss the sermon and help their children to better understand God's Word.*

## WORSHIP ON THE LORD'S DAY

### Welcome and Announcements

### God Calls Us To Worship

#### Call to Worship: Isaiah 12

You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to You, O LORD, for though You were angry with me, Your anger turned away, that You might comfort me." <sup>2</sup> "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation." <sup>3</sup> With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup> And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted." <sup>5</sup> "Sing praises to the LORD, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. <sup>6</sup> Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

#### Prayer of Adoration

**Hymn of Praise: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"** - Hymn #457  
Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

<sup>29</sup> Otherwise, what do people mean by being baptized on behalf of the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized on their behalf? <sup>30</sup> Why are we in danger every hour? <sup>31</sup> I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! <sup>32</sup> What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.” <sup>33</sup> Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.” <sup>34</sup> Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

<sup>35</sup> But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” <sup>36</sup> You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup> And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup> But God gives it a body as He has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. <sup>39</sup> For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. <sup>40</sup> There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. <sup>41</sup> There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

<sup>42</sup> So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. <sup>43</sup> It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup> It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

### **God Cleanses Us In Worship**

#### **Humbling Ourselves in God’s Presence: Isaiah 40:25-28**

<sup>25</sup> To whom then will you compare Me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. <sup>26</sup> Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of His might and because He is strong in power, not one is missing. <sup>27</sup> Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God”? <sup>28</sup> Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; His understanding is unsearchable.

## **Rejoicing in God's Mercy: Psalm 103:10-13**

<sup>10</sup> He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

<sup>11</sup> For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; <sup>12</sup> as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us. <sup>13</sup> As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him.

### **Song of Praise to Our King: "The Father's Love"**

How has the sinner been forgiven, how has the rebel been made clean,  
Or blinded eyes been made to see?

How have the orphans been adopted, who hated Your love and ran from grace,  
Despised and rejected all Your ways?

(Chorus) How wonderful the Father's love, the Father's love for us,  
That He would send His only Son to come and rescue us.

He has saved us, called us blameless, guides us now and will sustain us  
Oh how wonderful the Father's love.

Your mercy floods our lives with kindness, Your grace has colored all we see,  
And You have promised not to leave.

You freely give Your Spirit to us, so we can be sure we're sons of God,  
And rest in the hope of what's to come. (Chorus)

(Bridge x2) Though sufferings may fill our lives, we're confident,  
We're heirs with Christ. And so we cry, "Abba, Father!"

How wonderful the Father's love, the Father's love for us  
That He would send His only Son to come and rescue us. (Chorus)

(Music and words by Joel Szebel; 2009 Sovereign Grace Worship (ASCAP))

### **"I Stand Amazed"**

I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene,  
And I wonder how He could love me, a sinner condemned, unclean.

(Chorus) How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be.  
How marvelous! How wonderful! Is my Savior's love for me.

He took my sins and my sorrows, He made them His very own,  
He bore the burden to Calvary, and suffered and died alone. (Chorus)

And with the ransom'd in glory, His face I at last shall see.  
It will be my joy through the ages, to sing of His love for me. (Chorus)

Words and music by Charles Hutchinson Gabriel; arranged by Chris Tomlin  
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### **Worshipping God With our Tithes and Offerings:** Deuteronomy 16:17

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God that He has given you.

**OFFERING:** We have several ways to give (more details on the website Giving Tab)

- Place your check in the Offering Box on the patio
- Send a check via US Mail, through your bank, use PayPal, Credit or Debit Card: Please note with your payment: General Fund OR Deacons Fund

### **Pastoral Prayer**

#### **GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORSHIP**

**The Preaching of God's Word:** Exodus 15:22-27  
Testing

Pastor David Nutting

<sup>22</sup> Then Moses made Israel set out from the Red Sea, and they went into the wilderness of Shur. They went three days in the wilderness and found no water. <sup>23</sup> When they came to Marah, they could not drink the water of Marah because it was bitter; therefore it was named Marah. <sup>24</sup> And the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?" <sup>25</sup> And he cried to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a log, and he threw it into the water, and the water became sweet.

There the LORD made for them a statute and a rule, and there He tested them, <sup>26</sup> saying, "If you will diligently listen to the voice of the LORD your God, and do that which is right in His eyes, and give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you that I put on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, your healer."

<sup>27</sup> Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees, and they encamped there by the water.

## Outline:

1. The wilderness reveals our \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_
2. The wilderness is where we learn to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
3. The wilderness will eventually lead to the \_\_\_\_\_

### **Song of Thanksgiving: “God be Merciful to Me” (vv.1-5)**

God, be merciful to me, on Thy grace I rest my plea;  
Plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now;  
Wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;  
I have sinned against Thy grace and provoked Thee to Thy face;  
I confess Thy judgment just, speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin, Thou desirest truth within;  
Thou alone my Savior art, teach Thy wisdom to my heart;  
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust, by Thy wrath and judgment just,  
Let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear Thy voice;  
From my sins, O hide Thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true.  
Cast me not away from Thee, let Thy Spirit dwell in me;  
Thy salvation’s joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

(Words by Richard Redhead; Music by Chris Miner)

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## **God Commissions Us Into The World**

### **The Benediction**

#### **Doxology**

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

### **Depart as Christ's Ministers to Spread a Passion for the Glory and Worship of God**

**(Elders will be available for prayer following worship)**

#### **Questions for devotion and family worship:**

1. How is the Christian life like a pilgrimage in the wilderness? How does this text show us the dangers?
2. What is happening in your life that feels like the wilderness? How do you respond to those difficulties? What would it look like to respond to God in trust and obedience?
3. Why does God "test" us in our pilgrimage, (v.25), and how does that apply to us today?
4. What does God sending the people to Elim teach us (v.27) about God as we travel through the difficulties of this life?





**Are you getting the church emails?** If you would like to receive emails containing Sunday bulletin info, daily devotions, Zoom prayer meetings, ongoing prayer needs, ministry items, event information., etc. please email: [irene@northcitychurch.com](mailto:irene@northcitychurch.com).

### **SUNDAY AM WORSHIP**

**9am:** Sunday School AND Sunday School Nursery (infants to 4 years)

**10am:** Worship In-Person (or watch online via [Facebook Page](#) OR via [YouTube](#))

**10am:** Worship Nursery (infants to 4 years)

**Give:** 4 options available on our website: [www.northcitychurch.com/giving](http://www.northcitychurch.com/giving)

**Fellowship:** Following morning worship we have coffee, water, snacks

**Audio:** Recordings of Sunday sermons are available on our website:

[www.northcitychurch.com/sermons](http://www.northcitychurch.com/sermons)

### **OTHER NCPC EVENTS**

**Daily Email Prayer/Devotions**

**Weekly Zoom Prayer Meetings:** Tues from 2-2:30pm

**Youth Group:** Meets each Sunday evening from 6-8pm in the church Fellowship Hall.

**Sunrise Senior Living Center:** We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month (communion is served on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday) from 3:45-4:30pm. You need to be vaccinated OR show proof of a negative Covid 19 test within the prior 72 hours. Masks are required as well.

**Men's Bible Studies:** See website: [www.northcitychurch.com/ministries/men](http://www.northcitychurch.com/ministries/men)

**Women's Bible Studies:** Each Wed. in the Church Office Conference Rm 9:30-11am.

**Community Groups:** See website: [www.northcitychurch.com/ministries/community-groups](http://www.northcitychurch.com/ministries/community-groups)

**Celebrate Recovery** meets Thur. 7-9pm in the Fellowship Hall. See Scott or Melanie Handley for details.

**Women's Fellowship:** Heidi Hatcher is inviting women of the church to a time of casual fellowship. On the 1<sup>st</sup> Tues. of each month, she would love to have women over for coffee from 9:00-10:30am. She has ample space for everyone and for children to play. Take a break from working, home-schooling, or momming at home and catch up and connect with your sisters in Christ! For her address or questions, please call or text Heidi: 760-550-1738

**NCPC Food Distribution** is 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month. Contact Melanie Handley: [mehandley8518@gmail.com](mailto:mehandley8518@gmail.com) if you have questions.

**Edson Range:** See John Alford or Larry Fox for more details (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday months)

## CHURCH STAFF & OFFICE HOURS

David Nutting	Teaching Elder/Senior Pastor
Bradley Arakelian	Teaching Elder/Assistant Pastor for Missions
Irene O'Leary	Office Manager
Amanda Williams	Office Assistant
Office Closed	Mondays, Fridays, Holidays
Irene's Schedule	Tuesday through Thursday
Day Off (David)	Friday
Days Off (Irene)	Monday and Friday

## RULING ELDERS

Larry Fox, Scott Handley, Ko Matsuo,  
Russ Pierce, Gary Williams, Bill Parkhurst (Emeritus)

## DEACONS

Matt Adams, John Hatcher, Evan Johnson, Paul Kitabjian, Brian Williams

INTERN: Allen Rea

## MINISTRY LEADERS

- **Celebrate Recovery:** Scott & Melanie Handley
- **Community Groups:** John Love
- **Edson Range:** John Alford
- **Food Distribution:** Melanie Handley
- **Live Stream:** Brian Gibbs
- **Men's Bible Study:** David Nutting & Brian Williams
- **Music Team:** Aaron Pipkin, Paul Kitabjian, David Nutting
- **Refreshments:** Irene O'Leary
- **Safety:** Evan Johnson
- **Sunday School (children):** Cheryl Williams
- **Sunday School (adult):** Elders
- **Ushers:** Evan Johnson
- **Women's Bible Study:** Cheryl Williams
- **Women's Special Events:** Heidi Hatcher & Amanda Williams
- **Worship Nursery:** Amanda Williams
- **Youth Group:** Dillon Morgan
- **Zoom Weekly Prayer Meetings:** Bill & Barbara Parkhurst



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