

The Lord's Day, August 03, 2025



NORTH CITY

presbyterian church

Belmont Village

9:00 am

Morning Worship

10:00 am

Ivy Park Assisted Living

3:30 pm

Evening Dinner 5 pm

Worship 5:45 pm

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 16th 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: Psalm 81:1-2, 6-10

Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob! ² Raise a song; sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.

⁶“I relieved your shoulder of the burden; your hands were freed from the basket. ⁷In distress you called, and I delivered you; I answered you in the secret place of thunder; I tested you at the waters of Meribah. ⁸Hear, O My people, while I admonish you! O Israel, if you would but listen to Me! ⁹There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not bow down to a foreign god. ¹⁰I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Praise: “Great is Thy Faithfulness” – Hymn #32

(Hymnals are located on the chair rack in front of you)

Confessing our Faith

Ruling Elder Russ Pierce

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q21: Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

A. The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continueth to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, for ever.

Hearing God Speak: 2 Samuel 21

Ruling Elder Russ Pierce

(Bibles are located on the chair rack in front of you)

GOD CLEANSSES US IN WORSHIP

Humbling Ourselves in God's Presence: Psalm 106:13-15

¹³But they soon forgot His works; they did not wait for His counsel. ¹⁴But they had a wanton craving in the wilderness, and put God to the test in the desert; ¹⁵He gave them what they asked, but sent a wasting disease among them.

Rejoicing in God's Mercy: Psalm 103:8-12

⁸The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. ⁹He will not always chide, nor will He keep his anger forever. ¹⁰He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. ¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; ¹²as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.

Songs of Trust: "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure.
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away.
As wounds which mar the Chosen One, bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there, until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

(1995 Thankyou Music, Stuart Townend)

“In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my strength, my light, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace when fears are stilled,
When strivings cease!

My comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.
In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Glory died, the wrath of God was satisfied,
For every sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His, and He is mine--bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!
(Stuart Townend & Keith Getty, 2001 Thank You Music)

Worshipping God With our Tithes and Offerings: Psalm 26:8

⁸ O LORD, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Deacons and General Fund Offerings:

- Place your check in the **Offering Box** in the back of the Church
- Send a check via US Mail, through your bank, or under the Giving Tab on our website you can give using 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: Deuteronomy 8:1-5

The Long Game

Reverend Mark Lauterbach

Outline:

1. God leads his beloved people on an appointed path.
2. So that we experience our helplessness.

3. So that we experience and trust his all-sufficient faithfulness

Question: Do you rest in the assurance that God's purpose is always to take away our false hopes and replace them with the certainty of his love?

Song of Thanksgiving: “We Will Feast in the House of Zion”

(Chorus) We will feast in the house of Zion.

We will sing with our hearts restored.

He has done great things, we will say together.

We will feast and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire;

He is the Lord, our God,

We are not consumed by the flood;

Upheld, protected, gathered up. (Chorus)

In the dark of night, before the dawn,

My soul, be not afraid.

For the promised morning, oh how long?

Oh, God of Jacob, be my strength. (Chorus)

Every vow we've broken and betrayed,

You are the faithful One.

And from the garden to the grave,

Bind us together, bring shalom. (Chorus)

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Celebrating the Lord's Supper

GOD COMMISSIONS US INTO THE WORLD

The Benediction

Teaching Elder Bradley Arakelian

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)

Would you like to be on the church email list? EM: irene@northcitychurch.com to receive Sunday info, daily devotions, prayer needs, ministry & event info, etc. **NEW TO NCPC?:** You will find information on our back table about NCPC, Volunteer Opportunities, and more.

SUMMER SUNDAY AM WORSHIP

Listening Devices are available at the Sound Booth.

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

10am: Worship Nursery (infants to 4 years)

Giving: 4 options available on our website: <https://northcitychurch.com/giving>

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

Audio: Recordings of sermons available: <https://northcitychurch.com/sermons>

NEW EVENTS

- **Summer Nights:** Evening worship services begin tonight. Dinner will be served at 5:00 and the outdoor service will be at 5:45. Each week an email with a google sheet will be sent out to 1) RSVP to the dinner by the Thursday before and 2) sign up if you would like to volunteer to cook. If you prepare a meal, keep your receipts and Irene will reimburse you.
- **Brunch & Hike!** Ladies, save the date! Heidi is hosting a brunch & hike on **Sept. 20th**. More details to follow.
- **Christianity Explored:** We are having a Christianity Explored class starting on **September 9th**. **Dinner (provided) is at 6pm and class starts at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.** If you are interested or want more information you can reach out to: Nate Osicka, Tom Stenhouse, Dave Witsken, Julie Witsken, Linda Anderson or Aryan Safari.

CURRENT/ONGOING NCPC EVENTS

- **Daily Email Prayer/Devotions** (Mon thru Fri)
- **Men's Bible Study** Meets on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays from 8-9am. Steve Gamelson is leading the study and **next meeting date is 8/16**
- **Mom's Play Group:** Rachel Harvey has a mom's play group that meets on the 1st Sat of each month. Location will be announced or you can contact Rachael's cell 951-660-5723.
- **Women's discipleship and book groups:** We have several small groups of women that minister and disciple each other through weekly, monthly, etc. book studies. If you are interested in any of these groups, please reach out to Irene O'Leary or Amanda Williams for more info.
- **Monthly Book Group:** Pat Vawter is leading a group that meets monthly on Saturday mornings. They are going through The Westminster Confession of Faith. Pat's cell 858-213-7367
- **Ivy Park Assisted Living:** Meets the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month from **3:30-4:15pm**. Communion is served on the 3rd Sunday. Join us on **Aug 3**.
- **Belmont Village:** Meets the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month from 9-9:45am. Join us on **Aug 3**.
- **NCPC Food Distribution.** **Join us August 8th** (future '25 dates 9/12, 10/10, 11/14, & 12/12).
- **Edson Range:** Here are the dates for '25: **8/31**; and 11/30. If you're interested in training or knowing more information, reach out to John Alford: johnburcma@yahoo.com; or Larry Fox: foxroad1848@gmail.com.

hello SUMMER SABBATICAL

The following ministries will be taking a summer sabbatical from June through end of August.

- Sunday School for kids, youth, and adults
- Women's Bible Studies
- Community Groups



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Irene's Schedule		(9-4pm) Tuesday through Thursday
Days Off (David)		Friday and Saturday
Days Off (Irene)		Monday and Friday

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Angel Tree: Stacey Webb	Preschool Director: Thea Tafoya
Community Groups: John Love	Refreshments: Irene O'Leary and Jennifer Morse
Edson Range: John Alford, Larry Fox	Safety: Evan Johnson
Finance Team: Brian Gibbs (Treas), Kris Chopper, Scott Handley, John Hatcher, Irene O'Leary	Sunday School (children): Kristen Johnson, Julie Witsken, Amanda Williams, Steve Gamelson
Flower Ministry: Kathy Printy, Kathy McGrath & Kathryn Johnson	Sunday School (adult): Elders
Food Distribution: Deacons	Ushers: Evan Johnson
Ivy Park: Pastor David Nutting; Pastor Mark George	VBS: Kristen Johnson
Belmont Village: Pastor Mark George	Transportation (Bill & Barbara Parkhurst): Deacons
Live Stream: Music Team	Women's Bible Study: Stacey Webb & Amy Hershey
Meals: Pat Vawter	Women's Special Events: Heidi Hatcher & Amanda Williams
Men's Bible Study: Steve Gamelson	Worship Nursery: Amanda Williams
Music Team: Aaron Pipkin, David Nutting	

NCPC MISSIONARIES

Dave Eby: Uganda	Mark & Megumi: Japan
Brent & Ellie Myers: Spain	Mark & Ariana G: South Asia

SUMMER PREACHING SCHEDULE

AUG 3	Mark Lauterbach	AUG 24	Mark George	SEPT 7	David Billingslea
AUG 10	Mark Lauterbach	AUG 31	Chad Brewer	SEPT 14	Jason Barrie
AUG 17	Mark Lauterbach				



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North City Preschool is for kids ages 2 (a/o Sept. 1st) to 4 years.
The North City Staff uses all the gifts God gives us to teach
and love preschool children with joy and care.

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