

The Lord's Day, August 24, 2025



NORTH CITY

presbyterian church

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 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: 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. ²“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.” ³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And 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. ⁵“Sing praises to the LORD, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. ⁶Shout, 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: “Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord”– Hymn #26

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

Confessing our Faith

Ruling Elder Larry Fox

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q24: How doth Christ execute the office of a prophet

A. Christ executeth the office of a prophet, in revealing to us, by his word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

Hearing God Speak: 2 Samuel 23

Ruling Elder Larry Fox

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

GOD CLEANSSES US IN WORSHIP

Humbling Ourselves in God's Presence: Colossians 3:1-8

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. ⁵ Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸ But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth.

Rejoicing in God's Mercy: Romans 8:1-2; 9-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

⁹ You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you

Songs of Trust: "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
@sixsteps Music/Vamos Publishing/worshiptogether.com songs

“For the Cause”

For the cause of Christ the King we give our lives, an offering,
'Til all the earth resounds with ceaseless praise to the Son.
For the cause of Christ we go with joy to reap, with faith to sow,
As many see and many put their trust in the Son.

(Chorus) Christ we proclaim, the Name above every name.
For all creation, ev'ry nation, God's salvation through the Son.

For the King, once lifted high to cries of rage, of crucify,
Endured the cross as every sin was laid on the Son.
To the King who conquered death, to free the poor and the oppressed
For lasting peace, for life and liberty in the Son. (Chorus)

Let it be my life's refrain, to live is Christ, to die is gain.
Deny myself, take up my cross, and follow the Son.
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Worshipping God With our Tithes and Offerings: Proverbs 11:24-25

²⁴ One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. ²⁵ Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.

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: Philippians 3:12-4:1
Heavenly Pursuit

Pastor Mark George

Notes:

Song of Thanksgiving: "You Made Us Your Own"

We were ruined in our sin, we were guilty, and undone,
When Your love reached down with sovereign hands, and beckoned us to come.
You sought out the wanderers, made the prodigals come home,
With a lavish feast You welcomed us for You made us Your own.

(Chorus) You have loved us like You love Your Son.

We are heirs with Christ, bought by His blood.

Oh, how great the love that we've been shown.

We're Your children now, You made us Your own.

We are strangers to this world, but no strangers to Your throne.

We draw near You now with confidence for all our fears are gone.

And when Christ, our King, returns, we'll meet saints we've never known.

And forever we will be amazed that You made us Your own. (Chorus)

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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

- **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 Andersen or Aryan Safari. **Help is needed** with dinner preparations, childcare, prayer, and social media posts. Please sign up after church!
- **Brunch & Hike!** Ladies, save the date! Heidi is hosting a brunch & hike on **Sept. 20th**. More details to follow.

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 September meeting dates are: **9/6 & 9/20.**
- **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 **Sept 7th.**
- **Belmont Village:** Meets the **1st & 3rd Sunday** of each month from 9-9:45am. Join us on **Sept 7th.**
- **NCPC Food Distribution.** **Join us September 12th** (future '25 dates 10/10, 11/14, & 12/12).
- **Edson Range:** Here is the last date for '25: 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



CHURCH STAFF & OFFICE HOURS

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Office Closed		Mondays, Fridays, Holidays
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 24	Mark George	SEPT 7	David Billingslea
AUG 31	Chad Brewer	SEPT 14	Jason Barrie
		SEPT 21	David Nutting!!!!



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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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