

The Lord's Day, September 14th, 2025



# NORTH CITY

presbyterian church

**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:** Psalm 111:1-4

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. <sup>2</sup> Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. <sup>3</sup> Full of splendor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever. <sup>4</sup> He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

#### **Prayer of Adoration**

#### **Hymn of Praise: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” -- Hymn #53**

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

#### **Confessing our Faith**

Ruling Elder Russ Pierce

Westminster Shorter Catechism

#### **Q27:** Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist?

**A:** Christ's humiliation consisted in his being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.

#### **Hearing God Speak:** Ephesians 2

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:** 1 Peter 4:7-11

<sup>7</sup> The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. <sup>8</sup> Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. <sup>9</sup> Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. <sup>10</sup> As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: <sup>11</sup> whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To Him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

### **Rejoicing in God's Mercy:** Hebrews 10:11-13

<sup>11</sup> And every priest stands daily at His service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup> But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, He sat down at the right hand of God, <sup>13</sup> waiting from that time until His enemies should be made a footstool for His feet.

### **Song of Trust: “Before the Throne of God Above”**

Before the throne of God above I have a strong, a perfect plea,  
A great High Priest, whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is written on His hands, my name is hidden in His heart;  
I know that while in heaven He stands, no power can force me to depart,  
No power can force me to depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look, and see Him there who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! the risen Lamb, my perfect, sinless Righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!  
One with my Lord I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood,  
My life is safe with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

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### **“He Will Hold Me Fast”**

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast  
'Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

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## **Worshipping God With our Tithes and Offerings:** Romans 12:12-13

<sup>10</sup> As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: <sup>11</sup> whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To Him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

### **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:** Hebrews 10:19-25      Gospel-Shaped Community  
Dr. Jason W. Barrie.      Director of the NLPC Counseling Center in Escondido

### **Outline notes:**

1. What is our confidence before the throne of grace? (19-21)

2. How does this confidence shape our worship? (22-23)

3. How does this confidence move us to build community? (24-25)

**Hymn of Thanksgiving: “The Church’s One Foundation” – Hymn #347**

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

## **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)

### **Discussion Questions for Family Worship:**

1. How does the pastor to the Hebrews use Old Testament language and imagery to highlight the “new and living that [Jesus] opened for us”? How is it new? How is it living?
2. How does the promise that Christ is presently advocating for his children before the throne of God encourage you today?
3. What are some of the internal voices that hold us back from the throne of grace? Which voice is most hindering you personally? How does v. 22 speak to those particular hindrances?
4. What are some of the external circumstances that caused the Hebrew Christians to waver in “the confession of our hope”? What pressures are causing you to waver? How does v.23 speak to those pressures?
5. How would you summarize the call to build community in vv. 24-25? What makes building this kind of community so difficult? Why is listening such an important part of Gospel-shaped community?
6. What evidences of God's grace can you share from your life together with the church family at North City Presbyterian Church?



**Would you like to be on the church email list?** EM: [irene@northcitychurch.com](mailto: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.

### **SUNDAY AM WORSHIP**

**Listening Devices** are available at the Sound Booth.

**9:00am: Sunday School** (adult & kids)

**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:** Christianity Explored has started their new class last Tuesday. 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.
- **Let's Brunch & Hike Together!** Women (and all high school aged girls & above)! Please join us for a brunch & hike on Saturday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am at Heidi Hatcher's house: 17192 Carranza Drive, 92127 **PLEASE REACH OUT TO Heidi-** 760-550-1738 **to RSVP** and if you would like to **bring something**. Hike will start at 10:30

### **CURRENT/ONGOING NCPC EVENTS**

- **Get a copy of our Fall Event Booklet** located on the back table. This includes Sunday School classes, bible studies, and more.
- **Daily Email Prayer/Devotions** (Mon thru Fri)
- **Men's Bible Study** Meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays from 8-9am. Steve Gamelson is leading the study and September meeting dates are: 9/6 & 9/20.
- **Women's Bible Study** Wednesday mornings, 9:30-11am in the Church Office Conference Room.
- **Mom's Play Group:** Rachel Harvey has a mom's play group that meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month from 3:30-4:15pm. Communion is served on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday. Join us on **Sept 21<sup>st</sup>**.
- **Belmont Village:** Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month from 9-9:45am. Join us on **Sept 21<sup>st</sup>**.
- **NCPC Food Distribution. Join us October 10th** (future '25 dates 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](mailto:johnburcma@yahoo.com); or Larry Fox: [foxroad1848@gmail.com](mailto:foxroad1848@gmail.com).

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

### NCPC MISSIONARIES

<b>Bradley Arakelian:</b> Mexico	<b>Brent &amp; Ellie Myers:</b> Spain
<b>Dave Eby:</b> Uganda	<b>Mark &amp; Megumi:</b> Japan



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

**Director:** Thea Tafoya: 858-748-4678

#### **PRESCHOOL STAFF**

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