

The Lord's Day, November 09, 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 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: Colossians 1:15-20

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

Prayer of Adoration

Song of Praise: “Praise the Lord Ye Heavens”

Praise the Lord Ye heavens adore Him, praise Him angels in the height.
Sun and moon rejoice before Him, praise Him all ye stars of light.

Praise the Lord for He hath spoken, worlds His mighty voice obeyed.
Laws which never shall be broken, for their guidance He hath made.

(Chorus) All creation join the song of praise let every tongue declare His mighty ways.

And we will sing of Your goodness and mercy all of our days.

Praise the Lord for He is glorious, never shall His promise fail.
God hath made His saints victorious, sin and death shall not prevail. (Chorus)

(Bridge) Glory, Glory, all glory to You Lord

Praise the God of our salvation, hosts on high His power proclaim.
Heaven and earth and all creation, laud and magnify His Name. (Chorus)

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Confessing our Faith

Ruling Elder Dave Witsken

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q37: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

A: The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united in Christ, do rest in their graves, till the resurrection.

Q38: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

A. At the resurrection, believers being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

Hearing God Speak: Ruth 2

Ruling Elder Dave Witsken

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

GOD CLEANSSES US IN WORSHIP

Humbling Ourselves in God's Presence: Colossians 2:6-7

⁶ Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, ⁷ rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

Rejoicing in God's Mercy: Colossians 2:13-14

¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross.

Songs of Trust: “Blessed Be Your Name”

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name when I’m found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.

(Chorus) Every blessing You pour out I’ll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,
“Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.”

Blessed be Your name when the sun’s shining down on me,
When the world’s all as it should be, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering
Though there’s pain in the offering, blessed be Your name. (Chorus)

You give and take away, You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say, “Lord, blessed be Your name.”

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“Our Great God”

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown;
Your boundless love unfailing in grace and mercy shown.
Bright seraphim in endless flight around Your glorious throne,
They raise their voices day and night in praise to You alone.

(Chorus) Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!
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Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.
Surround us with Your angels, hold us in Your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm.
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our Sov’reign God. (Chorus)

Let ev'ry creature in the sea, and ev'ry flying bird,
Let ev'ry mountain, ev'ry field and valley of the earth;
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
Sing praises to the living God who rules them by His Word. (Chorus)

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Worshipping God With our Tithes and Offerings: Colossians 3:17

¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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: John 14:7-14
Divine Union

Pastor David Nutting

Outline:

1. The search to _____.

2. The union of _____.

3. The invitation to _____.

Hymn of Thanksgiving: “Jesus Shall Reign” – hymn #441

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

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)

Discussion Questions for devotions and Family Worship:

1. What do you make of Philip's question? Have you ever thought about what it would be like to see God?
2. How does Jesus describe the union between himself and the Father? Why is that so important, especially when we consider our desire to "see God?"
3. Why does Jesus connect his union with the Father to such a bold invitation for his disciples to pray? How might this passage embolden your own prayer life?
4. Read on to the end of chapter 14 to note the trinitarian context of Jesus' words in this chapter. Why is the Trinity so foundational for our faith?

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.

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

- **Upcoming Preschool Fundraisers!** There are some restaurant Fundraisers coming up. Please see the email for details: 11/11 Kebab Shop; 11/20 Thai Ladle. Mention NCPS when ordering in person.
- **NCPC Christmas Event:** Jingle & Mingle will be on Friday, December 5th! If you'd like to help, please contact Amanda (amanda@northcitychurch.com). We have jobs big and small! We will have sign-ups after church the next few weeks to attend and to be a table host. And please see the email with more details. **Sign Up TODAY!**
- **NCPC Food Distribution. Join us THIS FRIDAY November 14th** (future '25 date 12/12).
- **Angel Tree is coming soon.** More details to follow.

CURRENT/ONGOING NCPC EVENTS

- **Copies of the Fall Event Booklet** located on the back table.
- **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 there are just **2 more dates for 2025: 11/15/ 12/6.**
- **Women's Bible Study** meets on Wed. 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 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 that minister and disciple each other through weekly, monthly, etc. book studies. 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.
- **Belmont Village:** Meets the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month from 9-9:45am.
- **NCPC Food Distribution. Join us this Friday November 14th** (future '25 date 12/12). Look out for sign ups for 2026.
- **Edson Range:** Due to a change in Recruit Company start dates, there will be **NO Recruits training at Edson Range Sunday, November 30th**. If you are interested in this outreach and prayer ministry, see John Alford: johnburcma@yahoo.com; or Larry Fox: foxroad1848@gmail.com.

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Irene's Schedule		(9–4pm) Tuesday through Thursday
Days Off (David)		Friday and Saturday
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Edson Range: John Alford, Larry Fox

Finance Team: John Hatcher (Treas), Kris Chopper,
Scott Handley, Irene O'Leary

Flower Ministry: Kathy Printy, Kathy McGrath &
Kathryn Johnson

Food Distribution: Deacons

Ivy Park: Pastor David Nutting; Pastor Mark George

Belmont Village: Pastor Mark George

Live Stream: Music Team

Meals: Pat Vawter

Men's Bible Study: Steve Gamelson

Music Team: Aaron Pipkin, David Nutting

Preschool Director: Thea Tafoya

Refreshments: Irene O'Leary and Jennifer Morse

Safety: Evan Johnson

Sunday School (children): Kristen Johnson, Julie
Witsken, Amanda Williams, Steve Gamelson

Sunday School (adult): Elders

Ushers: Evan Johnson

VBS: Kristen Johnson

Transportation (Bill & Barbara Parkhurst): Deacons

Women's Bible Study: Stacey Webb & Amy Hershey

Women's Special Events: Heidi Hatcher &
Amanda Williams

Worship Nursery: Amanda Williams

NCPC MISSIONARIES

Bradley Arakelian: Mexico

Dave Eby: Uganda

Brent & Ellie Myers: Spain

Mark & Megumi: Japan



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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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