

The Lord's Day, December 07, 2025



NORTH CITY

presbyterian church

Belmont Village
9:00 AM

Sunday School
9:00 am

Morning Worship
10:00 am

Ivy Park Assisted Living
3:30 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

Prelude: Ezri Pipkin playing “Breath of Heaven”

Welcome and Announcements

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship: Isaiah 60:1-3

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ² For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you and His glory will be seen upon you. ³ And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Praise: “O Come, All Ye Faithful—Hymn #208

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

Confessing our Faith

Intern John Koh

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q45: Which is the first commandment?

A: The first commandment is, thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Q46: What is required in the first commandment?

A: The first commandment requireth us to know and acknowledge God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify him accordingly.

Hearing God Speak: Luke 1:26-56

Intern John Koh

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

GOD CLEANSSES US IN WORSHIP

Humbling Ourselves in God's Presence: Psalm 119:103-104

¹⁰³ How sweet are Your words to my taste! Yes, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

¹⁰⁴ From Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way.

Rejoicing in God's Mercy: 1 John 2:1-2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ² He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Songs of Trust: "Hope Has Come!"

Let us join with the angel voices, let us join their happy song.
All of heaven and earth rejoices for the Lamb of God has come.
He has come to rescue sinners, come to meet our desperate need.
He was born to bring forgiveness, born for Calvary.

(Chorus) Alleluia, Hope has come! Alleluia, Christ has come!
We once were slaves in misery till You appeared and set us free.
Alleluia, Hope has come!

Let us lay our gifts before Him, let us magnify His Name.
With our thankful hearts, adore Him, for the Lord has come to save.
He has come to break sin's power. He has come to set us free.
Hope was born that glorious hour, Christ the mighty King. (Chorus)
(Stephen Altrogge, 2006 Sovereign Grace Praise)

Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)

You made the starry hosts, You traced the mountain peaks,
You paint the evening skies with wonders.
The earth, it is Your throne from desert to the sea.
All nature testifies Your splendor.

(Chorus) Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Sing His greatness, all creation.
Praise the Lord, raise your voice,
You heights and all you depths, from furthest east to west,
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord

You reached into the dust, in love Your Spirit breathed.
You formed us in Your very likeness to know Your wondrous works,
To tell Your mighty deeds, to join the everlasting chorus. (Chorus)

Let symphonies resound, let drums and choirs ring out,
All heaven hear the sound of worship.
Let every nation bring its honors to the King,
A roar of harmonies eternal.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Sing His greatness all creation.
Praise the Lord, raise your voice,
You heights and all you depths, from furthest east to west,
You distant burning stars, all creatures near and far,
From sky to sea to shore, sing out forevermore,
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

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Worshipping God With our Tithes and Offerings: James 1:16-17

¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

General Fund and Deacon 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: Matthew 5:17-20
Christmas Fulfillment

Pastor David Nutting

Outline:

1. Jesus was born into the world to _____ the law's _____.
2. Jesus was born into the world to _____ the law's _____.

3. Jesus was born into the world to _____ the law's
_____.

4. Jesus was born into the world to _____ the law's
_____.

Hymn of Thanksgiving: “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”—Hymn #194
(Hymnals are located on the chair rack in front of you)

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

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 did Jesus mean when he said "I have come not to abolish the law and the prophets...but to fulfill them". Why is this so important for your faith?
2. How should it help us to know that Jesus did not lower the standard of the law? Where might you be tempted to lower the standard of God's law in your life? Why is this dangerous spiritually for us?
3. Why did Jesus say that your righteousness must exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees? In what way?
4. As you celebrate the birth of Jesus this year, how might this passage in Matthew help you reorient your view of yourself, of Jesus, and of God's law?

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

- **NCPC Food Distribution.** Join us this FRIDAY December 12th.
- **North City Young Adults Group is having a Christmas Party on Dec. 12th @ 7pm.** They will be having a white elephant gift exchange and going to see Christmas lights. For more details, see Emily Nutting.
- **Angel Tree is here! See Stacey Webb or reach out to her:** Stacey.janel.w@gmail.com, or call/text at (408) 621-3506. Sign up after church. Gifts due 12/14.

CURRENT/ONGOING NCPC EVENTS

- **Copies of the Winter Event Booklet** located on the back table.
- **Daily Email Prayer/Devotions** (Mon thru Fri)
- **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 December 12th. Look out for sign-ups for 2026.

CHURCH STAFF & OFFICE HOURS

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Irene's Schedule		(9–4pm) Tuesday through Thursday
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Angel Tree: Stacey Webb

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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

Mark & Ariana: South Asia

Brent & Ellie Myers: Spain

Mark & Megumi: Japan

Koos & Bhless: Southeast Asia



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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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PRESCHOOL STAFF

Rebecca Friesen	Thea Tafoya
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