

The Lord's Day, December 28, 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: Psalm 108:1-5

My heart is steadfast, O God! I will sing and make melody with all my being!

²Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn! ³I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations. ⁴For your steadfast love is great above the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the clouds. ⁵Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Praise: “Go, Tell It on the Mountain — Hymn #224

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

Confessing our Faith

Ruling Elder Russ Pierce

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q51: What is forbidden in the second commandment?

A: The second commandment forbiddeth the worshipping of God by images, or any other way not appointed in his word.

Q52: What are the reasons annexed to the second commandment?

A: The reasons annexed to the second commandment are, God's sovereignty over us, his propriety in us, and the zeal he hath to his own worship.

Hearing God Speak: Luke 2:22-40

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: Romans 3:23

²³ For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Rejoicing in God's Mercy: 1 John 4:9-10

⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Hymns of Trust: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" – Hymn #200

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" – Hymn #203

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

Worshipping God With our Tithes and Offerings: 1 John 4:7

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.

General Fund Offering:

- 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 1:1-3

Radiant Love

Koos Hagg
WSC Graduate

Outline:

1. Our God who Speaks
2. Christ who Radiates Glory & Presents God to us
3. The Exact Nature of God

Hymn of Thanksgiving: “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” -- Hymn #218

(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 are some of the things God said when He “spoke to our fathers” in the Old Testament?
2. Now, God has spoken to us in Jesus Christ. How did the Word of Jesus Christ come to you? To your parents, and further back?
3. Jesus is the exact imprint of God’s nature. Which characteristics of God do you see in Jesus?

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>

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.
- **NCPC Young Adults Group** will begin weekly meetings on Wednesday **January 14, 7pm** in the young adults room (aka the fellowship hall). Are you age 18-30 and looking for fellowship, worship, and teaching from God's Word? Come join us on Wednesday evenings!
- **Men's Bible Study:** The Men's Bible Study is scheduled to start its 2026 series studying the Book of Romans. **Our first meetings are set for Saturday, January 10th and the 24th at 8:00 AM.** Following these initial dates, we will be meeting on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month. Please contact Steve Gamelson with any questions.
- **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. Next Distribution January 9th.** Look out for sign-ups for 2026.

CHURCH STAFF & OFFICE HOURS

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Irene O'Leary	irene@northcitychurch.com	Office Manager
Amanda Williams	amanda@northcitychurch.com	Office Assistant (works from home)
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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MINISTRY LEADERS

Angel Tree: Stacey Webb

Community Groups: John Love

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

Mark & Ariana: South Asia

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.

Director: Thea Tafoya: 858-748-4678

PRESCHOOL STAFF

Rebecca Friesen	Thea Tafoya
Emily Love	Kathleen Woodhams
Kanon Kemp	Jessica Worden
Wendy Mena	OPENING: 1 teacher & 1 floater