


The Lord's Day, January 11, 2026



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 1:15-18

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.

Prayer of Adoration

Song of Praise: “Creation Sings the Father’s Song”

Creation sings the Father's song; He calls the sun to wake the dawn
And run the course of day, till evening falls in crimson rays.
His fingerprints in flakes of snow, His breath upon this spinning globe,
He charts the eagle's flight; commands the newborn baby's cry.

(Chorus) Hallelujah! Let all creation stand and sing,
“Hallelujah!” Fill the earth with songs of worship;
Tell the wonders of creation's King.

Creation gazed upon His face; the ageless one in time's embrace
Unveiled the Father's plan, of reconciling God and man.
A second Adam walked the earth, Whose blameless life would break the curse,
Whose death would set us free, to live with Him eternally. (Chorus)

Creation longs for His return, when Christ shall reign upon the earth;
The bitter wars that rage, are birth pains of a coming age.
When He renews the land and sky, all heav'n will sing and earth reply
With one resplendent theme: The glories of our God and King! (Chorus)
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Confessing our Faith

Teaching Elder Bradley Arakelian

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q55: What is forbidden in the third commandment?

A: The third commandment forbiddeth all profaning or abusing of any thing whereby God maketh himself known.

Q56: What is the reason annexed to the third commandment?

A: The reason annexed to the third commandment is, That however the breakers of this commandment may escape punishment from men, yet the Lord our God will not suffer them to escape his righteous judgment.

Hearing God Speak: Luke 3:1-22

Teaching Elder Bradley Arakelian

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

GOD CLEANSSES US IN WORSHIP

Humbling Ourselves in God's Presence: Philippians 4:4-7

⁴ Rejoice in the LORD always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The LORD is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Rejoicing in God's Mercy: Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our LORD Jesus Christ. ²Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Songs of Trust: "Christ our Hope in Life and Death"

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand? What comes apart from His command?

And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

(Chorus) O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal; O sing hallelujah!

Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.

Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ.

(Chorus)

Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"

And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord. Then sin and death will be destroyed,

And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore. (Chorus)

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"Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me"

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer.
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus. For my life is wholly bound to His.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,
For by my side the Saviour, He will stay.
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need, His power is displayed.
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.
Through the deepest valley He will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,
The future sure, the price, it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
And He was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.
Jesus now, and ever, is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
For He has said that He will bring me home.
And day by day I know He will renew me until
I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.
All the glory evermore to Him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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Worshipping God With our Tithes and Offerings: Philippians 1:3-5

³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

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: John 14:25-31

Pastor David Nutting

Peace from Jesus

Outline:

1. Peace through the _____
_____.

2. Peace through Jesus' _____.

3. Peace in the face of our _____.

Hymn of Thanksgiving: “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” Hymn—#616
(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 the things that bring you most fear, and tend to rob your peace?
2. How can the presence of the Holy Spirit, sent by the Father in Jesus' name, protect your peace both now and forever? How did the Spirit particularly help the disciples' mission to give us God's Word, according to vv. 25-26?
3. According to Jesus, why was it better for our peace that he went away to the Father?
4. We have real enemies - particularly the world, Satan, and our own sin. But how do the truths in this passage help us combat their attacks on our peace?

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** will start again on **Wednesday, Jan. 14th** from 9:30-11am in the Church Office Conference Room. We will be studying Lamentations, Habakkuk, and Zephaniah from the "Knowing the Bible" series. Ladies can see Jennifer Morse to get their copies of the study guide!
- **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 February 13th.** Look out for sign-ups for 2026.

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Irene's Schedule		(9–4pm) Tuesday through Thursday
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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

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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