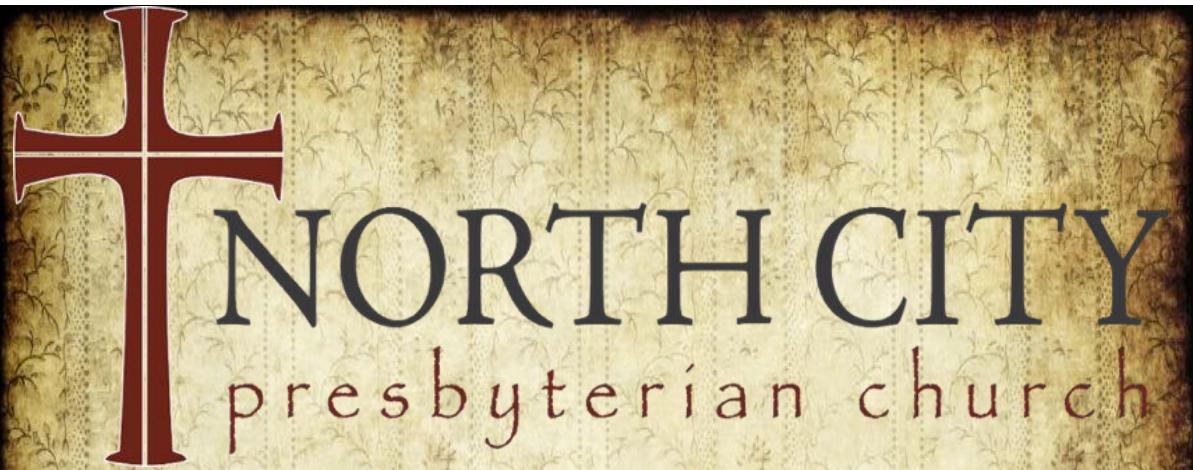


The Lord's Day, February 08, 2026



**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 36:5-8

<sup>5</sup>Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. <sup>6</sup>Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; Your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast You save, O LORD. <sup>7</sup>How precious is Your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings. <sup>8</sup>They feast on the abundance of Your house, and You give them drink from the river of Your delights.

### Prayer of Adoration

#### Song of Praise: “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

How deep the Father’s love for us, how vast beyond all measure.  
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away.  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One, bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there, until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no pow’r, no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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## Confessing our Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Ruling Elder Steve Gamelson

**Q63:** Which is the fifth commandment?

**A:** The fifth commandment is, Honour thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

**Q64:** What is required in the fifth commandment?

**A:** The fifth commandment requireth the preserving the honour, and performing the duties, belonging to every one in their several places and relations, as superiors, inferiors, or equals.

## Hearing God Speak: Luke 5:1-16

Ruling Elder Steve Gamelson

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

## GOD CLEANSES US IN WORSHIP

### Humbling Ourselves in God's Presence: Ephesians 5:1-2

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. <sup>2</sup> And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

### Rejoicing in God's Mercy: Romans 5:6-8

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup> but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

### Songs of Trust: "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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### **"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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### **Worshipping God With our Tithes and Offerings: Romans 12:1-2**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.<sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

### **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 15:12-17**

## **The Greatest Love**

Pastor David Nutting

## OUTLINE:

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The love that \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ for our \_\_\_\_\_.

## Song of Thanksgiving: “O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast unmeasured, boundless, free.

Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.

Underneath me, all around me is the current of Your love;  
Leading onward, leading homeward to Your glorious rest above.

(Chorus) O the deep, deep love,  
All I need and trust is the deep, deep love of Jesus.

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread His praise from shore to shore.

How He came to pay our ransom through the saving cross He bore.

How He watches o'er His loved ones, those He died to make His own.

How for them He's interceding, pleading now before the throne. (Chorus)

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, far surpassing all the rest,

It's an ocean full of blessing in the midst of every test.

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, mighty Savior, precious Friend!

You will bring us home to glory where Your love will never end. (Chorus)

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# **GOD COMMISSIONS US INTO THE WORLD**

## **Doxology**

Blessed be God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him, all creatures here below:

Praise Him, all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host:

## It as Christ's Ministers to Spread a Religion

For the Glory and Worship of God

### **Questions for devotions and family worship:**

1. What are your biggest struggles when it comes to loving others?
2. Why did Jesus say "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends" at this moment in his ministry?
3. What is the significance of Jesus calling us not "servants" but "friends," even though both are true?
4. How should Jesus' own love for you motivate your love for others? Consider Ephesians 5:1-2.

**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>

### 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 Wednesdays 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** meets weekly on Wednesdays at 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: Next meeting 2/7 & 2/21 at 8am.** They 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 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 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 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.
- **Belmont Village:** Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month from 9-9:45am.
- **NCPC Food Distribution.** **Next Distribution March 13th.** Look out for sign-ups for 2026.

## CHURCH STAFF & OFFICE HOURS

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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

**Young Adults Ministry:** David Nutting

## NCPC MISSIONARIES

**Bradley Arakelian:** Mexico

**Dave Eby:** Uganda

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**Mark & Megumi:** 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.

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