

The Lord's Day, March 22, 2026



NORTH CITY
presbyterian church

Sunday school
9:00 am

Morning Worship
10:00 am

Ordination and Commissioning Service
3:00 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

Welcome and Announcements

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship: Psalm 31:21-24

²¹Blessed be the LORD, for He has wondrously shown His steadfast love to me when I was in a besieged city. ²²I had said in my alarm, "I am cut off from Your sight." But You heard the voice of my pleas for mercy when I cried to You for help. ²³Love the LORD, all you His saints! The LORD preserves the faithful but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride. ²⁴Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD!

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Praise: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" – Hymn #457

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

Confessing our Faith

Q&A: 76-78

Ruling Elder Larry Fox

Page 875 in the Trinity Hymnal

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

Hearing God Speak: Luke 8:1-21

Ruling Elder Larry Fox

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

GOD CLEANSSES US IN WORSHIP

Humbling Ourselves in God's Presence: Matthew 7:7-8

⁷"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened."

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.

Songs of Trust: "By Faith"

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design,
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of His promise in their hearts,
Of a holy city built by God's own hand,
A place where peace and justice reign.

(Refrain) We will stand as children of the promise;
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear,
With the power to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost,
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In every corner of the earth. (Refrain).

By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name. (Refrain)

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“His Mercy is More”

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more. (Chorus)

(Chorus) Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more. (Chorus)

What riches of kindness He lavished on us.
His blood was the payment; His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more. (Chorus)
(Words and Music by Matt Papa & Matt Boswell)

Worshipping God With our Tithes and Offerings: Colossians 3:1

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of 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: John 16:23-27
Asking in Jesus' Name

Pastor David Nutting

OUTLINE:

1. An invitation to _____.

2. Praying in the _____ of _____.

3. Restored to the _____ through _____.

Song of Response: “Behold Our God”

Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice. All creation rises to rejoice.

(Chorus) Behold our God, seated on His throne. Come, let us adore Him!
Behold our King, nothing can compare, come, let us adore Him!

Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of His Words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds? (Chorus)

Who has felt the nails upon His hands, bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave, Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign! (Chorus)

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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)

Questions for devotions and family worship:

1. How would you describe your prayer life? Is it strong? Weak?
2. Jesus describes prayer as "asking in Jesus' name." What does it mean to pray in the name of Jesus?
3. Do you struggle to think that God is pleased with you and actually delights to have a relationship with you? What might it mean for you to know that "the Father himself loves you" (v.27)?

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 [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>

UPCOMING NCPC EVENTS

- **SPRING NCPC DIRECTORIES** are now available on the back table.
- **Ordination Service of Koos Hagg.** Today at 3:00 pm. Please stay after for some light refreshments and to encourage and congratulate Koos.
- **Good Friday, Resurrection Sunday Worship and Brunch**—Friday, April 3rd at New Life Escondido and Sunday, April 5th Outdoor Worship here at NCPC. See flier in your bulletin for more details.
- **Easter Brunch** sign-ups after church today!
- **VBS 2026 "Mighty Wonders"**. Mark your calendar for July 27-31st for VBS '26. More details & registration coming in late March or reach out to Kristen Johnson (619-981-9425).

CURRENT/ONGOING NCPC EVENTS

- **Overseas workers Mark & Ariana and Koos & Bhless:** If you are interested in partnering with them through financial giving, we have fliers on the back table for each of them that contain all the details on how to give.
- **Copies of the Spring Event Booklet** will be available on March 1st.
- **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 meetings are Sat. @ 8am: 3/21; 4/4 and 4/18 at 8am.** Please contact Steve Gamelson with any questions.
- **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. Their next meeting is Apr 11, at 10:00 am in the office conference room.

- **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 April 10th.** Look out for sign-ups for 2026.

CHURCH STAFF & OFFICE HOURS

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Irene’s Schedule		(9–4pm) Tuesday through Thursday
Days Off (David)		Friday and Saturday
Days Off (Irene)		Monday and Friday

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Angel Tree: Stacey Webb	Preschool Director: Thea Tafoya
Community Groups: John Love	Refreshments: Irene O'Leary and Jennifer Morse
Edson Range: John Alford, Larry Fox	Safety: Evan Johnson
Finance Team: John Hatcher (Treas), Kris Chopper, Scott Handley, Irene O'Leary, Ryan Mitchell	Sunday School (children): Kristen Johnson, Julie Witsken, Amanda Williams, Steve Gamelson
Flower Ministry: Kathy Printy, Kathy McGrath & Kathryn Johnson	Sunday School (adult): Elders
Food Distribution: Deacons	Ushers: Evan Johnson
Ivy Park: Pastor David Nutting; Pastor Mark George	VBS: Kristen Johnson
Belmont Village: Pastor Mark George	Transportation (Bill & Barbara Parkhurst): Deacons
Live Stream: Music Team	Women's Bible Study: Stacey Webb & Amy Hershey
Meals: Pat Vawter	Women's Special Events: Heidi Hatcher & Amanda Williams
Men's Bible Study: Steve Gamelson	Worship Nursery: Amanda Williams
Music Team: Aaron Pipkin, David Nutting	Young Adults Ministry: David Nutting

NCPC MISSIONARIES

Bradley Arakelian: Mexico	Mark & Megumi: Japan
Dave Eby: Uganda	Koos & Bhless: Southeast Asia
Mark & Ariana: South 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. care.

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Rana Absolhosm	Kanon Kemp	Marissa Martinez	Kathleen Woodhams
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