

The Lord's Day, May 10, 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: Psalm 145:1-5

I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever. ² Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever. ³ Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable. ⁴ One generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts. ⁵ On the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate.

Prayer of Adoration

Song of Praise: "All Creatures of Our God and King"

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,
O praise Him, Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam;
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along,
O praise Him, Alleluia!

Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice; Ye lights of evening find a voice,
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, And worship Him in humbleness.
O praise Him, Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, three in One.
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Words by St. Francis of Assisi | Arranged by David Crowder & Brent Milligan

Translated by William Henry Draper

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Confessing our Faith

Q&A: 90

Ruling Elder Steve Gamelson

Page 876 in the Trinity Hymnal

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

Hearing God Speak: Luke 10:25-42

Ruling Elder Steve Gamelson

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

GOD CLEANSSES US IN WORSHIP

Humbling Ourselves in God's Presence: Philippians 2:1-4

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Rejoicing in God's Mercy: Philippians 2:5-8

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Songs of Trust: "Our Great God"

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown;
Your boundless love unfailing in grace and mercy shown.
Bright seraphim in endless flight around Your glorious throne,
They raise their voices day and night in praise to You alone.

(Chorus) Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!

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Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.
Surround us with Your angels, hold us in Your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm.
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our Sov'reign God. (Chorus)

Let ev'ry creature in the sea, and ev'ry flying bird,
Let ev'ry mountain, ev'ry field and valley of the earth;
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
Sing praises to the living God who rules them by His Word. (Chorus)
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“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”

Wonderful merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend.
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?
Oh, You rescue the Souls of men.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace,
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way,
Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way.

(Chorus) You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore,
You give the healing and grace, our hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Almighty infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own,
Here in our weakness You find us, falling before Your throne,
Oh, we're falling before Your throne. (Chorus)
(Dawn Rodgers & Eric Wyse @ 1989 Word Music)

Worshipping God With our Tithes and Offerings: Philippians 3:7-8

⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my

LORD. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ.

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 17:20-23
A Prayer for Unity

Pastor David Nutting

OUTLINE:

1. A prayer for _____.

2. A prayer for _____.

3. A prayer for _____.

Song of Response: "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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Yet not I, but through Christ in me. Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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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. Jesus prayed for his worldwide people throughout history in John 17, for those who would hear the disciples' testimony and believe. Jesus was praying for us. Take time to consider how the Gospel first came to you, and give God praise for his providence.
2. Jesus asked the Father to form his people in unity. How does he describe it? How should the union and unity between the Father and the Son help us be unified as God's people?
3. How should our unity be "magnetic" according to Jesus, attracting people to the Gospel? How can we pray for this?

NEW TO NCPC?:

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.

NCPC INFO: 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

- **VBS 2026 "Mighty Wonders". Registration for VBS 2026 (July 27-31) is open!** Visit northcitychurch.com/ministries/vbs-2026 to sign up your children to attend. **Volunteer signups will begin May 17th** after Worship. Questions? Please reach out to Kristen Johnson (619-981-9425 or kj3kids@gmail.com) or use this QR code:



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.
- **Women’s Bible Study** meets on Wednesdays from 9:30-11am in the Church Office Conference Room. 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: 5/16; 6/6; 6/20. 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. You can reach out to Irene or Amanda.
- **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 **3:15-4pm** (note start time change) 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 June 12th.** Check your email for sign-ups.

CHURCH STAFF & OFFICE HOURS

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

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Angel Tree: Stacey Webb	Preschool Director: Thea Tafoya
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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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