



Welcome!

We're so pleased you're here today - rejoicing in God's victory of life, and how that changes our lives. May God bless you on this glorious day!
~ Andrew Ross

First Time Here? Stop by our Welcome Center to pick up a gift bag with information to help you get to know us better.

Welcome Card - Please use the card in your bulletin to:

- Let us know you were here
- Give/update your contact information
- Request prayer
- Share answered prayers/joys
- Ask questions
- Order a nametag
- Sign up for an event

Stay & Visit - Join us for coffee and cookies in the Rowley Courtyard after services. Mingle outside or bring your goodies indoors to *The Gathering*. **We'd love to get to know you.**

Join a Connect Group - Fill out an Interest Card available in the Church Narthex (Lobby) & Welcome Center.

Access Free Password-Protected WiFi - campus-wide, name "npcguest". Password available from ushers.

Seek God in Prayer - Visit the Prayer Garden, next to the Rowley Courtyard after services to pray with a member of our Prayer Team or enjoy quiet prayer time alone.

Thank you for your weekly tithes, offerings and financial gifts, which mean so much for the work of Christ at Northminster and beyond! Online giving is available at npctucson.org.

Stay Connected

Get connected to all our communications and always be in the loop...

- ▶ **The Vine & The Branches**, monthly print newsletter (distributed around the church campus or viewable online)
- ▶ **eV&B**, the electronic, color version of our monthly newsletter (subscribe on our website to have it sent to your inbox)
- ▶ **Facebook.com/npctucson**, NPC's Facebook page (includes unique daily posts including ministry updates, photos and more).
- ▶ **Northminster News**, weekly email blast (event reminders and information on what's coming up in the life of the church) visit <http://bit.ly/IWantNPCNews> to subscribe.
- ▶ **Twitter @npctucson**

For more information visit our website at www.npctucson.org.

Pray for those we cherish who are Sick and/or Hospitalized

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| John Anderson | Ralph & Jackie | David Newton |
| Pat & Ted Belwisch | Comey | Chris Riggs |
| Robin Burkhart | Marian Hargrove | Mary Ruth Shropshire |
| Mary Burnett | Christine Hawley | |
| Paul Carey | Jayden McDougald | |
| Jerry & Bea Carter | Maxine McKee | |

Pray for our Church Family Day by Day . . .

*List rotates alphabetically each week using Northminster's database. To be included, share your contact information on your Welcome Card.

Sunday Dec 04
Akhtar & Kamni Parvez
Amanda Parvez

Monday Dec 05
Shirley Pattengale
Don & Diana Patterson

Tuesday Dec 06
Mike Patterson & family
Joan Patton

Wednesday Dec 07
Dennis & Betty Paul
Al & Barbara Paulus

Thursday Dec 08
Denise Pearson

Karen Peppard

Friday Dec 09
Bob & Rose Perrill
Brian Perrill

Saturday Dec 10
John & Janelle Perry & family
Fred & Crissi Petersen

Celebrations of Joy!

- ◆ For the 251 pledges made as part of our "Blessed to Bless" focus. Total pledge amount is over \$800,000. If you have not had an opportunity to complete your pledge, you can pick up pledge card in church office or Sanctuary lobby.
- ◆ For the Thanksgiving Day meal provided by the Deacons. Over 150 guests enjoyed a traditional holiday meal.
- ◆ For family & friends who decorated our campus by joining in the Hanging of the Greens.

Live, online streaming, Sundays
at bit.ly/npctucsonLIVE

or

24/7 on-demand at bit.ly/NPCOnDemand



Discovering the gift of Jesus in our relationships.

9:30am

December 4, 2016

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9:30am Service of Worship

Welcome! As you prepare for worship, please silence your cell phone.

*The * indicates congregation standing, if you are able.*

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| Prelude | Noels for Organ | |
| Welcome | | Dr. Andrew Ross |
| Introit | <i>Come, Light of the World!</i> <i>by Anna Laura Page & Jean Anne Shafferman</i> | Choraliers |
| Call to Worship | from Isaiah 61 | |
| Lighting of Advent Wreath: | | Scott & Fonda Townsend |
| Prayer of Invocation, Confession, & Lord's Prayer | <i>(said in unison, using "debts," "debtors")</i> | Rev. Ken Skodiak |
| *Hymn 168 | <i>Savior of the Nations Come</i> | <i>(green hymnal)</i> |
| *Greetings | | Rev. Skodiak |
| Pastoral Prayer | | |
| *Hymn 169 | <i>The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came</i> | <i>(green hymnal)</i> |
| Presentation of Tithes and Offerings | | Dr. Ross |
| Offertory | <i>This Day So Full of Joy</i> | J. S. Bach |
| Anthem | <i>Carol of the Advent</i> | P. Dietterich |
| Series | <i>Opening Christmas Presence</i> | Dr. Ross |
| Scripture | Luke 1:26 -38 | |
| *Communion | Mary Meets Messenger <i>Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence, verse 1</i> | <i>(green hymnal)</i> |
| Hymn 232 | | |
| The Lord's Supper | | |
| *Communion | <i>Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence, verse 4</i> | |
| Hymn 232 | | |
| *Benediction | | |
| *Response | <i>Rejoice! Rejoice!</i> | French, 15th C |
| Postlude | <i>From Heaven Above I Come to You</i> | J.S. Bach |

Annual Congregational Meeting TODAY - 12:15pm, in Sanctuary. Join us as we meet to elect officers & approve pastors' terms of call.

Connect

Blue Christmas Worship - Tuesday, Dec 20, 7pm.

Christmas can be a challenging time of year. This service is for all who may be experiencing sorrow or grief and are seeking the peace of God.

Poinsettias - may still be purchased until Dec 9. They will decorate sanctuary through Dec 25. Order forms in church office, lobby, welcome center.

Christmas Bazaar continues today between services in Rowley Courtyard.

Taco Dinner & Concert- Fundraiser. All welcome. Support annual Rocky Point Mission trip by attending Dec 7th Taco Bar. \$10. Sign up in Rowley Courtyard today and Nov 27.

Paintball for Sr. High - Saturday, Dec. 10. 8am-2pm. \$45 for a day of zany fun. Registration forms due TODAY.

Music Sunday - Dec 11. 8am & 11am: Congregational carol singing plus contemporary Christmas music from Praise Team & Kaleidoscope musicians. **9:30am:** Selections from Handel's Messiah, performed by Sanctuary Choir, orchestra, & organ.

Children's Christmas Program, Dec 11, 4pm. "Starry, Starry Night". Choraliers & children's performance. Reception following.

Senior SOUPer-Supper - Dec. 11, 5pm: Home cooked SOUP supper with a side of Christmas carols! Surprise guests will be joining you at your tables (Sr. High elves)! Donation of \$6.00.

Sonoran Bells Handbell Ensemble concert on Tuesday, Dec 13, in Sanctuary, 7:30pm. Free-will offering.

Today's **Advent courtyard music** presented by the Men's Choir.

Serve

African Textile Photo Note Cards - Purchase a 5-pack of 5x7 note cards & envelopes for \$10 donation. Proceeds benefit RIM. Available in Rowley Courtyard after services today.

Blood Drive - Today. 7:30am - 11:30am. Location: CE Rooms 8 & 9 of our church. Walk in donors welcome.

Angel Tree Project - Bags filled with items for men at Gospel Rescue Mission due today in church office.

Deacons' Pantry - Groceries for those facing hard times. Needed: Canned meals, peanut butter, rice, travel-sized toiletries, toilet paper, cereal, soup, tuna, beans, fruit, green beans and corn. 250 bags of food given out this month.

Grow

ADULTS

You can take advantage of any number of classes to grow your & your family's faith.

For a complete class list, go to npctucson.org

- ◆ **Book of Acts** - Class resumes today in Multipurpose Room. 9:30-10:30am
- ◆ **Christian History Part IV** - Learn about church development in the modern world. 11am in Sr. High Room.

CHILDREN (Age 4 through grade 5)

- ◆ **Worship & Wonder** - Interactive hands-on worship activities for kids ages 4-8 after children's message at 8:00am service. Pick up in Room 7, Christian Education Building.
- ◆ **Bible BLAST** - Sunday School classes for age 4 through grade 5. Discover God through Bible stories & fun, 9:30am, Christian Education Building.
- ◆ **Choraliers Choir Rehearsal** - 10:30 - 11:15am for students in grades 1-8. Meets in Music Room, Multipurpose Building.

STUDENTS/YOUTHS (grades 6 through 12)

Families with youths worship together today in the Sanctuary at all 3 services. Youth classes do not meet today & resume next week.

- ◆ **Sunday School** - Middle and high school students, come connect with other students and be challenged by God's Word. 9:30am, Youth Rooms, Multipurpose Building.
- ◆ **Senior High Youth Group** - Sundays, 4:30-6pm. A mix of connecting, learning, and recreation for students in grades 9-12. Meet in the Senior High Room, Multipurpose Building.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

3:00pm - Starry, Starry Night, outdoor family service, petting zoo.

5:30pm* - Christmas Unwrapped, contemporary style for young at heart.

7:30* 11:00pm - Candlelight & Carols
Two identical services, lessons and traditional carols.

10:30pm - Pre-service Organ Concert

**Nursery care age 4 & under*

The church campus will be closed on the following dates:
Dec 26 & 27 and Jan 2.