



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

John Anderson	Ralph & Jackie Comey	David Newton
Pat & Ted Belwisch	Marian Hargrove	Chris Riggs
Robin Burkhart	Christine Hawley	Mary Ruth Shropshire
Mary Burnett	Raymond McDaniel	
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 11

Sharon & Bryan Peterson
Luanne Pettengill

Monday Dec 12

David & Janna Peyton
Jim & Sylvia Pfersdorf

Tuesday Dec 13

Elmer Pfeuffer
John & Mary Phillips

Wednesday Dec 14

Susie Pierce
Joyce Pike

Thursday Dec 15

Daniel Pintor
Oscar & Lesli Pintor

Friday Dec 16

Victor & Henny Pisano
Victoria Pisano

Saturday Dec 17

Amanda Place
Dale & Carolyn Platt

Celebrations of Joy!

- ◆ For the talented musicians, vocalists, and directors at our church who inspire us in music ministry.
- ◆ For church family & friends who decorated our campus by joining in the Hanging of the Greens.
- ◆ A successful blood drive last Sunday.
- ◆ For over \$800,000 in pledges made as part of our "Blessed to Bless" focus. If you have not had an opportunity to complete your pledge, you can pick up a pledge card in Church Office or Sanctuary Lobby (Narthex).

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.

8:00am

December 11, 2016

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8:00am Service of Worship

Welcome! Thank you for silencing your cell phones during the worship service. Feel free to join the worship leaders in singing or reflect in silence as we prepare for worship.

Gathering God With Us Praise Team

Welcome Pete Seiferth

Call to Worship

Lighting of Advent Candle: Michael & Elizabeth Sellers with Matthew, Merrick, & Maylie

Prayer, Lord's Prayer Julia Higgins

Songs of Praise

You'll Come
O Praise Him/ O Come All Ye Faithful

Special Music Mary, Did You Know? Praise Team

Pastoral Prayer, Invitation to Offering Pete Seiferth

Offering Song Hymn of Joy Praise Team

Greetings

Children's Message Andrew Ross

(Children age four through second grade begin worship with their parents in the Sanctuary and are escorted to Worship & Wonder after the Children's message.)

Series Opening Christmas Presence
Scripture Luke 1:39-56
Message When Elizabeth Met Mary Pastor Ross

Special Music Keep Silent
Silent Night Praise Team

Songs of Praise The First Noel
Angels from the Realms of Glory/Emmanuel

Blessing

Connect

Music Sunday - Today. 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, Today, 4pm. Sanctuary. "Starry, Starry Night". Choraliers' & children's performance. Reception following.

Senior SOUPer-Supper - Today 5pm. Fellowship Hall. Homecooked SOUP supper with a side of Christmas carols! Surprise elves will be joining you at your tables. \$6 donation.

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

Advent Courtyard Music – Today between services. Presented by Glenda Garcia, Gaby Carrillo, and Cheryl Carter.

Market on the Move is Back - Dec. 17, 8:00-11:00am. Farmers' market atmosphere in our church parking lot. Buy up to 60 lbs of fresh produce for \$10.

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

Invitation Cards - Available in Church lobby (Narthex) and Welcome Center. Invite someone to Christmas Eve service.

Men's Coach Talk Breakfast - Saturday, Jan 7, 8-9:30am. Grundstrom Room. Discussion & food. Sign up in Church Office.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

December 24: Christmas Eve

Join us!

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

5:30pm* - Christmas Unwrapped, contemporary music.

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

10:30pm - Pre-service Organ Concert

*Nursery care age 4 & under

December 25: Christmas Day - ONE service at 10:00am

Church campus closed on Dec 26 & 27 and Jan 2.

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.

Deacons' Pantry - Groceries for those facing hard times. Non-perishable food items still needed. 60 bags of food given out this week.

Advent Gift of the Heart Special Offering - Your gift of any amount will help reach our goal of \$15,000 for international missions. Details at npctucson.org/christmas

Tax Credit - Get a dollar-for-dollar credit on 2016 taxes. Donate to IBE Scholarships and/or ACSTO on behalf of Northminster Christian School. Brochures at Welcome Center. Contact school for more info: 520 327 2321.

Youth Service Project - Saturday, Dec 17, 7:30am-2:30pm. Students (grades 6-12) invited to help at Gospel Rescue Mission party. Sign up in Youth Rooms to get involved.

Grow

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

ADULTS

- ♦ **Book of Acts** - Class resumes today in Multipurpose Room. 9:30-10:30am
- ♦ **Christian History Part IV** - Learn about development of church 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)

Youth classes do meet today. However, NO Arise Youth and no Youth Group this afternoon. Youth Group will serve at the Senior SOUPer Supper.

- ♦ **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 - Resumes NEXT Week.** 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.