

## CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

### Praying for sick/hospitalized

Bob Butler Joy Mabee  
 Ron Garwick Sandra Marshall  
 Eden Hackney

Listed names typically remain for two weeks - to request an addition, update or extension, please contact the Church Office, (520) 327-7121.

### Rejoicing

- For the connections and creativity made during the new Crafty Friends meeting yesterday!

### Chancel Flowers

Celebrate special occasions, honor loved ones, and express gratitude by adorning the Sanctuary Chancel with beautiful flowers. Contact the Church Office at (520) 327-7121 to purchase bouquets for any Sunday or a specified date.

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**Office Hours:**  
 M-Th, 9am-4pm

## PLAN YOUR SUNDAY WORSHIP

Join us WEEKLY, 8:00am / 9:45am / 11:30am ARISE, in the Sanctuary or LIVESTREAM with chat on one of our online platforms: [npctucson.online.church](http://npctucson.online.church), [facebook.com/npctucson/live](https://facebook.com/npctucson/live), [youtube.com/npctucson](https://youtube.com/npctucson).

## WORSHIP ENRICHMENT

- Children's worship materials for kids ages 4-12 are available in the Sanctuary Narthex/Lobby.
- Nursery for children age 3 and younger is available in Room 2 of the Children's Education Bldg., Sundays, 7:45am-1:15pm.
- Large-print editions of the bulletin and the orders of worship are available at each service; please ask the ushers for one.
- Campus-wide Wi-Fi is available. Network name "npcguest"; see an usher for password.
- View digital versions of Northminster's Sunday morning worship materials and take notes with the Bible App, available at [bible.com/app](http://bible.com/app).

## FINANCIAL FOCUS

God does amazing things through your generosity. Thank you for giving your offering/tithes. Your financial gifts are greatly appreciated and may be made in the following ways:

- Online - [npctucson.org/give](http://npctucson.org/give).
- Facebook - [facebook.com/npctucson](https://facebook.com/npctucson) - click the "Donate" button.
- Text NPCTUCSON to 73256.
- Mail to 2450 E. Fort Lowell Rd, Tucson AZ, 85719.
- In Service - Passed plate or drop boxes at Sanctuary exits.

Regular Giving Through August 2024	
Year to Date:	\$835,055
2024 YTD Goal:	\$903,177
Difference:	- \$68,122

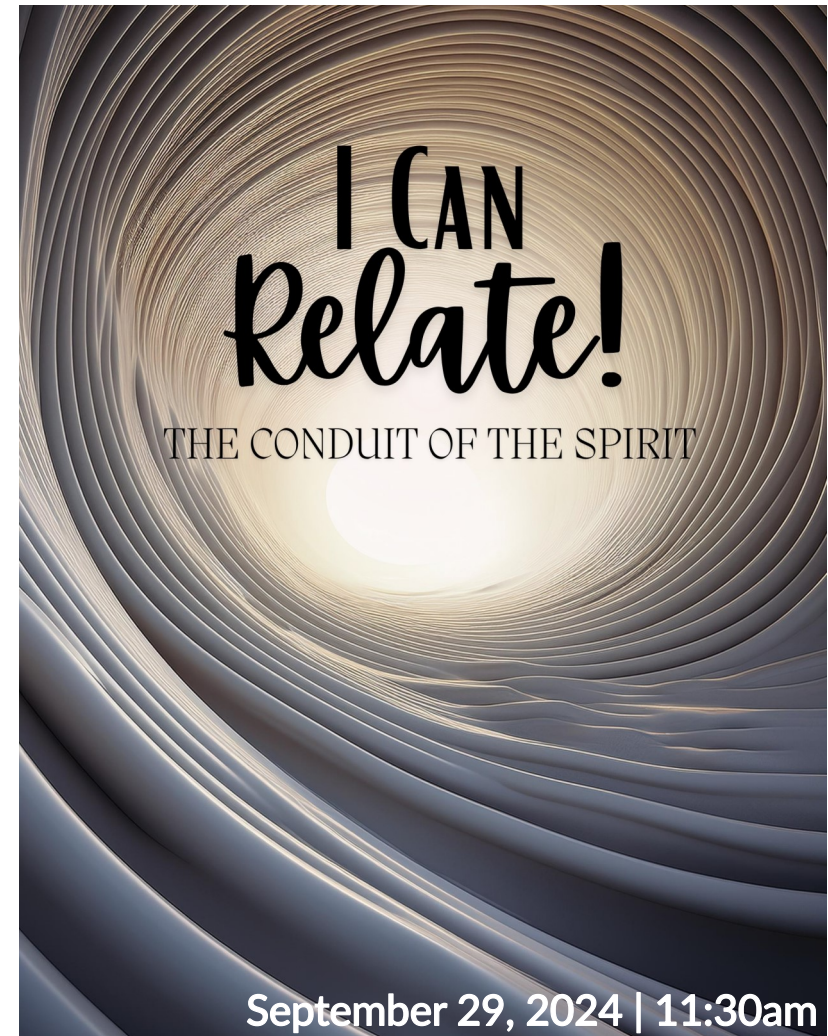
## STAY CONNECTED

The best ways to stay connected and get the latest NPC information:

- Visit our website at [npctucson.org](http://npctucson.org).
- Subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter, *Northminster News*: [bit.ly/npcenews](https://bit.ly/npcenews).
- Opt in to receiving text messages from Northminster: text FAMILY to (520) 462-4949.
- Follow us on social: @npctucson    

## NORTHMINSTER ON THE RADIO

Tune in to Northminster's radio broadcast, True North, on KGMS 940AM (Sundays, 6pm; Monday-Friday, 6:30am).



## Welcome to Worship

at Northminster | Can you relate? This month we are not asking to be blessed, but to *be* a blessing for others around us. Can-you-do-it?! Yes: In God's Spirit **you conduit**—you will be blessed as you seek to bless others. It starts here; thanks for being with us today!

~ Andrew Ross, Pastor

**Our Vision** | To equip every generation to know Jesus and demonstrate his love to those they know.



## ORDER OF WORSHIP - 11:30am

<b>Gathering</b>	Holy You Are Holy/Wera Uri Uwera	Praise Band
<b>Welcome &amp; Announcements</b>		Andrew Ross
<b>Greetings</b>		
<b>Praise</b>	His Word is Firm/Imvugo Yiwe N'Ihame	Praise Band
	Your Plans/Imigambi Yawe	
	Come and Dance/Tambira	
<b>Prayer</b>		
<b>Word</b>	<b>Scripture</b> 1 Corinthians 13 <b>Series</b> I Can Relate! <b>Sermon</b> Love, Essentially!	Pastor Ross
<b>Offering and Prayer</b>	You're the Holy Rock/Uri Uwera Gitare	Praise Band
<b>Response</b>		
<b>Blessing</b>		

## WELCOME!

*We're Delighted You're Here!*

**We value your connection with us!** Please take a moment to complete the Connect Card in your bulletin or at [bit.ly/connectnpc](http://bit.ly/connectnpc).

**First Time Here?** - Visit our Welcome Center for a special gift to help introduce you to Northminster. We look forward to meeting you!

**Stay Connected** - For ministry updates, highlights, church news, upcoming events and more, subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter, *Northminster News*, at [bit.ly/npcenews](http://bit.ly/npcenews).

## INVITE *Faith Activities Worth Inviting a Friend To*

*To learn more or sign up for upcoming events, visit [npctucson.org/events](http://npctucson.org/events).*

**Special Congregational Meeting** - All active members are invited to attend this special meeting, today at 1pm in the Sanctuary, for the purpose of electing a co-pastor nominating committee as we celebrate Pastor Ken and seek God's guidance for the future.

**Financial Peace University** - Sundays, 11:15am, Room 8/9. Come learn how to take control of your finances, eliminate debt, and save wisely. To register, visit [fpu.com/B68893](http://fpu.com/B68893).

**Arise Celebration Weekend** - October 4-6. Come be part of a powerful, faith-filled weekend where you'll experience the joy of uplifting services, inspiring prayer, and incredible music with our Arise Praise Team, special guest singer, Diane Nyirashimwe and guest preacher Jane Bisangwa. Everyone is welcome—let's celebrate together!

◇ **Friday, Oct 4:** 4:30-7pm | Worship & Prayer (Grundstrom Room)

◇ **Saturday, Oct 5:** 1-3pm\* | Couples Workshop (Fellowship Hall)  
3:30-6pm\* | Praise & Worship (Sanctuary)

◇ **Sunday, Oct 6:** 11:30am-1pm | Worship Service (Sanctuary),  
1:15-2:45pm | Lunch (Fellowship Hall),  
3-5:30pm\* | Praise & Worship (Sanctuary)

\*Childcare is available for nursery-5th grade by pre-registering at [bit.ly/arisekidcare24](http://bit.ly/arisekidcare24).

**Presbyterian Women's Fall Gathering** - October 12, 9:30-11:30am, Fellowship Hall. Ladies, invite a girlfriend for a morning of fellowship, a light breakfast, and an inspiring talk by Kristina Volkir on her work in HIV/AIDS education in Malawi. Sign up at the PW table in the Rowley Courtyard or register online at [bit.ly/pwfallgath24](http://bit.ly/pwfallgath24).

**Golden Swarm (55+) Luncheon** - Wednesday, October 16, 12-1:30pm, Fellowship Hall. Seniors, you're invited to kick off the new season with great company and a lively performance by the *Bouncing Czechs!* Bring a friend and enjoy a box lunch for \$10, or feel free to bring your own. Register in the Rowley Courtyard or at visit [bit.ly/gsczechs](http://bit.ly/gsczechs).

**Evensong** - A Musical Celebration - Sunday, October 20, 5pm, Sanctuary. Bring the whole family and invite a friend for an evening of beautiful music, inspiring prayer and uplifting scripture lessons.

## PREPARE

*Classes and Groups to Grow Your Faith*

**NPCKids** (age 3yrs-5th grade) - [npctucson.org/kids](http://npctucson.org/kids).

◇ **Bible Explorers** - 9:45-10:45am, Children's Classrooms. Kids learn the word of God through games, stories, crafts and more!

◇ **Choraliers Children's Choir** - For kids in kindergarten through 8th grade, Sundays, 9am and 11:30am in the Music Rehearsal Room. Contact: Ms. Gloria Day, [gjeanned@aol.com](mailto:gjeanned@aol.com).

**NPCStudents** (for grades 6-12) - Connect via [bit.ly/npcstudents](http://bit.ly/npcstudents).

◇ **Student Groups** - Sundays, 9:45-10:45am, Youth Room 1. Students explore living in our modern society with guidance from the Bible.

◇ **Student Ministry Youth Group** for grades 6-12, Wednesdays, 6-7:30pm, Fellowship Hall. Students play games and participate in creative activities as you learn about God's word!

**Adult Classes and Groups** - View a full list at [npctucson.org/connect](http://npctucson.org/connect).

◇ **God's Never Ending Story** - Sundays, 9:30-10:45am, Multipurpose Room. Starting today, join us in exploring the profound work, *The Crucifixion* by Fleming Rutledge. Everyone welcome!

◇ **Forged for Faith: Hot Button Topics** - Sundays, 9:45-10:45am, Fellowship Hall. Join a casual discussion group guided by scripture, where all voices are welcome! Explore timeless topics like politics, identity, and sexuality.

◇ **Opening God's Word** - Sundays, 11:15am-12:15pm, Youth Room 1. Starting October 13, join us for the video lecture series *Who is the Holy Spirit* by Dr. Ferguson. We'll explore scripture to deepen our understanding of the often-forgotten third person of the Trinity. Please note: No meeting on October 6.

## INVEST *Opportunities to Give and Serve*

**Nominate Church Leaders** - Today is the final Sunday to submit nominations for Ruling Elder, Deacon, or Nominating Team members. Pick up a form at the Welcome Centers or download it at [bit.ly/npcnoms25](http://bit.ly/npcnoms25). Thank you for your prayerful consideration!

**Red Cross Blood Drive** - Sunday, October 13, 7am-12pm, Fellowship Hall. Your donation can make a life-saving difference! Give in October and enjoy a \$10 gift card sent by email as a thank-you. To donate, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and use code "Northminster."

**Greet 'N Treat** - Our largest outreach of the year is coming up on October 31, 5:30-7:30pm, NE Parking Lot. **How you can participate:**

◇ **Candy!** - We're collecting tons of bags of individually wrapped treats. Drop off donations at the Church Office or let us shop for you by giving at [npctucson.org](http://npctucson.org) and selecting "Greet 'N Treat."

◇ **Volunteer Opportunities** - Participate the night of the event. For a full list of ways to serve, visit [bit.ly/gnt24-icanhelp](http://bit.ly/gnt24-icanhelp).

# Sermon Notes

## Sunday, September 29, 2024

Love, Essentially!

1 Corinthians 13  
Andrew Ross

Love: Gasp!

1. The e\_\_\_\_\_ of love.
2. The f\_\_\_\_\_ of love.
  - A. Love is a v\_\_\_\_\_ .
  - B. Love is e\_\_\_\_\_ .
  - C. Love is o\_\_\_\_\_ .
3. The e\_\_\_\_\_ luster of love.
4. The m\_\_\_\_\_ of love.
5. The c\_\_\_\_\_ of love.

### For this coming week:

- 8 + 8 I can relate! Select an attribute of love (see the other side) and ask God to accentuate it in your life.
- 8-15 love project: This week, make it a point to show love in a meaningful and caring way to one person this week, or (!) ... one person per day from your REACH prayer list of folks you regularly encounter.

*To listen to today's message again, or share it with a friend,  
visit [npctucson.org/worship](http://npctucson.org/worship).*



# 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

## NIV

Love is patient  
love is kind.  
It does not envy,  
it does not boast,  
it is not proud.  
It does not dishonor others,  
it is not self-seeking,  
it is not easily angered,  
it keeps no record of wrongs.  
Love does not delight in evil  
but rejoices with the truth.  
It always protects,  
always trusts,  
always hopes,  
always perseveres.

## Message

Love never gives up.  
Love cares more for others than for self.  
Love doesn't want what it doesn't have.  
Love doesn't strut,  
Doesn't have a swelled head,  
Doesn't force itself on others,  
Isn't always "me first,"  
Doesn't fly off the handle,  
Doesn't keep score of the sins of others,  
Doesn't revel when others grovel,  
Takes pleasure in the flowering of truth,  
Puts up with anything,  
Trusts God always,  
Always looks for the best,  
Never looks back, but keeps going to  
the end.