

## ORDER OF WORSHIP - 9:45am

\* Indicates standing, if you are able. Thank you for silencing your cell phones.

Prelude	Sonata no. 3 in A Major	Felix Mendelssohn
Welcome		Rev. Dr. Andrew Ross
Introit	Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord	Felix Mendelssohn
Call to Worship	Psalms 1	Deacon Scott Oldendorph
Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Lord's Prayer		
*Hymn	How Firm a Foundation	411, green hymnal
*Greetings		
Moment for Stewardship	Living & Leaving a Legacy	Rev. Joseph Moore
Prayer		
Offering Music	Allegretto from the 4th Sonata	Felix Mendelssohn
Anthem		
Scripture Series	Jeremiah 17:5-8	Rev. Ross
Homily	Living the God Life	
	Living the Blessed Life	
*Hymn	My Faith Has Found a Resting Place	406, green hymnal
Special Music	Selections from <i>Elijah</i>	Felix Mendelssohn
	<i>See insert</i>	
*Benediction		
*Response	Amen	Felix Mendelssohn
Postlude	"Wedding March" from <i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>	Felix Mendelssohn

A Prayer Minister is available off the Courtyard in front of The Café entrance, after the service, ready to offer support and prayer for you.

## WELCOME!

*We're Delighted You're Here!*

**Let Us Know You're Here!** - First-timer or regular attendee, please fill out the Connect Card in your bulletin or online at [bit.ly/connectnpc](http://bit.ly/connectnpc).

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

**Stay Connected** - Get ministry updates, church news, and upcoming events by subscribing to our weekly e-newsletter at [bit.ly/npcnews](http://bit.ly/npcnews).

## INVITE

*Faith Activities Worth Inviting a Friend To*

**Legacy: Living & Leaving One for Others** - Today, March 9, 2pm, Youth Room 1. Join us this afternoon for a conversation with Joseph Moore from the Presbyterian Foundation! Discover how faithful stewardship can create a lasting impact. Let us know you are coming at [bit.ly/npclegacy](http://bit.ly/npclegacy).

**Want to grow your prayer life this Lent?** - *Pocket Prayers* by Max Lucado makes it simple. Pastor Andy is using it for his devotions, and you can follow along! Get a physical copy in the Church Office (\$2 suggested donation) or the eBook for \$1.50 at [bit.ly/4h40bF5](http://bit.ly/4h40bF5).

**Sacred Ground: A Film-Based Dialogue on Race & Faith** - March 13–May 22, Thursdays, 5:30–7:30pm, Youth Room 1 or via Zoom. Explore race and faith through film in a safe space for meaningful conversations. Register to attend in person, [bit.ly/npcfaithandfilm](http://bit.ly/npcfaithandfilm) or via Zoom, [bit.ly/npcsacredground](http://bit.ly/npcsacredground).

### The Golden Swarm Seniors +55

◇ **Monthly Luncheon** - Wednesday, March 19, 12pm, Fellowship Hall. Guest speaker, Southern Arizona Rescue Association's Chris Yamanaka. Bring your lunch or order a \$10 Jason's Deli boxed meal during registration at [bit.ly/gsearch](http://bit.ly/gsearch).

◇ **Buzzin' About—A Day at the Zoo** - Wednesday, March 26, 9am. Get ready for a wild adventure at Reid Park Zoo! Spend the day exploring fascinating animals, checking out the latest exhibits, and making unforgettable memories. Don't miss the fun, register today [bit.ly/gszoo](http://bit.ly/gszoo).

**Southern Arizona American Guild of Organists Organ Recital** - Sunday, March 16, 4-5:30pm. Experience the beauty and power of the Roy Johnson Memorial organ as gifted musicians fill our sanctuary with inspiring music. All are invited to attend!

**Tucson Festival of Books!** - Northminster will be at the Festival of Books on March 15-16 at Booth #188 on the University of Arizona Mall. Plan to stop by and say hello—we'd love to see you there!

**Presbytery de Cristo Women's Spring Gathering** - Saturday, March 29, 9am-2pm, Fellowship Hall. Ladies, come together with women from across Tucson as we hear Rev. John Cheek share about the impact of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. \$15 includes your lunch! To register, visit [bit.ly/pdcsgathering](http://bit.ly/pdcsgathering).

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

## PREPARE

*Classes and Groups to Grow Your Faith*

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

◇ **Bible Explorers** - Sundays, 9:45-10:45am, Children's Classrooms. Dive into God's Word through games, stories, crafts, and more!

◇ **Choraliers Children's Choir** - Sundays, 9am and/or 11:30am, Music Rehearsal Room. Kids in kindergarten-8th grade are invited to sing and celebrate God's love.

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

◇ **Student Groups** - Sundays, 9:45-10:45am, Youth Room 1. Explore life and faith in today's world, guided by the Bible.

◇ **Youth Group** - Wednesdays, 6-7:30pm, Fellowship Hall. Midweek fun with games, creative activities, and discovering God's Word.

### Dive deeper into God's word with our classes and groups!

◇ **God's Neverending Story** - Sundays, 9:30-10:45am, Multipurpose Room. Join us for an engaging and in-depth study of the Book of Isaiah as we explore its powerful messages.

◇ **Reading for the Common Good** - Monthly, 3rd Sunday, next meeting March 16, 11:15am, Youth Room 2. Prepare for this month's discussion by reading *Son of Laughter* by Frederick Buechner, then join us on March 16 for a great conversation!

◇ **New Video Series – A Time for Confidence** - Starting Sunday, March 16, 11:15am-12:15pm, Youth Room 1. This Ligonier Ministries series features Dr. Stephen Nichols reminding us that while society shifts, God's kingdom remains unshakable. All are invited to attend.

◇ **Men's Power Lunch** - Thursdays, 12pm, Grundstrom Room. Men, bring your lunch and enjoy the company of your fellow Northminster guys at our weekly pastor-led Bible study.

For a full list of adult classes and groups, visit [npctucson.org/connect](http://npctucson.org/connect).

## INVEST

*Opportunities to Give and Serve*

**Easter Lily Dedications** - Now until March 30, dedicate a beautiful Easter lily in honor or memory of a loved one. Plants will adorn the Chancel on Easter. Cost is \$15 each. Order forms are available in the Welcome Centers or online at [bit.ly/lilyded25](http://bit.ly/lilyded25).

**Drive-Thru Mobile Food Pantry** - Thursday, March 13, 8-10am, South Parking Lot (via Tucson Blvd). Pick up free produce and food items, provided by Interfaith Community Services and the Community Food Bank. Open to everyone!

**VBS 2025: Be Part of the Adventure!** - Vacation Bible School isn't just for kids—we need an incredible team to make it unforgettable! Whether you love leading, creating, or encouraging, there's a place for you: Guide a small group, lead an activity station, serve up snacks, play with little adventurers. Say YES to a week of fun and faith, June 25-29! Sign up today: [bit.ly/isayyestovbs25](http://bit.ly/isayyestovbs25).

## CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

### Praying for sick/hospitalized

Jim Crane                      Kathy Lynd  
Eden Hackney                 Sandra Marshall

*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 talented musicians sharing the Word of God through music!
- For the first week of Lent, may this season deepen our reflection on Jesus' sacrifice and draw us closer to him.
- For Pastor Joseph Moore joining us today, from the Presbyterian Foundation.

### Chancel Flowers

In loving memory of Roy Johnson from Jennifer & Bruce Barkley and Sophie Martinez.

### Expressing Sympathy

For the families and loved ones of these beloved sisters in Christ, who entered heavenly rest:

- **Sandy Current**, on Saturday, February 22
- **Sue Labuda** (mother of Mary Labuda), on Friday, February 28.

### March 10-14

- Spring Break (No School) for Northminster Christian School.
- Winter Wednesdays will be paused on March 12 and resume March 19.

## Ministry Staff Contacts

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## 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 3-12 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.

## STAY CONNECTED

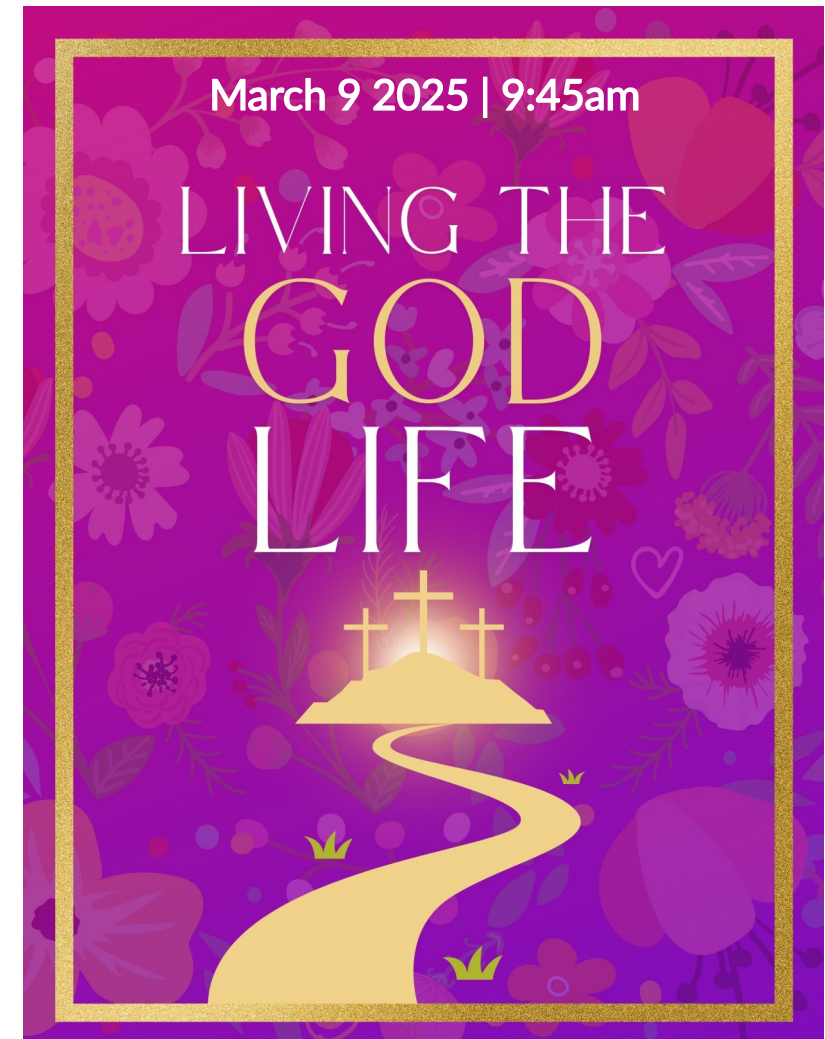
The best ways to stay connected and get the latest NPC information:

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



## The Café *Brewing with Purpose*

Enjoy specialty drinks from our student baristas at The Café between services, 9-9:45am and 10:45-11:30am. All donations support our student ministries. The Café is located off the courtyard in the Fellowship Hall building.



## Welcome to Worship

**at Northminster** | Is our goal to simply, somehow, live the 'good life?' What if living the 'God Life' is a different, higher path ... that offers God's peace and leads to glory? We're glad you are here! Together, with God's Spirit's leading, let's seek to walk where Jesus leads ... singing, learning, praying and praising all along the way.

~ Andrew Ross, Pastor

## Our Vision

To equip every generation to know Jesus and demonstrate his love to those they know.



# Sermon Notes

Sunday, March 9, 2025

Living the Blessed Life

Jeremiah 17:5-8  
Andrew Ross

The value of a God-\_\_\_\_\_, faith-\_\_\_\_\_ roots.

1. Are you independently s\_\_\_\_\_?
2. Or are you dependently s\_\_\_\_\_?

Three kinds of trust roots a human being can live with:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

### For this coming week:

- Reflect this week on your life journey and the roots you've developed.
- Is there a holy habit of root nourishment that can become a part of this Lenten's journey for you to practice, in God's Spirit?
- Review your REACH prayer list of folks in your life; who needs your encouragement this week?

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



## *Elijah (Excerpts)*

Felix Mendelssohn, Music

Julius Schubring, Libretto

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NPC Sanctuary Choir & Soloists. March 9, 2025

- I. (Obadiah) Ye people, rend your hearts, rend your hearts and not your garments. For your transgressions the prophet Elijah hath sealed the heavens through the word of God. I therefore say to ye, forsake your idols, return to God; for He is slow to anger, merciful and kind, and gracious, and repenteth Him of the evil.
- “If with all your hearts you truly seek me, ye shall ever surely find me.” Thus saith our God. Oh! That I knew where I might find Him, that I might even come before His presence! “If with all your hearts ye truly seek me, ye shall ever surely find me.” Thus saith our God.
- II. (Elijah) Draw near, all you people, come to me! Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, this day let it be known that Thou art God, and I am thy servant! Lord God of Abraham! O show to all this people that I have done these things according to Thy word! O hear me, Lord, and answer me! Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel; O hear me, O hear me and answer me; and shew this people that Thou art Lord God; and let their hearts again be turned. Lord, and let their hearts again be turned.
- III. (Choir) Cast thy burden upon the Lord; and He shall sustain thee: He never will suffer the righteous to fall; He is at thy right hand. Thy mercy, Lord, is great, and far above the heavens. Let none be made ashamed that wait upon Thee.
- IV. (Soprano) Thus saith the Lord, the Redemer of Israel and his Holy One, to him oppressed by tyrants; Thus saith the Lord: “I, I am He That comforteth; be not afraid, be not afraid for I am thy God. I will strengthen thee! I, the Lord, will strengthen thee. Say, who art thou, that thou art afraid of a man that shall die; and forgettest the Lord, the Lord thy Maker, who hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the earth’s foundations? Be not afraid, for I, thy God, will strengthen thee.”

V. (Choir) Be not afraid, saith God the Lord. Be not afraid, thy help is near. Though thousands languish and fall beside thee, and tens of thousands around thee perish; yet still it shall not come nigh Thee. Be not afraid, thy help is near, be not afraid, saith God the Lord.

VI. (Obediah) Man of God, now let my words be precious in thy sight! Thus saith Jezebel: "Elijah is worthy to die." So the mighty gather against thee, and they have prepared a net for thy steps, that they may seize thee, that they may slay thee. Arise then, arise, and hasten for thy life! To the wilderness journey! The Lord thy God doth go with thee; He will not fail thee, He will not forsake thee. Now begone and bless me also.

VII. (Elijah) Though stricken, they have not grieved; Tarry here, my servant, the Lord be with thee. I journey hence to the wilderness. It is enough, O Lord, now take away my life, for I am not better than my fathers! I desire to live no longer; now let me die, for my days are but vanity, by vanity! I have been very jealous for the Lord, for the Lord God of Hosts, for the children of Israel have broken thy covenant, and thrown down thine altars, and slain all thy prophets, slain them with the sword. I have been very jealous for the Lord, for the Lord God of Hosts., and I, even I only am left, and they seek my life to take it away. It is enough! It is enough, O Lord! Now take away my life, for I am not better than my fathers. Now let me die, Lord, take away my life.

VIII. (Women) Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help. Thy help cometh from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved. Thy Keeper will never slumber. Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help.

IX. (Choir) He, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps;. Shouldst thou walking in grief, languish, He will quicken thee. He, watching over Israel, slumbers not nor sleeps.

X. (Choir) He that shall endure to the end, shall be saved.

**John T. Brobeck, Music Dir./Organist**  
**Julia Higgins, Conductor**

**Micheal Jackson, Obediah**  
**Luke Xie, Elijah**  
**Clarissa Smith, Soprano Soloist**