



December 13, 2020

Welcome to Worship at Northminster | We're pleased you're with us today - rejoicing in God's victory of life and how that changes our lives.

Our Mission | To share the gospel of Jesus Christ through worship, discipleship and service in his name.



PLAN YOUR WORSHIP - new schedule

We gather to praise, pray, and seek God's lessons for living our lives today! **In-person and online worship schedule:**

- 8:00am – Livestream | Children's message and praise band.
- 9:45am – In Person** and Livestream | Sanctuary choir quartet and pipe organ.
- 11:30am (Multicultural) - Livestream | American/African Multilingual Expressions of Worship. Translation available.

LIVESTREAMING with chat on your favorite platform
npctucson.online.church, facebook.com/npctucson/live,
youtube.com/npctucson

IN PERSON
 9:45am - Socially distanced seating in our Church Sanctuary with limited capacity. **Weekly registration is required.**
 Register here: npctucson.org/gather.

FINANCIAL FOCUS

While we are not passing the offering plate on Sunday mornings, the ministries and mission work of the church continues. Your financial gifts are greatly appreciated and may be made in any of the following ways:

- online at npctucson.org/give
- on Facebook at facebook.com/npctucson - click "donate"
- by texting "npctucson" and a dollar amount to **73256**
- by mail to 2450 E. Fort Lowell Rd, Tucson AZ, 85719
- by sharing your offering in our drop box in the Sanctuary

STAY INFORMED

Three of the best ways to stay connected and get the latest information are:

- Subscribe to our weekly email newsletter, Northminster News: bit.ly/npccenews
- Opt in to receiving text messages, Text FAMILY to 5204624949.
- Follow us on Social @npctucson

NORTHMINSTER ON RADIO

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

CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Praying for sick/hospitalized

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| Kathy Adger | Ana Matthewson |
| Betsy Bailey | Cathy Peple |
| Jim Borgeson | Henny Pisano |
| Cynthia Brown | Silvia Roberts |
| Jayne Devlin | John Walker |

To request an addition or update to this list, please contact the Church Office, 327-7121.

Rejoicing

For your generous giving to Advent Gift of the Heart on Giving Tuesday and throughout the month.

Expressing sympathy

- To the family and friends of longtime member Michael Ugalde (brother of John Ugalde, father of Suzanne). He passed away November 27, 2020. An innichment service is being planned.
- To the family and friends of longtime member Jack Haarbye, who passed away April 26, 2020. Jack's son, Wayne, also passed away recently, on November 25, 2020. Please join us in lifting the Haarbye family in prayer.

Christmas Eve services

Join us for worship on Christmas Eve! Thursday, Dec. 24 we are planning two services, in person and streaming:
5pm | Praise Team, and a special guest your children will want to meet!
7pm | Candlelight Carols with the Sanctuary Choir.
 See npctucson.org/Christmas for details.

Ministry Contacts

- Andrew Ross**, Pastor, Seniors and Worship
 - Ken Skodiak**, Associate Pastor, Men's Ministry, Missions, Care
 - Pete Seiferth**, Associate Pastor, Discipleship, Multicultural Ministry
 - John Brobeck**, Traditional Music
 - Andee Coppel**, Office Ministry Assistant
 - Sean Farrell**, Student Ministries
 - Dana Graham**, Hospitality & Membership
 - Julia Higgins**, Contemporary Music
 - Kaylee Hui**, Kaleidoscope
 - Alexis Kaneza**, Arise! Worship Coordtinator and Minister
 - Carla Koenig**, Interim Director, 327-2321
 - Bob Krepps**, Building Maintenance
 - Kathy Lee**, Church Administrator
 - Kathy Mallgren**, Children's Ministry
 - Amy Paegel**, Publications Coordinator
 - Ros Tao**, Finance Minister
 - Chris Yamanaka**, Media Ministries, IT
 - Sheila Yamanaka**, Outreach & Engagement
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CONNECT

In person or online, thank you for joining us for worship!

Please fill out our **digital connect card** to let us know you're here and share a prayer or praise: npctucson.org/online-welcome-card/ or **text the word HERE** to 5204624949.

21 Days of Advent - Join our pastors for Advent devotionals. Videos sent to your inbox daily. New subscribers click here bit.ly/npccenews.

Music Sunday today - Northminster celebrates its rich and diverse tradition of musical worship today with Music Sunday. Holiday music and moving readings are featured by our talented ensembles and a homily message (shortened sermon) shared by Pastor Ken.

For Christmas Eve - To enhance the interactive Christmas Eve experience, we're giving away 500 FREE Christmas Eve Kits. Kits include worship materials (to be used the night of the event), children's items, and a special keepsake gift from Northminster. Come drive through our corner parking lot (Fort Lowell at Tucson Blvd) and pick up your family's kit: Saturday, December 19, 10am-2pm. Enter by way of Tucson Blvd.

ORDER OF WORSHIP - 8am

Gathering Music *Advent Hymn* Praise Team

Invitation to Worship Patsy Rickards and Liz Sellers

Songs of Praise *Angels from the Realms of Glory/Emmanuel*

Welcome Ken Skodiak

Prayer and Offerings

Special Music *Behold Him
When Hope Came Down
What a Glorious Night
O Come, All You Unfaithful*

Children's Message Pastor Skodiak

Series Lighting Up the Dark!
Scripture John 1:10-13
Sermon Porch Lights!

Response *Let Us Adore*

Blessing

Connecting people with Jesus

ORDER OF WORSHIP - 9:45am

Prelude *Salvation Unto Us Has Come* S.J. Johnson

Welcome Rev. Ken Skodiak

Introit *Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending* R. Vaughan Williams

Call to Worship Mr. Sean Farrell

Prayer of Invocation, Confession and Lord's Prayer (*said in unison*)

***Hymn** *We Light the Advent Candles,* 175, green hymnal
vv.1-4

***Greetings** Rev. Skodiak

Pastoral Prayer and Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Series Lighting Up the Dark!
Scripture John 1:10-13
Sermon Porch Lights!

***Hymn** *Christ Is the World's Light* 121, green hymnal

Offertory *Pastoral Symphony, from Messiah* G.F. Handel

Special Music Selections from *Messiah*, Pt. I G.F. Handel

***Benediction**

***Response** *Amen* M. Haugen

Postlude *I Saw Three Ships* D. Lasky

Growing as disciples of Jesus

GROW - resources for all ages

♦ **NPCKids** - on Facebook with fun activities, encouragement and a Bible Storytime: facebook.com/groups/npckids.

◇ **Bible BLAST Live!** - Sundays, 11:30am on Zoom. Kids through grade 5 meet online for a Bible lesson, games, music and more. One-time registration at bit.ly/bibleblastlive.

◇ **Bible Explorers** - Bible Explorer groups for children grades 2&3 and 4&5 meet Sundays at **11:30am-12:30pm** at Northminster. Limited spaces. Register at bit.ly/bexclub20.

♦ **Student Ministry** for grades 6-12 - **Sunday Groups** - meet Sundays, 11:30am-12:30pm, Youth Room 2. **Youth Group** - No Youth Group this week. For more information, connect via bit.ly/NPC_Students.

♦ **Classes/Groups for adults** - Online unless otherwise noted. See npctucson.org/northminster-live for details and registration. Some groups are on hiatus until January.

SERVE

Advent Gift of the Heart Special Offering - Help bring dependable transportation to two of our longtime mission partners who rely on their vehicles for their ministry work in rural areas. Gifts will be divided equally between Acción Ministries in the Yucatan and Jesus to the Needy in South Africa. To learn more, go to: npctucson.org/adventgift. To give, go to: npctucson.org/give. **We are just \$3,000 away from our goal** of \$5,000 to each mission partner (\$10,000 total)! There are three Sundays left to give.

Deacon's Angel Tree project REMINDER - Gift items are being delivered to the Center of Opportunity on Tuesday of this week. All contributions must be in to the Church Office by **tomorrow**, Monday, Dec. 14. Thank you for bringing Christmas cheer to the men of the Gospel Rescue Mission!

Help distribute Christmas Eve Worship Kits! - Our contactless process requires short, two-hour shifts - it's a great way to give back this Advent season! Please review the available time slots found here bit.ly/kitvolunteer and click on the button to sign up. Contact Kathy Mallgren for details, kmallgren@npctucson.org.

ICS Mobile Produce Giveaway - Thursday, Dec. 17, 8-10am, South Parking Lot. Free produce given out monthly, now - April. Come by and pick up fresh produce for you and your neighbors, provided by the Community Food Bank. No-touch, drive-through format.

Deacons Pantry gave out 95 bags this week! Our pantry could use peanut butter, canned ravioli, toilet paper and paper shopping bags with handles. Donations are accepted Tuesday mornings at the Multipurpose Building or Mondays-Thursdays in the Church Office.

Serving in Jesus' name

Sermon Notes

“Porch Lights!”
John 1:10-13

Ken Skodiak
December 13, 2020

In these verses, we find three brief descriptions of . . .

1. The nature of _____.
2. The nature of _____.
3. The nature of _____.

John’s theology of salvation combines two actions . . .

Deliberate _____ in response to _____
_____.

For this coming week:

- How can we be intentional about shining our porch light so others may know they, too, are welcome to investigate and know this Jesus?

John 1:10-13

¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God - ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.

To listen to today’s message again, or share it with a friend, you can find all our Sunday morning messages online at bit.ly/NPCSermons



Messiah, Pt. 1 (Excerpts)

GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL

Northminster Singers with Organ December 13, 2020

- I. *Pastoral Symphony (Pifa)*
- II. Comfort ye, my people, saith your God. Joshua Hill, Tenor
Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem,
And cry unto her that her warfare is accomplish'd,
That her iniquity is pardoned.
The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness,
Prepare ye the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert
A highway for our God (Isaiah 40:1-3).
- Ev'ry valley shall be exalted, and ev'ry mountain and hill made low,
The crooked straight and the rough places plain (Isaiah 40:4).
- III. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, *Quartet*
And all flesh shall see it together,
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it (Isaiah 40:5).
- IV. Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion, Julia Higgins, Soprano
Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem;
Behold, thy king cometh unto thee.
He is the righteous Savior, and he shall speak peace unto the heathen.
Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion (Zechariah 9:9-10).
- V. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: *Quartet*
And the government shall be upon his shoulder:
And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
The Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6).

Brianna Barnhart, Soprano
Joshua Hill, Tenor
Julia Higgins, Soprano

Samantha Feldman, Mezzo Soprano
John McMeen, Baritone
John T. Brobeck, Organist and Director