



## 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](http://npctucson.online.church), [facebook.com/npctucson/live](https://facebook.com/npctucson/live), [youtube.com/npctucson](https://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](http://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](http://npctucson.org/give)
- on Facebook at [facebook.com/npctucson](https://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](https://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    | Cathy Pepple   |
| Jim Borgeson   | Henny Pisano   |
| Cynthia Brown  | Silvia Roberts |
| Jayne Devlin   | John Walker    |
| Ana Matthewson |                |

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

### Rejoicing

- For the hope we have in Jesus during Advent - and all year long.
- For the 203 pledges we have received so far, with estimates of giving for next year.
- For the new members being commissioned today: James & Lisa Birkholz, Judy Dulberg, Sean Farrell, Holly & Bradley Luky.

### Expressing sympathy

- To the family and friends of longtime member David Glick, who passed away November 14, 2020.
- To the family and friends of longtime member Kathleen (Kay) Schopp, who passed away November 15, 2020 at the age of 95.

### Closures for Christmas, New Years

- The Church Office will be closed:
- at 12pm on Dec. 24
  - Dec. 25 and 28
  - at 12pm on Dec. 31
  - Jan. 1 and 3
- Our school will be closed Dec. 19-Jan. 3.

## 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 Coordinator and Minister

**Carla Koenig**, Interim Director, 327-2321

**Bob Krepps**, Building Maintenance

**Kathy Lee**, Church Administrator

**Kathy Mallgren**, Children's Ministry

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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/](http://npctucson.org/online-welcome-card/) or text the word **HERE** to 5204624949.

**Christmas Eve services** - Join us for worship! 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 Quartet.

See [npctucson.org/Christmas](http://npctucson.org/Christmas) for details and [npctucson.org/gather](http://npctucson.org/gather) to register to attend in person. No nursery on Christmas Eve.

**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. Stop by the Church Office to pick one up for you/your family and be sure to grab one for a friend you will invite.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP - 8am

**Gathering Music** *Behold Him* Praise Team

**Invitation to Worship** Ken Skodiak

**Songs of Praise** *O Come All Ye Faithful*  
*He Has Come for Us (God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen)*

**Welcome**

**Prayer and Offerings**

**Offertory** *What Child is This/Child of the Poor*

**Children's Message** Andrew Ross

**Series** Lighting Up the Dark! Pastor Ross

**Scripture** John 1:14-18

**Sermon** In the House!

**Response** *The First Noel*

**Blessing**

Connecting people with Jesus

## ORDER OF WORSHIP - 9:45am

**Prelude** *Variations on "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"* Corl and Behnke

**Welcome** Rev. Ken Skodiak

**Introit** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* *Veni Emmanuel*

**Call to Worship**

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

**\*Hymn** *Savior of the Nations, Come* 14, blue hymnal

**\*Greetings**

**Special Music** *Come to the Manger* Choraliers

**Commissioning of New Members**

**Pastoral Prayer and Dedication of Tithes and Offerings**

**Children's Message** Dr. Andrew Ross

**Response** *Angels We Have Heard on High*, v.3 23, blue hymnal

**Offertory** *This Day So Full of Love and Joy* J.S. Bach

**Anthem** *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness* arr. J. Raney

**Series** Lighting Up the Dark! Dr. Ross

**Scripture** John 1:14-18

**Sermon** In the House!

**\*Hymn** *What Child Is This* 53, blue hymnal

**\*Benediction**

**\*Response** *This, This is Christ the King* Greensleeves

**Postlude** *Finale on "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"* M. Corl

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](https://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](https://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](https://bit.ly/bexclub20). **Not meeting Dec. 27; resumes Jan. 3.**

♦ **Student Ministry** for grades 6-12 - **Sunday Groups** - meet Sundays, 11:30am-12:30pm, Youth Room 2. **Not meeting Dec. 27; resumes Jan. 3.** **Youth Group** - No Youth Group this week. For more information, connect via [bit.ly/NPC\\_Students](https://bit.ly/NPC_Students).

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

**Upcoming:**

◇ **NEW Discussion Group on the Holy Spirit** - Wednesdays Jan. 6-March 17, 6-7:30pm on Zoom. Led by Pastor Ken. Our study guide, *Paul, the Spirit, and the People of God* by Gordon Fee is available wherever you buy your books; used copies available online for \$5. Please try to have your copy by the start of the class. Registration is required; click here: [bit.ly/spiritdiscussion](https://bit.ly/spiritdiscussion).

◇ **Reading for the Common Good** - January: Martin Luther King, Jr., *Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community?* February: David Wilkerson, *The Cross and the Switchblade*.

## 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](http://npctucson.org/adventgift). To give, go to: [npctucson.org/give](http://npctucson.org/give). **We are just \$1,000 away from our goal** of \$5,000 to each mission partner (\$10,000 total)! There is one Sunday left to give, after today.

**Give the Gift of Life!** - Blood Drive Sunday, Jan. 3, 2021, 7am-1pm, Bloodmobile in the Northeast Parking Lot. To sign up, click on [redcrossblood.org/give](https://redcrossblood.org/give); enter "Northminster" as the sponsor code.

**Deacons Pantry Closed Tuesday, Dec. 22.**

Due to a COVID exposure and for the safety of our guests and volunteers, the Deacons Pantry will be closed this Tuesday. We expect it to reopen Tuesday, Dec 29.

Serving in Jesus' name

# Sermon Notes

“In the House!”  
John 1:14-18

Andrew Ross  
December 20, 2020

There is a glow.

God: A Love Odyssey.

1. God’s blessing light begins ...
2. God’s blessing light has ...
3. God’s blessing light is ...
4. God’s blessing light changes ...

In the flesh. In the house.

For this coming week:

- Express in art or words what the light of Christ means to you.
- If you took a step of forward faith in Christ, share that with someone you know/trust.
- Do a Christ light bright project this week: speak or show Jesus’ love to someone who is struggling or who does not know about Jesus.
  - Ideas: Give to our Advent Gift of the Heart project; call someone who is sick or lonely; drop off food for our Deacons’ Pantry; ask someone if you could pray for them; special-gift a good charity; year-end gift our church; tell someone how they reflect God’s light to you.
  - Invite folks you know to join us for worship on Christmas eve. Host a worship group for streaming and praise.
- Sing the words of a Christmas carol as an act of praise. After singing, then quietly pray through those same words ...

*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](http://bit.ly/NPCSermons)*

