

The gathering music calls us to quiet our hearts and minds in preparation for worship.

Please sign the friendship pad so we may take note of your presence and greet you by name.

Bold text is read or sung by the congregation.

* Indicates an invitation to rise in body or in Spirit.

Confession is our opportunity to be honest with God and ourselves, so that our relationship may be repaired and our hearts reconciled.

God’s response to our confession is an outpouring of grace. By grace we have been saved through faith, not by our own efforts. By grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, according to scripture alone, for God’s glory alone.

The Passing of the Peace is one of the most ancient practices of worship. Having received Christ’s peace, we pass it on.

We believe children learn to worship by being in worship, so all children are welcome in all corporate worship at NPC.

A nursery is provided for infants, and Children’s Church is available for younger worshipers, ages 3-5.

Reformed worship is centered around the Word, both the Word of scripture and Christ as the Word Incarnate. In worship we gather around the Word, and respond to the Word.

GATHERING MUSIC	Sheryl Dinklage	*HYMN #50	“Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow”
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	Melynn Young	*DECLARATION OF FAITH	The Apostle’s Creed
CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP	“O Children Come!”	I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.	
CALL TO WORSHIP—Liturgist	David Pinner	PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	Rev. Stocks
Praise the Lord, Who speaks hope into a waiting world. God’s Word goes out with power and love. In the beginning was the Word, the source of life and light. We wait for the Light that shines in the darkness. God sends the Word swiftly, preparing the way. We open our hearts to receive grace upon grace. Come, let us worship the God Who is coming near. We wait we hope. We worship with joy. Amen.			
OPENING PRAYER	David	THE LORD’S PRAYER	Rev. Stocks
*HYMN #66	“We Three Kings of Orient Are”	Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.	
CALL TO CONFESSION	David	HOLY COMMUNION	Rev. Stocks
PRAYER OF CONFESSION	David	Pastors chosen liturgy……. Hymn #2007 <i>Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!</i> <i>My heart knows how to say to you: You are holy, Lord!</i> <i>Santo, santo, santo, mi corazon te adora!</i> <i>Mi corazon te sabe decir: Santo eres Dios</i>	
ASSURANCE OF PARDON	Rev. Karen Stocks	INVITATION TO THE OFFERING	David
*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST	Rev. Stocks	OFFERTORY	“Let There Be Peace on Earth” Janis Lappeus
SCRIPTURE READING	David	*DOXOLOGY	Sheryl Dinklage
Psalm 147:12-20		Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.	
SONG OF PRAISE #2233	“Where Children Belong”	*PRAYER OF DEDICATION	Rev. Stocks
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES	Jay Young	*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION	Rev. Stocks
(This will be shared on social media)		*CLOSING SONG #29	“Go Tell it on the Mountain”
SPECIAL MUSIC	“Bethlehemtown”	Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere Go tell in on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born	
PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION	Rev. Stocks	*POSTLUDE	Sheryl Dinklage
*SCRIPTURE READING	Rev. Stocks		
John 1:1-18			
SERMON	Rev Stocks		
“TNT Theology”			

The Apostle’s Creed is one of the greatest statements of faith of the ancient Christian church. The creed, although not written by the apostles, summarizes the apostles’ preachings and teachings concerning the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The ministry of prayer is part of the baptismal calling of every believer. We pray for the world because God so loves it. We pray for the church because it is Christ’s body, living and working in the world, and we pray for others as God commanded us to love and care for our neighbors.

Jesus taught His disciples to pray in Matthew 6:9-13

Communion is a distinctive rite of Christian worship, instituted by Jesus Christ upon the eve of His atoning death. The bread is a symbol for Jesus’ body broken for us and the wine is a symbol for His blood shed for the forgiveness of our sins. The liturgical color for communion is white. This symbolizes purity and signifies the sacred nature of the event.

Stewardship is an essential part of Christian life. How we spend and share our money and our time, and use and bless others with our energy and talents is directed by our Christian values.

Our worship does not end with the postlude, but continues as we go out into the world, where we are sent to love and care for God’s people as we share the gospel message.

Prayer List

Members:

Cindi & Jack King	Karen Currie
Marion Barth	Bill & Louise Bischoff
Ken & Carol Polsz	Robin Atiyeh
Guy Greene	Myron Leet
Nancy Moore	Margie Brown
Susan Cloud	Family of Jim Clark

Friends:

Zach McManus - ALS
Gretchen Lewis (Shannon Lewis' daughter-in-law)
Letha Adams (Suzanne's Mom)
Jeffrey Leet (Heart Surgery)
Jed Young (Jay's brother - Laid off from job)

This Week's Participants

Greeters: Charlie Hare and Bernie Gehle
Ushers: Greg & Susan McManus
Liturgist: David Pinner
Elders on Duty: ?

Calendar
Check out npcsatx.org for full calendar of events

Sunday, Jan 4 - Second Sunday of Christmas
PULPIT SUPPLY PASTOR - REV. KAREN STOCKS
9:00 A.M. - Sunday School (All Ages)
10:30 A.M. - Worship Service
11:45 A.M. - Fellowship Hour/January Birthday Cake
4:30 P.M. - Choir Practice

Monday, Jan 5
10:00 A.M. - Monday Morning Group Bible Study via Zoom

Tuesday, Jan 6
10:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. - WorldSchool SA Homeschool
6:30 P.M. - Line Dancing Class

Thursday, Jan 8
6:00 P.M. - Courchesne-Talamantes Wedding Rehearsal
6:30 P. M. - NPC Moveable Feast

Friday, Jan 9
12:00 P.M. - Naomi's Sisters Meeting

Saturday, Jan 10
3:30 P.M. - Courchesne-Talamantes Wedding

Sunday, Jan 11 - Third Sunday of Christmas
9:00 A.M. - Sunday School (All Ages)
10:30 A.M. - Worship Service
Children's Church
11:45 A.M. - Fellowship Hour
4:30 P.M. - Choir Practice

Lectionary for 01/04/2026
Second Sunday of Christmas
Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm 147:12-20
Ephesians 1:3-14
John 1:1-18

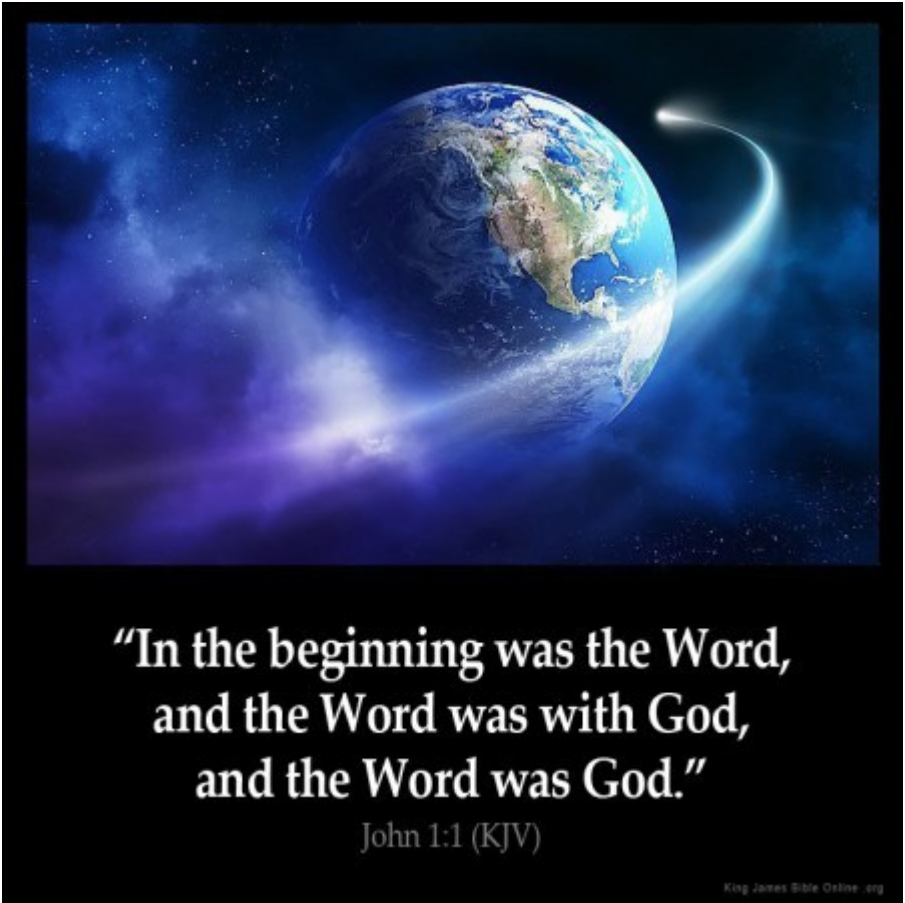
While Pastor Dana and the Pope family are taking some time away the next two weeks, Rev. Karen Stocks will be filling the pulpit at NPC.

Karen Stocks is an Honorably Retired member of Mission Presbytery, Teaching Elder/Minister of the Word and Sacrament, former Presbytery Stated Clerk, former Interim Pastor, and a retired Air Force Chaplain. Retired, but not really retired, Karen provides pulpit supply in Mission Presbytery and serves as the New Life Emmaus Community Spiritual Director for both Walk to Emmaus and Face to Face Encounters (for seniors) Events.



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**WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY
JANUARY 4, 2026
SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**



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