



# NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Danielle Courchesne and Jesse John Talamantes Wedding*

We are grateful to be apart of such a loving church family and would be honored to have you join us for our wedding ceremony. Due to the venue having capacity limitations, we are unable to host everyone at the reception. Joining us at the ceremony alone would mean so much to us. Thank you for your understanding, love and continued support as we begin this new chapter together.

*January 10, 2026 3:30pm*



## MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

NPC has an opportunity for a mission trip with others from the presbytery. Mission Presbytery is inviting congregations to join them in February to take part in a hands-on ministry experience.

Participants will be joining with Faith Ministry which has been making a difference along the border of Mexico since 1994. The dates are Feb 4-8 and will be leaving from McAllen. If you are interested in more information, here is a link or you can contact Ann Strautman.

[Mission Trip for All - Faith Ministry](#)

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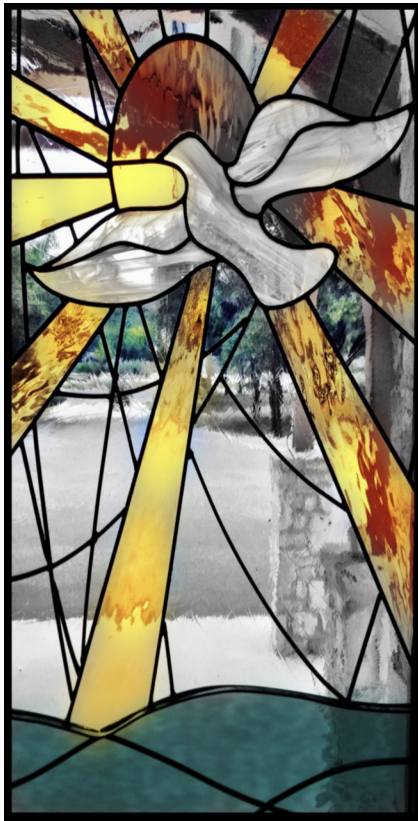
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## This Week at Northminster

For Further Information check the calendar on the church website at

### Calendar

#### Sunday, Jan 4 - Second Sunday of Christmas

**REV. KAREN STOCKS, PULPIT SUPPLY PASTOR**

9:00 A.M. - Sunday School (All Ages)

10:30 A.M. - Worship Service

11:45 A.M. - Fellowship Hour/January Birthday Cake

#### Monday, Jan 5

10:00 A.M. - MMG 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

10:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. - WorldSchool SA Homeschool

6:00 P.M. - Courchesne Wedding Rehearsal

6:30 P.M. - NPC Moveable Feast

#### Friday, Jan 9

12:00 P.M. - Naomi's Sisters Lunch Meeting

#### Saturday, Jan 10

3:30 P.M. - Courchesne-Talamantes Wedding

#### Sunday, Jan 11 - Baptism of the Lord

9:00 A.M. - Sunday School (All Ages)

10:30 A.M. - Worship Service

Children's Church

11:45 A.M. - Fellowship Hour

Property Management Ministry Meeting



Here is some of the music the NPC Music Ministry will feature in worship  
this week:

[We Three Kings of Orient Are](#)

[Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow - Christmas Song](#)

[for KING + COUNTRY - Go Tell It On The Mountain | Official Picture-Story Lyric  
Video | SCENE 11](#)

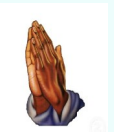
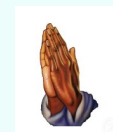
### Prayer List

#### Members:

- ◆ Georgia Hale
- ◆ Eunice Damon
- ◆ Bill & Louise Bischoff
- ◆ Guy Greene
- ◆ Myron Leet
- ◆ Nancy Moore
- ◆ Margie Brown
- ◆ Ken & Carol Polsz
- ◆ Karen Currie
- ◆ Cynthia & Jack King
- ◆ Deborah & Phil Starr
- ◆ Family of Jim Clark

#### Friends

- ◆ Gretchen Lewis
- ◆ Zach McManus
- ◆ Letha Adams (Suzanne's Mom)
- ◆ Jeffrey Leet (Heart Surgery)
- ◆ Jed Young (Laid off from job)





# UPCOMING EVENTS



DINNER FOR

Six

FALL POTLUCK  
TODAY AT 6:00 P.M.  
NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>, AT 6:30 P.M.

LINE DANCE LESSONS



JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30 P.M.



NAOMI'S SISTERS  
SUPPORT GROUP FOR WIDOWS  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>, AT 12:00 P.M.  
LOCATION TBD

Brown Bag Lunch Talks



WELLNESS WARRIORS

Support Group Meeting  
Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 A.M.

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Stated Session Meeting  
Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 P.M.



Men's Luncheon  
Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 A.M.  
BJ's @ Culebra and 1604

Ministry  
Leader's  
Retreat

JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>



# The Light That Still Shines

Christmas Day has passed. The carols may be quieter now, decorations beginning to come down, and life slowly returning to its familiar rhythms. Yet the season of Christmas is not over. On this Second Sunday after Christmas, the Gospel of John invites us to linger a little longer at the mystery of what we have just celebrated—and to see it with deeper eyes.

John's Gospel does not begin with shepherds or angels, mangers or magi. Instead, it takes us back before time itself: *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."* John reminds us that the child born in Bethlehem is no ordinary child. Jesus is the eternal Word through Whom all things were made—the voice of God speaking creation into being, now choosing to speak love into human flesh.

This Word, John tells us, *"became flesh and lived among us."* Some translations say He "dwelt" among us—literally, He pitched His tent with us. God did not remain distant or removed from the messiness of the world. Instead, God stepped into it fully: into our joys and sorrows, our hopes and fears, our brokenness and longing. Christmas is not simply about a baby in a manger; it is about God choosing to be present with us, right where we are.

John also speaks of light—light that shines in the darkness, light that the darkness cannot overcome. This is a powerful word for us as the new year approaches. We do not know what the months ahead will hold. Many carry burdens into this season: grief that feels heavy after the holidays, uncertainty about the future, struggles that did not disappear when Christmas arrived. John does not deny the reality of darkness. Instead, he boldly proclaims that darkness does not get the final word.

The light of Christ still shines. It shines in hospital rooms and quiet homes. It shines in acts of kindness, in forgiveness offered, in justice pursued, and in love lived out day by day. When we choose compassion over indifference, hope over despair, and faith over fear, we reflect that light into the brokenness of our world.

John also reminds us of an extraordinary promise: *"To all who received Him... He gave power to become children of God."* Christmas is not only about what God has done; it is about who we are becoming. Through Christ, we are claimed, named, and sent. We are called to live as children of light—bearing grace and truth into a world that desperately needs both.

As the glow of Christmas candles lingers, may we carry this truth with us: the Word has come near, the light still shines, and God is still at work—within us and through us. Christmas does not end; it continues in lives shaped by the love that became flesh for us all. How will we shine that light in the coming year?

[We The Kingdom - Light of The World \(Sing Hallelujah Lyrics\)](#)

[Chris Tomlin - He Shall Reign Forevermore \(Lyric Video\) \(Tomlin Christmas\)](#)





## **SUNDAY SAINTS FANTASY FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYOFF RESULTS**



### Quarterfinal Results

Ja'Marr You Not Entertained? - 151.22 def Maxwell Kirby - 108.46

Bill Young's Awesome Team - 153.60 def Big Ed's Swell Team - 139.68

Fantasy Failures - 110.60 def Glitz and Blitz - 103.48

Brian's Cheeky Champs - 121.94 def Jay's Rad Team - 116.30

### Championship Semifinals

Bill Young's Awesome Team - 115.86 def Ja'Marr You Not Entertained - 104.00

Fantasy Failures - 132.72 def Brian's Cheeky Champs - 84.98

### Consolation Semifinals

Maxwell Kirby - 185.96 def Big Ed's Swell Team - 141.28

Jay's Rad Team - 120.40 def Glitz and Blitz - 102.80

### First Place

Fantasy Failures - 129.72 def Bill Young's Awesome Team - 78.00

### Third Place

Ja'Marr You Not Entertained - 136.48 def Brian's Cheeky Champs - 109.36

### Fifth Place

Maxwell Kirby - 93.98 def Jay's Rad Team - 92.1

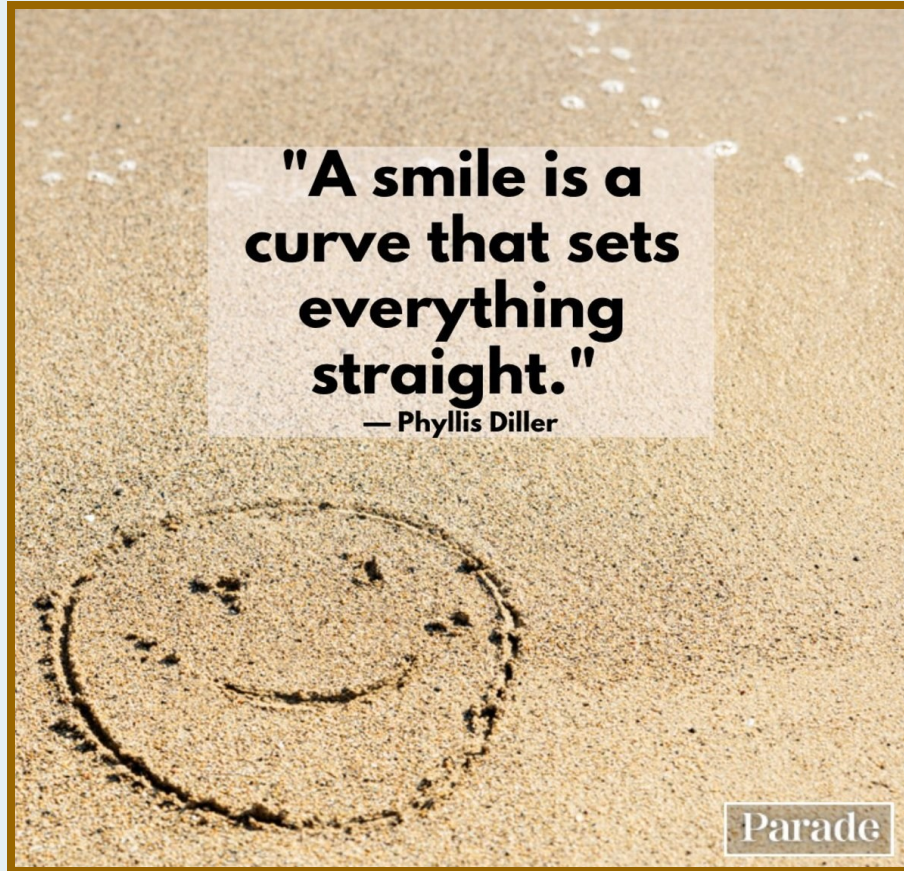
### Seventh Place

Big Ed's Swell Team - 173.08 def Glitz and Blitz - 132.84

**2025 SUNDAY SAINTS LEAGUE CHAMPION - Michael Moore**



# 2026 WEEKLY INSPIRATION



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HAPPENINGS

## Monday Morning Group Bible Study via Zoom

Monday Morning Group  
(Recurring every week on Monday at 10:00 A.M.)

Join the Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89671038799?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89671038799?pwd=NGdrdlZNM2FXQWpudVlaYTdSSzhvQT09)

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Meeting ID: 896 7103 8799

Password: 018474



New York Times Bestselling Author of *The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership*

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MAXWELL



RUNNING  
WITH THE  
GIANTS

*What the Old Testament Heroes  
Want You to Know  
About Life and Leadership*

### *Running With the Giants*

After taking a break for the holiday season, this book study, led by Jay Young, will resume in January. The group usually meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at Pastor Dana's house.

The next meeting will be on January 22nd at 7:00 P.M.

# KIDS KORNER



Click for the January CE Newsletter:

<https://app.smore.com/n/wz3vt>





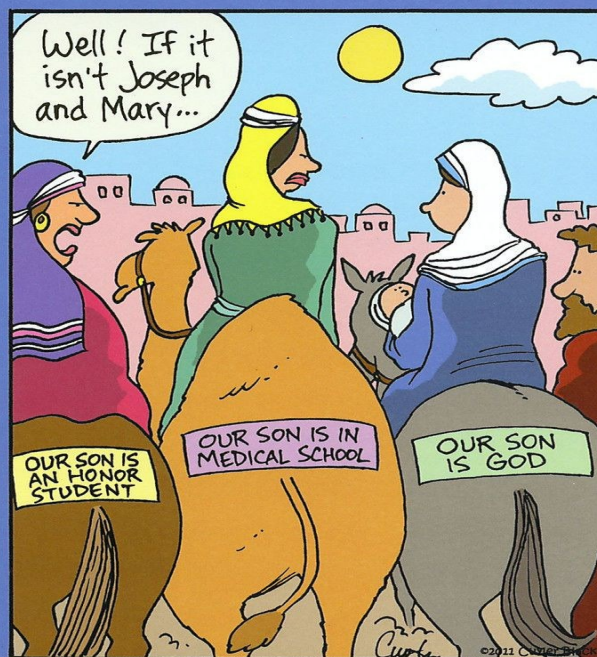
If you're unable to attend Northminster Presbyterian Church's weekly worship service in person, you can view it on NPC's YouTube channel on Sundays at 10:30 A.M.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJVyafEQzKv7Vol235zQ8Qw>

The YouTube livestream of the worship service can be conveniently accessed from the homepage of our website.  
Just click on the button "Live Stream Services."



# J of the JOKE WEEK



Lectionary Readings for the week of January 4th

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Psalm 147:12-20

Ephesians 1:3-14

John 1:1-18





# Weekly Meditation Time

## HOUSEHOLD PRAYER

Holy One, as I review my day and all I have done—or not done—  
lavish me once again in Your grace,  
that I may rest in the inheritance of being one of Your children,  
trusting this evening in the renewing power of Your love. Amen.

## Questions for Reflection

How have you received “grace upon grace” in your life through Jesus Christ?  
Can you think of times when God has turned your mourning into joy, your sorrow  
into gladness?  
Does the incarnation of Christ call us to “make flesh” the love of God for others?





# CHURCH WEBSITE

[www.npcsatx.org](http://www.npcsatx.org)

## *Weekly Food For Thought*

“Each new year, we have before us a brand new book containing 365 blank pages. Let us fill them with all the forgotten things from last year—the words we forgot to say, the love we forgot to show, and the charity we forgot to offer.”

**PEGGY TONEY HORTON**

women's day

**Did you  
know?**

**Did You know** that it is time for Dinner 6/8 sign-ups again? This ministry gives church members opportunities to deepen their relationships by having a monthly dinner gathering in either your homes or at local restaurants. This is a fun way for the NPC church family to grow deep, meaningful relationships within the church community. See Jay Young to get your name on the list for the spring semester.



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