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2026: A YEAR OF LIGHT

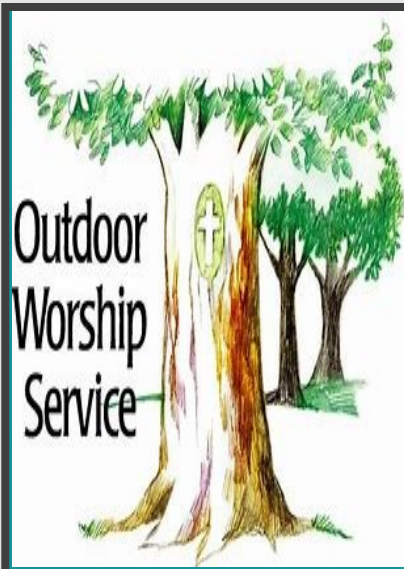
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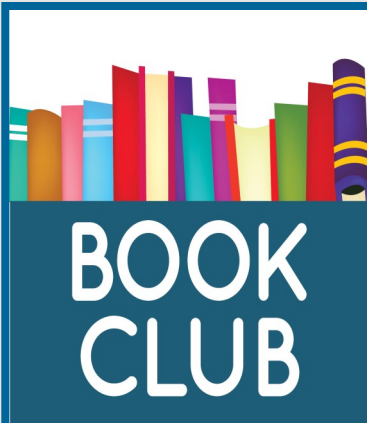
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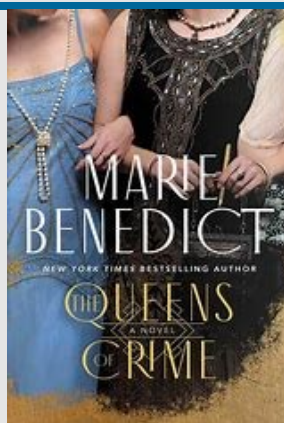
The Outdoor Worship Service that was scheduled for this Sunday will be moving indoors due to the uncertain weather forecast.

With a cold front scheduled to come through this weekend bringing cooler temperatures and the threat of rain, the team felt it was safer to plan on holding the service indoors.

The good news is that SA Specialties has been working this week on replacing one of the bad AC units in the sanctuary. A special word of thanks goes out to Joseph Vogel for all his hard work on the HVAC issues.



The April meeting of the NPC Book Club will be held on Tuesday, April 28th, at 7:00 P.M. in Classroom #1. The April Book of the Month is *The Queens of Crime* by Marie Benedict.



The NPC Session voted at the March meeting to move the normal meeting day from the 2nd Tuesday of the month to the 3rd Monday.

The April Stated Session Meeting will take place this coming Monday, April 20th, at 7:00 P.M.

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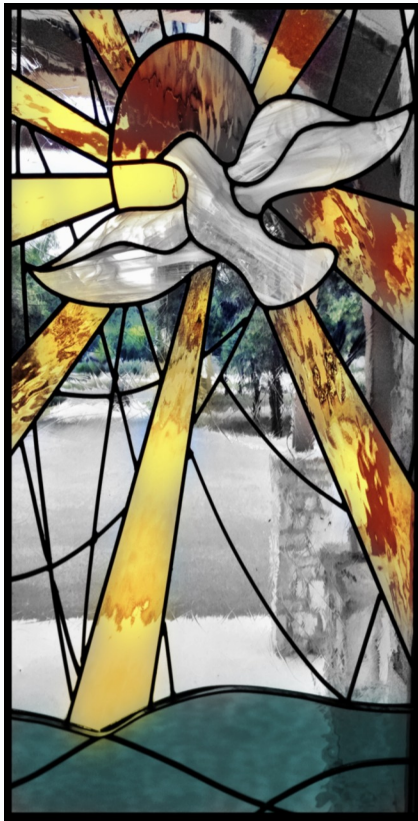
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Web Calendar

npcsatx.org/npc/connect/

Facebook:





This Week at Northminster

For Further Information check the calendar on the church website at
www.npcsatx.org

Calendar

Sunday, April 19 - Third Sunday of Easter

9:00 A.M. - Sunday School (All Ages)
9:00 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. - Confirmation Class
10:30 A.M. - Worship Service
11:45 A.M. - Fellowship Hour

Monday, April 20

10:00 A.M. - MMG Bible Study via Zoom
1:00 P.M. - Handbell Practice
7:00 P.M. - Stated Session Meeting

Tuesday, April 21

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

Wednesday, April 22

6:30 P.M. - Choir Practice

Thursday, April 23

10:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. - WorldSchool SA Homeschool
7:00 P.M. - *Running with the Giants* Book Study - Popes'

Friday, April 24

6:30 P.M. - Spring Dinner 6 Potluck at NPC

Sunday, April 26 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

PULPIT SUPPLY PASTOR - JAKE RAABE

BLUE SUNDAY - WEAR BLUE

9:00 A.M. - Sunday School
10:30 A.M. - Worship Service
Children's Church
11:45 A.M. - Fellowship Hour
2:30 P.M. - *Sonshine Singers* at Grand Brook



The Northminstrels will be leading worship this week for the Outdoor Worship Service. Below are some of the songs that will be featured:

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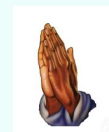
Prayer List

Members:

- ◆ Georgia Hale
- ◆ Eunice Damon
- ◆ Bill & Louise Bischoff
- ◆ Guy Greene
- ◆ Myron Leet
- ◆ Nancy Moore
- ◆ Margie Brown
- ◆ Ken & Carol Polsz
- ◆ Karen Currie
- ◆ Cynthia & Jack King
- ◆ Shannon Lewis
- ◆ Brenda Pinner
- ◆ Mary Lou Carroll
- ◆ Charlie & Lora Havrda
- ◆ Michael Moore

Friends

- ◆ Gretchen Lewis
- ◆ Zach McManus
- ◆ Letha Adams (Suzanne's Mom)
- ◆ Rebecca Jackson (Whipple Surgery)



UPCOMING EVENTS



SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH

8:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.



Confirmation Class
9:00 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.
(Lunch Provided)



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JOHN C. MAXWELL

RUNNING WITH THE GIANTS
What the Old Testament Heroes Want You to Know About Life and Leadership

BOOK STUDY
APRIL 23RD, 2025
(4TH THURSDAY)
7:00 P.M.
POPE'S HOUSE
12119 TREWELL GLEN



Keep Your Eyes Open

In the days following the resurrection, the disciples were not immediately bold, confident proclaimers of the good news. Instead, they were uncertain, afraid, and unsure of what came next. Doors were locked. Hearts were heavy. Even with the testimony of the empty tomb, they struggled to fully grasp what God had done. And it is into that very real, very human space that the risen Jesus entered.

Again and again, the post-resurrection stories remind us that Jesus meets His followers in the ordinary rhythms of life. He appears in a locked room. He walks alongside travelers on a dusty road. He stands on the shore while fishermen return to what they know best. These encounters are not staged in grand temples or before powerful crowds, but in the quiet, familiar places of everyday life. And in each moment, something profound happens: eyes are opened.

The disciples on the road to Emmaus walked for miles with Jesus and did not recognize Him. It was only later, in the breaking of the bread, that their eyes were opened and their hearts burned within them. Mary Magdalene mistook Him for a gardener until He spoke her name. The disciples fishing all night did not realize who stood on the shore until the miraculous catch and the familiar invitation, “Come and have breakfast.”

These stories are not just historical accounts; they are invitations. They remind us that the risen Christ is not confined to a moment in the past, but is present and active even now. The challenge for us is not whether Christ is present, but whether we are paying attention.

Too often, we expect God to show up in dramatic, unmistakable ways. We look for the extraordinary and miss the sacred woven into the ordinary. We rush through our days, distracted and preoccupied, and fail to notice the quiet ways Christ is revealed—in a conversation that brings unexpected peace, in an act of kindness from a stranger, in a moment of conviction or clarity, in the simple beauty of creation, or in the breaking of bread with others.

To live as resurrection people is to cultivate eyes that see and hearts that recognize. It means slowing down enough to notice. It means being open to the possibility that any moment could be a holy encounter. It means trusting that Christ is already at work in the world around us—and inviting us to join Him.

The disciples were transformed not just by seeing the risen Jesus, but by recognizing Him. Their fear gave way to courage. Their confusion turned into clarity. Their closed doors opened into a mission that would change the world. And it all began with learning to see.

Today, we are called into that same way of living. The risen Christ meets us in our doubts, in our routines, in our questions, and in our daily lives. The invitation is simple, but profound: keep your eyes open.

Because resurrection is not just something we celebrate—it is something we are called to experience, again and again, as we encounter the living Christ right where we are.

[Brandon Heath - Give Me Your Eyes \(Official Video\)](#)

SAMM[^]inistries

OVERCOMING HOMELESSNESS

During the month of April, the NPC Mission Ministry will be collecting household goods for SAMM Ministries.

Every year the SAMM Ministries provide supplies to meet the needs of families who are transitioning into housing. The ministry takes care of basic needs that are sometimes taken for granted.

The ministry provides initial “welcome home” baskets for families as well as supplying ongoing items that families need to have on hand everyday.

Below is a list of items the Mission Ministry is requesting to be donated during the month of April to support this important ministry:

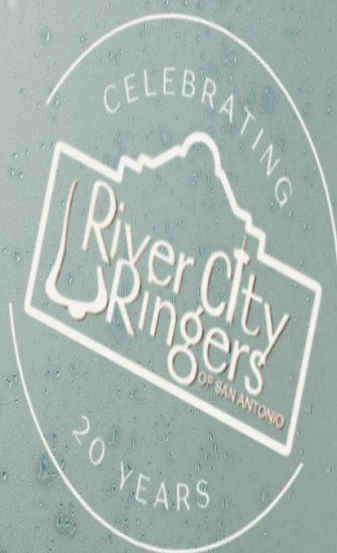
Trash Bags (13 Gallon)
Plastic Cups and Glasses
Sponge Mops
Laundry Baskets
Toilet Paper
Buckets
General Cleaning Supplies
Pillows
Blankets (Twin & Full)
Flatware Sets

Toilet Bowl Cleaner and Brushes
Swiffer Sweepers
Brooms
Laundry Detergent
Paper Towels
Trash Cans (13 Gallon)
Pots and Pans
Sheet Sets (Twin & Full)
Dish Sets
Clorox Wipes

Donations will be collected in the Family Room during the month of April. If you have any questions, please reach out to Ann Strautman or Marion Barth.

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Thursday, May 7 at 7:00pm
Northminster Presbyterian Church
6800 Tezel Rd., San Antonio



ANTICIPATION

The Adventure Begins, Ron Mallory

RAGE

Barracuda, arr. Greg Urban

JOY

Joy!, arr. CJ Caminiti

PATRIOTISM

American Carillon, James Weber

DESIRE

Por Una Cabeza, arr. Stevie Berryman

LOVE

Under Pressure, arr. Sondra Tucker

TERROR

Erlkönig, arr. Stevie Berryman

QUIETUDE

Quietude, Michael Glasgow

GRIEF AND HOPE

Triptych, Derek Hakes



INFORMATION

All concerts are free and
open to the public.

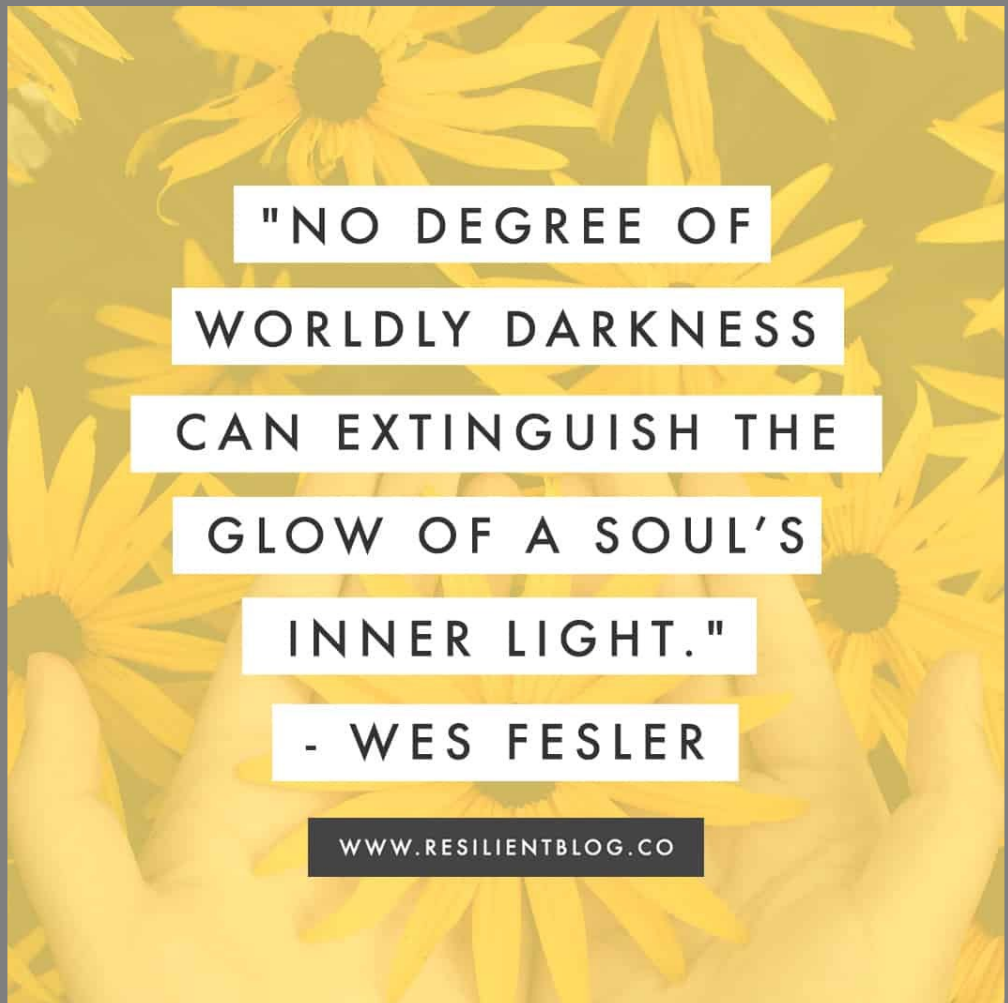
Donations are appreciated!

River City Ringers is a 501c3
nonprofit organization.

Catch some feels with San Antonio's
premiere handbell ensemble!

RiverCityRingers.org for more information


2026 WEEKLY INSPIRATION



"NO DEGREE OF
WORLDLY DARKNESS
CAN EXTINGUISH THE
GLOW OF A SOUL'S
INNER LIGHT."

- WES FESLER

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Sermon of the Week

1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35

Rev. Dana Boes Pope

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HAPPENINGS

Monday Morning Group Bible Study via Zoom

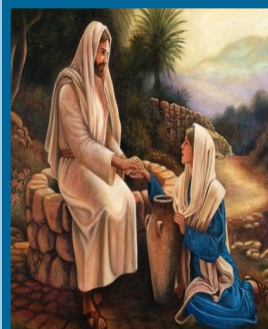
Monday Morning Group
(Recurring every week on Monday at 10:00 A.M.)

Join the Zoom Meeting

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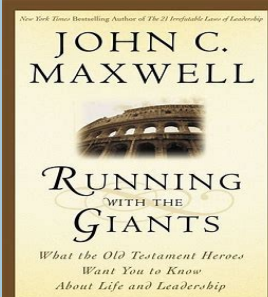
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The Women's Bible Study, *Wisdom at the Well*, invites you to join them as they read and discuss "The Most Misused Stories in the Bible" by Eric Bargerhuff.

The next meeting will be on Monday, April 27th, at 7:30 P.M. on Zoom.

[Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](#)



Running With the Giants

This book study, led by Jay Young, meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at Pastor Dana's house.

The next meeting will be this Thursday, at 7:00 P.M.

KIDS KORNER



[Click for CE April Newsletter:](#)

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

WORSHIP

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.

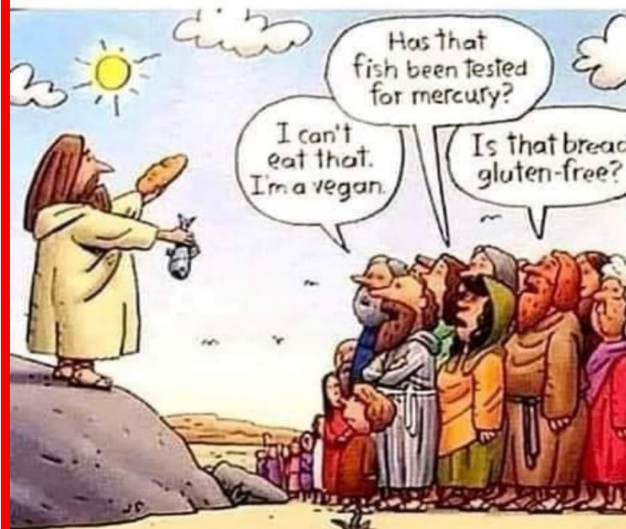
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJVyafEQzKv7Vol235zQ8Qw>

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

If Jesus tried to feed the 5000 today... 😊



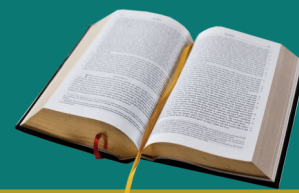
Lectionary Readings for the week of April 19

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35



Weekly Meditation Time

Household Prayer

Risen Lord, You come alongside us even when we do not recognize You. You walk with us through our confusion, our disappointments, and our doubts. Open our eyes, we pray, to see Your presence in the ordinary moments of our lives.

Open our hearts to understand Your Word more deeply, and kindle within us a holy fire that draws us closer to You.

As You were made known in the breaking of the bread, help us to recognize You in our daily living and in one another. Send us out with renewed faith and joy, that we may share the good news of Your resurrection with the world. Amen.

Questions for Reflection

The disciples on the road to Emmaus were with Jesus for hours as He taught them the meaning of the Scriptures. However, they finally recognized Him as the risen Lord only in “the breaking of the bread.”

How does the Lord’s Supper enable you to recognize Jesus?





CHURCH WEBSITE

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Weekly Food For Thought

How cool
is it that
the same God who
created mountains
and oceans and
galaxies looked
at you and thought
the world needed one of you,
too.

**Did you
know?**

Did You know about Commissioned Ruling Elders? Last Sunday NPC hosted Raquel Ybarra, who filled in for Pastor Dana while she was away. Raquel is a Commissioned Ruling Elder. A Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) in the [Presbyterian Church \(U.S.A.\)](http://www.pcausa.org) is an ordained elder authorized by the local presbytery to provide limited pastoral service to a specific congregation, often filling gaps where the full-time minister is not available. Formerly called a Commissioned Lay Pastor (CLP), these leaders are trained to preach, conduct worship, and care for members, with additional authorization to officiate at weddings and administer sacraments. Now you know!



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