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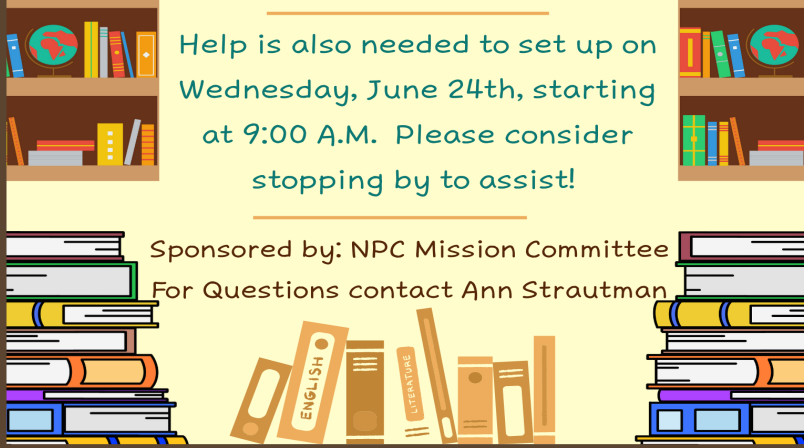
BOOK SALE

Saturday, June 27th
9:00A.M.-2:00P.M.

We NEED books! Please drop-off your
gently used treasures on Sundays!

Help is also needed to set up on
Wednesday, June 24th, starting
at 9:00 A.M. Please consider
stopping by to assist!

Sponsored by: NPC Mission Committee
For Questions contact Ann Strautman



GROWING IN FAITH.
LIVING IN CHRIST.

CONFIRMATION *Sunday*

JUNE 28TH

CELEBRATING OUR YOUTH.
STRENGTHENING OUR CHURCH. SHARING GOD'S LOVE.



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Church Website
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Did You Know? - New Mailing Address for NPC

Northminster Presbyterian Church

6800 Tezel Road
San Antonio, TX 78250
210-680-4825

Email:

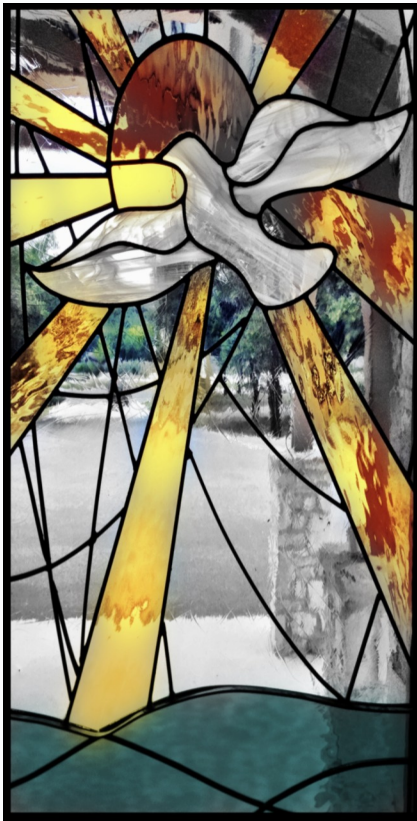
npcoffice@npcsatx.org

Website:

npcsatx.org

Web Calendar





This Week at Northminster

For Further Information check the calendar on the church website at

www.npcsatx.org

Calendar

Sunday, June 21 - 4th Sunday After Pentecost

FATHER'S DAY

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

10:30 A.M. - Worship Service

Children's Church

11:45 A.M. - Fellowship Hour

Monday, June 22

10:00 A.M. - MMG via Zoom

7:00 P.M. - Stated Session Meeting

7:30 P.M. - *Wisdom at the Well* Bible Study - Zoom

Tuesday, June 23

11:00 A.M. - *Wellness Warriors* at Torchy's Bandera Rd

6:30 P.M. - Line Dancing Class

Wednesday, June 24

9:00 A.M. - Mission Ministry Book Sale Set-Up

Saturday, June 27

9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. - Mission Ministry Book Sale

Sunday, June 28 - 5th Sunday After Pentecost

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

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

10:30 A.M. - Worship Service

Children's Church

11:45 A.M. - Fellowship Hour



In the Pulpit This Week.....

In Pastor Dana's absence this week, NPC welcomes Rev. Dr. Gloria Villa Diaz from Trinity Presbytery. She is the Presbytery Pastor for the congregations in the southern region of Trinity Presbytery in Texas. In her role, she visits congregations, encourages pastors and sessions, and strengthens their connection with the presbytery. She describes her ministry as helping others to "see" God among them and aspires to introduce Jesus as the eternal and mighty Savior who humbly walks with all who believe. The fruit of this work will be individuals and families living in the freedom of God's kingdom.

Rev. Gloria has faithfully served The Cumberland Presbyterian Church for more than thirty years. She began her ministry as a lay leader in Colombia, later pastoring local congregations and even planting a church. For the past fifteen years, she has devoted herself to ministering to individuals incarcerated in prisons, jails, and detention centers. Through her pastoral service, thousands have been reached and encouraged by the English and Spanish editions of the New Day in Christ Devotional Book.

Rev. Gloria previously served as a member of the Unification Task Force of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America, completing her work with the group until its dissolution in 2020.

She currently serves as chair of the Committee on probationers at Trinity Presbytery, chair of the Trusteeship Committee of the Board of Trustees at Memphis Theological Seminary (which is her Alma Mater), and secretary of the board of Crossroads at Park Place, an ecumenical outreach ministry in Southeast Houston.

In her free time, Rev. Gloria enjoys walks and rich conversations with her husband, Rev. Dr. Fredy Diaz. She treasures time spent with her son and daughter-in-law. At home, she delights in experimenting with creative variations of her favorite recipes and tending to the plants that brighten her space.

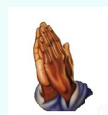
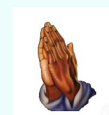
Prayer List

Members:

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

Friends

- ◆ Gretchen Lewis
- ◆ Zach McManus
- ◆ Letha Adams (Suzanne's Mom)
- ◆ Rebecca Jackson (Whipple Surgery)
- ◆ Patricia Pope (Eddie's Mom)
- ◆ Patrick (Judy Tyrling's Friend - Prayers for cancer and employment)
- ◆ Jackson (Grandson of friend - Cancer)



UPCOMING EVENTS



SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH

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



WELLNESS WARRIORS


Support Group Meeting

Tuesday, June 23rd

11:00 A.M.

Torchy's Tacos



NPC Mission Ministry
BOOK SALE 
Fundraiser!

*Great Books!
Great Prices!*

SATURDAY, JUNE 27TH | **9:00 AM to 2:00 P.M.**

DONATIONS NEEDED!
 We are accepting donations of gently used books.
Thank you! ♥

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
 Help us setup for the sale!
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24TH
 AT 9:00 AM

Confirmation
Sunday
 June 28th at 10:30 A.M.

— *Join Us For An* —
OLD-SCHOOL CHURCH PICNIC
 FAITH * FAMILY * FREEDOM * FUN!
SUNDAY, JULY 5TH
11:45 AM
(after church)

HOT DOGS! **HOME-MADE ICE CREAM!** **GAMES FOR ALL AGES!** **SPLASH DAY! BRING YOUR WATER TOYS!**

GOOD FOOD. GREAT FELLOWSHIP. LET'S CELEBRATE!

NO MATTER HOW SMALL
 Join Us for
Vacation Bible School
July 13-16, 2026
 ★ 5:30-8:30 ★
 Forest Hills Presbyterian Church
 Joint VBS with Forest Hills Presbyterian,
 Northminster Presbyterian and Helotes Hills Methodist Churches

Following Jesus When It's Not Easy

Most of us prefer a faith that brings comfort, peace, and reassurance. We want to hear that God loves us, forgives us, and walks beside us through life's challenges. Those promises are certainly true. Yet in Matthew 10:24-39, Jesus offers His disciples a different kind of message—one that is both sobering and encouraging.

As Jesus sends His followers out into the world, He does not promise them an easy path. Instead, He warns them that they will face criticism, rejection, and even opposition because of their commitment to Him.

Jesus knew that living faithfully in a broken world would sometimes place His disciples at odds with the values around them. Choosing honesty in a culture that rewards deception, showing compassion when others seek revenge, or standing for justice when it is unpopular can come at a cost. Faithfulness often requires courage.

Yet woven throughout this passage is one repeated phrase: "Do not be afraid." Jesus reminds His followers that God sees them, knows them, and values them deeply. He points to the sparrows—small birds that seem insignificant in the eyes of the world—yet not one falls without God's knowledge. Then Jesus offers these remarkable words: "You are worth more than many sparrows."

Near the end of the passage, Jesus says, "Whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me." For modern Christians, those words can sound strange because we often see the cross as a beautiful symbol displayed in sanctuaries and worn as jewelry. But for Jesus' first listeners, the cross was an instrument of suffering, sacrifice, and complete surrender to God's will. To take up one's cross meant being willing to place obedience to God above personal comfort, convenience, or even reputation.

What might carrying our cross look like today? It may not mean facing physical persecution, but it often involves choosing faithfulness when it comes at a personal cost. It may mean forgiving someone who has deeply hurt us when resentment feels easier. It may mean standing beside those who are marginalized when doing so is unpopular. It may mean serving others when we would rather focus on ourselves, giving generously when we would rather hold tightly to our resources, or speaking truth with grace when remaining silent would be easier and more comfortable.

Recognizing our cross begins with asking an honest question: What is God calling me to do that I am tempted to avoid? The answer will be different for each person. For one believer, it may be reconciling a broken relationship. For another, it may be stepping into a ministry opportunity, caring for a struggling neighbor, or trusting God through a season of uncertainty. Our cross is not simply any hardship we experience; it is the challenge of faithfully following Jesus when doing so requires sacrifice.

The good news is that we do not carry our cross alone. The same Jesus who calls us to follow Him also walks beside us. He knows the cost of discipleship because He carried the cross before us. And He assures us that when we lose our lives for His sake—when we surrender our own agendas to embrace His—we discover the life we were truly meant to live.

This week, consider where God may be calling you to greater faithfulness. Is there a conversation you need to have? A risk you need to take? An act of love you need to offer? Whatever it may be, hear again the words of Jesus: "Do not be afraid." You are known, you are loved, and you are worth far more than many sparrows. As you follow Christ, may you find the courage to recognize your cross, take it up, and trust that God will meet you every step of the way.

SPLASH DAY!

JULY 5, 2026
DIRECTLY AFTER CHURCH

BRING A TOWEL! | WEAR WATER-FRIENDLY CLOTHES! | FUN, FRIENDS & FAITH! | EVERYONE WELCOME!

REFRESH. CONNECT. GROW.

NO MATTER HOW SMALL

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2026 WEEKLY INSPIRATION

“FAITH IS NOT A LIGHT
WHICH SCATTERS ALL
OUR **DARKNESS**,
BUT A **LAMP** WHICH
GUIDES OUR STEPS
IN THE NIGHT AND
SUFFICES FOR
THE **JOURNEY.**”

- POPE FRANCIS

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Matthew Granz 2008

Sermon of the Week

Psalm 86:1-10

Matthew 10:24-39

Rev. Dr. Gloria Villa Diaz

Pulpit Supply Pastor



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

Meeting ID: 896 7103 8799

Password: 018474



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 this Monday at 7:30 P.M. on Zoom.

[Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](#)

KIDS KORNER



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



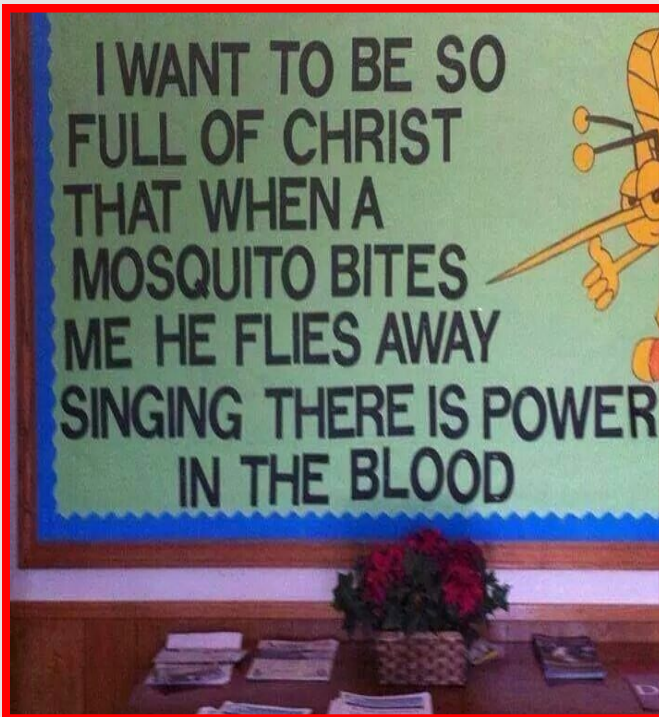
If you're unable to attend Northminster Presbyterian Church's weekly worship service in person, you can view it on NPC's YouTube channel on Sundays at 10:30 A.M.

<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 June 21

Genesis 21:8-21

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

Romans 6:1b-11

Matthew 10:24-39



Weekly Meditation Time

Household Prayer

Creator of heaven and earth, light and darkness,
day and night, I thank You for the day just past
that You have given me in Your mercy.

I pray for Your forgiveness for those things I did
that were displeasing to You and for those missed
opportunities to show my love for You.

Let me rest tonight,
trusting in the grace of Your Son, Jesus Christ.
Restore my mind and body as I sleep so that when I awake
I will have the strength to serve You and Your children well.

O beloved God, let me rise to a new day
giving You thanks and praise,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Savior. Amen.

Questions for Reflection

What does the story of Sarah and Hagar (Gen. 21:8–21) say about God?
What does the story suggest about how we might treat one another more justly?





CHURCH WEBSITE

www.npcsatx.org

Weekly Food For Thought

I am never
in control of
what happens
around me
but i am
always in
control of
what happens
within me

@FEARLESS_SOUL

Did You know that our mailbox at NPC has been vandalized and that we now will be receiving mail at a PO Box?



IMPORTANT MAIL THEFT ALERT

Due to the recent vandalism and theft of the church mailbox at **TEZEL & TIMBER RANCH**, all church mail should now be sent to:



NEW MAILING ADDRESS
NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PO BOX 380336
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78268



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PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU NOTICE ANY DISCREPANCIES OR HAVE QUESTIONS.

Thank You!

Thank you for your understanding, vigilance, and continued support of Northminster Presbyterian Church.



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