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## 100 DAYS of PRAYER

TRIAD MEETINGS CONTINUE

## CALLING ALL WOMEN . . . SAVE THE DATE!



Saturday, August 29, 2026

9:00am-12:00pm

8:30am Registration

### Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering San Antonio Cluster

Hosted by:

**Women of Forest Hills & Northminster  
Presbyterian Churches**

13200 Bandera Rd  
Helotes, Texas 78023

**Schedule:** 8:30 Registration  
9:00 Breakfast  
10:45 KeyNote Address  
11:45 Closing Prayer

**Registration:** \$10 & an offering  
taken for the House of  
Neighborly Service - ROOTS  
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Use the QR Code or the website  
address to register by August 27th.



<https://pwfall.square.site>

Keynote Speaker:

**Judy Matetzchk Campbell,**

Austin Seminarian

**“United Through Christ,  
Bound to Each Other”**

**Notes & Info:** All are welcome and invited.

- \* Please bring your church nametag and your personal drink vessel.
- \* Enjoy spending time with old & new friends and building connections and relationships.
- \* Invite and share with your friends.
- \* Receive inspiring and uplifting messages.

Contact Marilyn Juarez for more information at  
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Did You Know?

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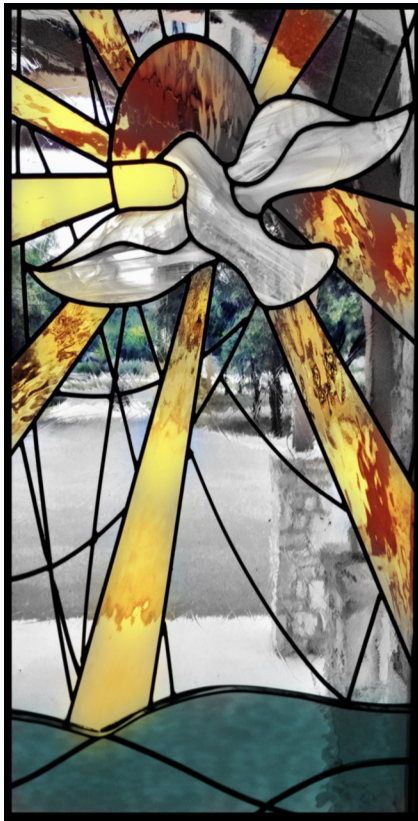
[npcoffice@npcsatx.org](mailto:npcoffice@npcsatx.org)

Website:

[npcsatx.org](https://npcsatx.org)

Web Calendar





## This Week at Northminster

For Further Information check the calendar on the church website at  
[www.npcsatx.org](http://www.npcsatx.org)

### Calendar

#### Sunday, Aug 23 - 13th Sunday After Pentecost

#### **NEW MEMBER SUNDAY/ELIZABETH RAABE BAPTISM**

9:00 A.M. - Sunday School (All Ages)  
9:15 A.M. - Called Session Meeting with New Members  
10:30 A.M. - Worship Service  
Children's Church  
11:45 A.M. - Fellowship Hour

#### Monday, Aug 24

10:00 A.M. - MMG Meeting at NPC

#### Tuesday, Aug 25

10:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. - WorldSchool SA Homeschool  
6:30 P.M. - Line Dancing Class  
7:00 P.M. - NPC Book Club Resumes

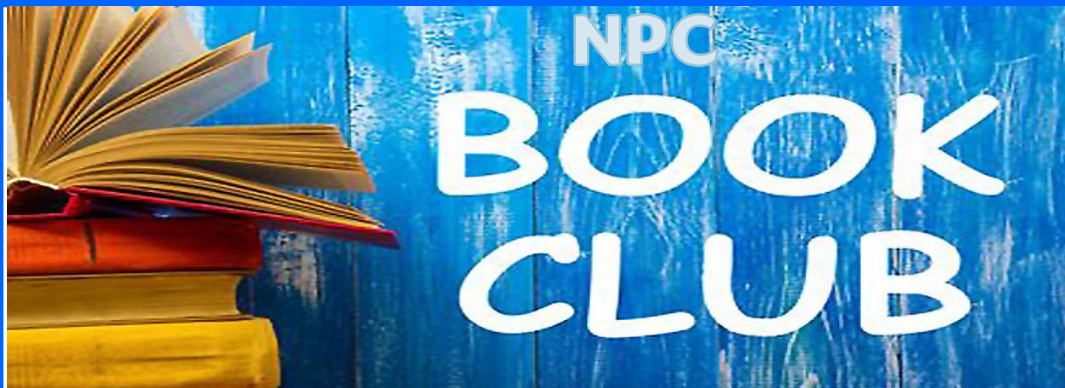
#### Thursday, Aug 27

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

#### Sunday, August 30 - 14th Sunday After Pentecost

#### **YOUTH SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

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



The NPC Book Club will resume meeting next week. The book of the month for August is *My Friends* by Frederick Backman and Laura Lahson. This book has 436 pages, so you might want to go ahead and pick it up and start reading now.

The NPC Book Club meets the last Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. during the school term in Classroom 1 at NPC.

If you enjoy reading, the group would love for you to join them for the new semester.



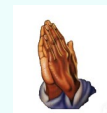
### Prayer List

#### Members:

- ◆ Georgia Hale
- ◆ Bill & Louise Bischoff
- ◆ Guy Greene
- ◆ Nancy Moore
- ◆ Margie Brown
- ◆ Karen Currie
- ◆ Cynthia & Jack King
- ◆ Shannon Lewis
- ◆ Brenda Pinner
- ◆ Mary Lou Carroll
- ◆ Charlie & Lora Havrda
- ◆ Dickey & Yvonne May (Pneumonia)
- ◆ Micheline Vogel
- ◆ Pastor Dana
- ◆ Hugo Salazar

#### Friends

- ◆ Gretchen Lewis (Cancer)
- ◆ Zach McManus (ALS)
- ◆ Patricia Pope (Eddie's Mom)
- ◆ Patrick (Judy Tyrling's Friend - Prayers for cancer and employment)
- ◆ Joseph - (Judy Tyrling's Nephew)
- ◆ Jackson (Grandson of friend - Cancer)
- ◆ Leslie Young (Pregnancy Issues)
- ◆ Michael Hare
- ◆ Ken & Carol Polsz
- ◆ Bob Raksnis (Recurring Cancer)



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## BAPTISM



THIS SUNDAY  
ELIZABETH TAMARA RAABE

NEW  
MEMBER  
Sunday

**FOCUS ON STEM EDUCATION**

**NOTICE: HOMESCHOOL GROUP MEETING**

The WorldSchool SA Homeschool Co-Op will be utilizing our facility on:

**TUESDAY & THURSDAY**  
**10:30 AM - 2:00 PM**

**AT THE CHURCH**

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we share our space with this community group.

A collage of colorful icons representing STEM education: a laptop with circuitry, a small robot, a microscope, a lightbulb, and various gears.

## WELLNESS WARRIORS

Support Group Meeting  
Tuesday, August 25th  
11:00 A.M.  
Aspen Creek Grill  
11719 Bandera Rd

AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup>. AT 6:30 P.M.

## LINE DANCE LESSONS



RESUMES AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup>

**BOOK**

7:00 PM  
AT NPC

Club

SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>. AT 6:30 P.M.

Moveable Feast

Location TBD



PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN

Meeting and Bible Study  
September 16<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 A.M. at NPC

# Between the Altar and the Door

There is a moment in worship when we feel especially close to God. A song moves us, a sermon speaks directly to our hearts, or a prayer reminds us that we belong to something bigger than ourselves. Around us, everything seems to make sense. We find ourselves saying, “Yes, Lord. I want to live differently.”

But then the service ends.

We walk through the doors, return to our routines, and face the same responsibilities, frustrations, relationships, and decisions waiting for us outside. The question is no longer simply what happened at the altar. The question becomes: What happens when we walk through the door?

That tension is at the heart of Casting Crowns’ song *The Altar and the Door*, and it is also at the heart of Romans 12:1–8. Paul reminds us that worship was never intended to stop when the music stops. We are called to offer our very lives to God—to become what he describes as a “living sacrifice.” Worship is not only something we experience at church on Sundays; it is something we live.

The altar is the place where we surrender ourselves to God. The door is the place where we step back into everyday life. And the Christian life is lived in the space between those two moments.

It is easy to say yes to God in a sanctuary. It is harder to say yes when we are standing in traffic, dealing with a difficult coworker, caring for an aging parent, navigating a strained relationship, or simply exhausted at the end of a long day. Yet that is precisely where Paul says our faith becomes real. He calls us not to conform to the patterns around us, but to allow God to renew the way we think so that our lives begin to reflect His will.

That kind of transformation rarely happens all at once. It happens in ordinary choices.

It happens when we choose patience instead of anger. When we forgive instead of keeping score. When we speak encouragement instead of criticism. When we make room for someone who feels overlooked. When we use our resources to help rather than simply accumulate. When we pause long enough to ask, “God, how would You have me respond here?”

Romans 12 also reminds us that following Christ is not a solo project. We are part of one body, and each person has been given different gifts. Some teach. Some lead. Some serve quietly. Some encourage. Some give generously. Some have a gift for compassion that makes people feel seen and loved. None of these gifts is insignificant, because all of them can become expressions of Christ’s love, and it takes all of them for a church to function correctly.

That means our calling is not to become someone else. It is to faithfully offer what God has already placed in us. Perhaps that is what we sometimes forget when we leave church. We think the important part happened inside the sanctuary—the altar, the prayer, the worship, the moment of surrender. But Scripture reminds us that God is just as present at the door, in the parking lot, at the kitchen table, in the office, and in every ordinary moment that follows.

The altar says, “Here I am, Lord.”

The door asks, “Now what will I do with that?”

Every week, we are invited to bring our whole lives to God and then carry that worship with us into the world. We do not leave worship behind when we leave the church. We take it with us.

So perhaps the real measure of Sunday morning is not simply how deeply we were moved, but how faithfully we live once we walk through the door.

May our worship become more than a moment. May it become a way of life. May the God who meets us at the altar continue to transform us at the door—and everywhere beyond it.

[Altar and the Door ~ Casting Crowns ~ lyric video](#)

# 2026 WEEKLY INSPIRATION

*It is during  
our darkest moments  
that we must focus  
to see the light.*

~ Aristotle Onassis

[SabrinasOrganizing.com/blog](http://SabrinasOrganizing.com/blog)

## *Sermon of the Week*

**Exodus 1:8-2:10**

**Psalm 124**

**Chaplain Alex Solorio**



# 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



## 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:

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**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**PO BOX 380336**  
**SAN ANTONIO, TX 78268**



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REACHED THE CHURCH OFFICE.**



**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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## KIDS KORNER



Click for CE August Newsletter:

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



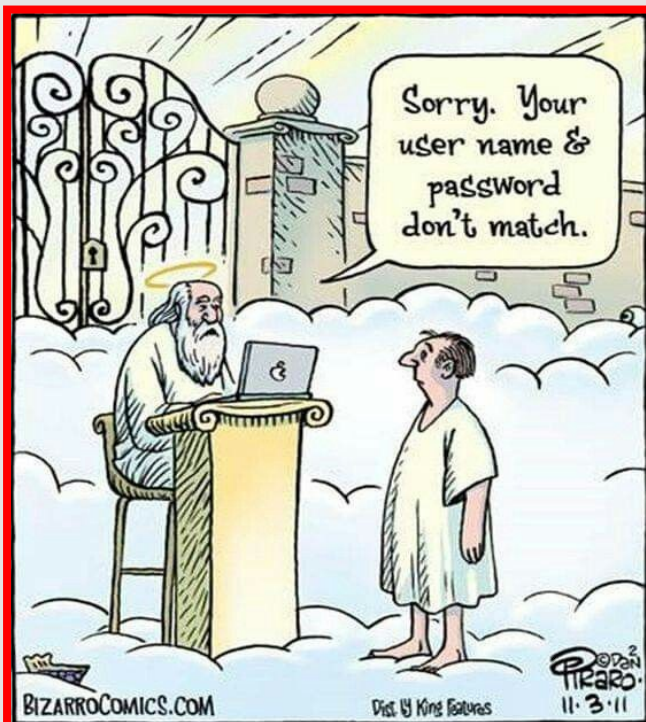
If you're unable to attend Northminster Presbyterian Church's weekly worship service in person, you can view it on NPC's YouTube channel on Sundays at 10:30 A.M.

<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 August 23rd

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Psalm 124

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20



# Weekly Meditation Time

## Household Prayer

Holy God,  
for anything I did this day that was pleasing to You,  
I give You thanks and pray that You use me to Your glory;  
for anything I did this day that was displeasing to You,  
I ask Your forgiveness and pray that You redeem me for Your glory.  
Amen.

## Questions for Reflection

When have you succeeded in resisting the forces that seek to conform us  
to the world?

How has that felt like “spiritual worship”?

What are the ways you most readily answer Jesus’ question: “Who do  
you say that I am?”

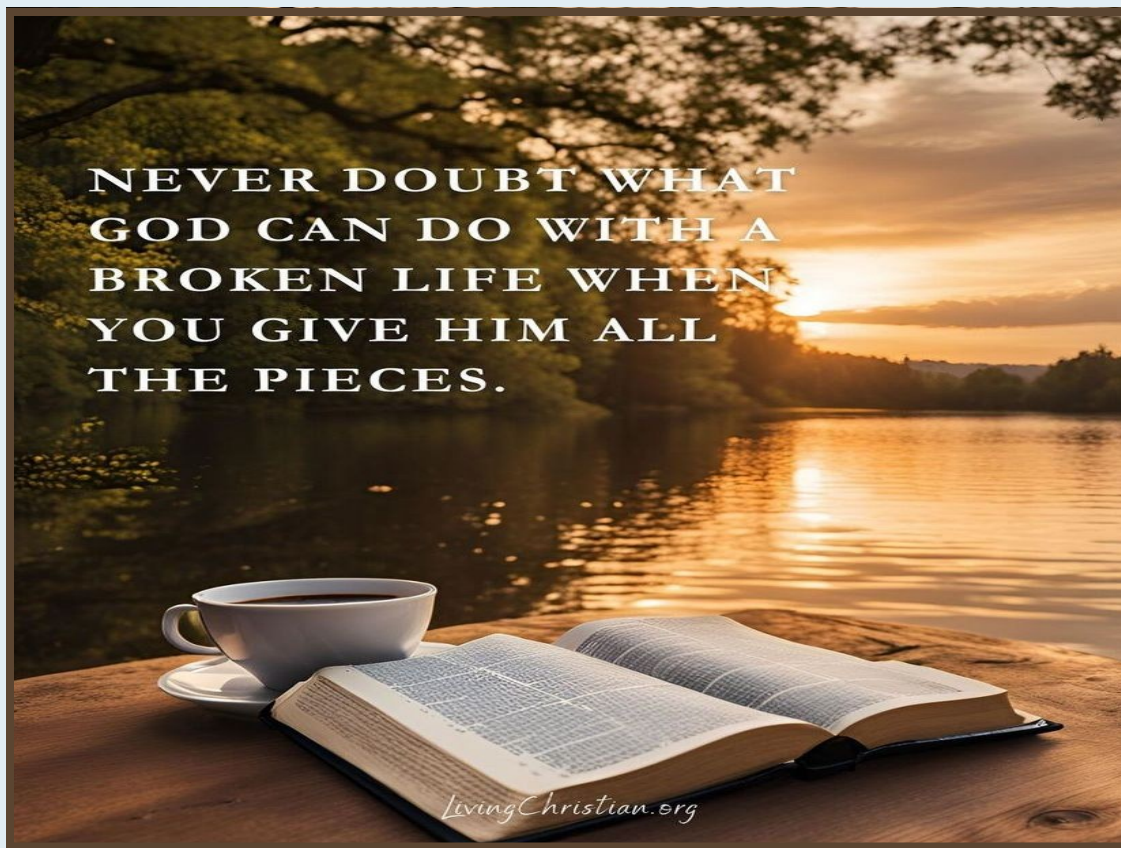




# CHURCH WEBSITE

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

## *Weekly Food For Thought*



**Did you  
know?**

**Did You know** that this week in worship NPC will be welcoming new members and celebrating the sacrament of holy baptism? We look forward to welcoming Ramiro and Irene De Hoyos into the church membership.

NPC will also be celebrating the baptism of Elizabeth Tamara Raabe, daughter of Jake and Rebekah Raabe during the service this Sunday.

You don't won't to miss these joyful events in the life of the church.



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