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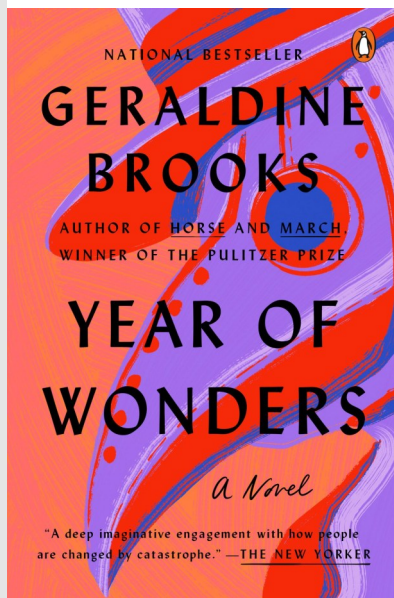
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100 DAYS of PRAYER

TRIAD MEETINGS CONTINUE



The NPC Book Club will meet on
Tuesday, September 29th, at 7:00 P.M.
The book of the month for September
is *Year of Wonders* by
Geraldine Brooks.

The book club meets the last Tuesday
of the month during the school term.

If you are unable to make it this
month, plan ahead for next month.
The book of the month for October is
The Backyard Bird Chronicles
by Amy Tan.

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Northminster Presbyterian Church

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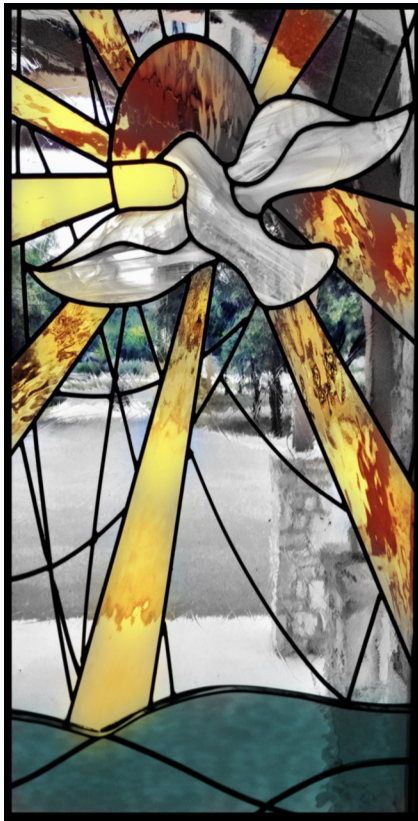
npcoffice@npcsatx.org

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, Sept 13 - 16th Sunday After Pentecost

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

Monday, Sept 14

10:00 A.M. - MMG Meeting at NPC
 2:00 P.M. - Finance Ministry Meeting via Zoom

Tuesday, Sept 15

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

Wednesday, Sept 16

10:00 A.M. - Presbyterian Women Meeting

Thursday, Sept 17

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

Friday, Sept 18

11:30 A.M. - Men's Luncheon - BJ's Alamo Ranch

Saturday, Sept 19

8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. - Church Workday

Sunday, September 20 - 16th Sunday After Pentecost

WORLD ALZHEIMERS DAY - WEAR PURPLE

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



During the month of
**September the Mission
 Ministry will be collecting
 new and gently used shoes
 that will be donated to
 Christian Assistance Ministry
 (CAM).**

**CAM is in need of adult shoes
 as well as children's shoes.
 The need for children's shoes
 is very important because**

they grow out of shoes so quickly.

Any help that you can give is greatly appreciated.

**There will be a collection bin the Family Room
 throughout the month of September.**

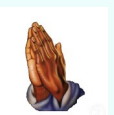
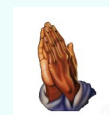
Prayer List

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
- ◆ Pastor Dana
- ◆ Hugo Salazar

Friends

- ◆ Gretchen Lewis (Cancer)
- ◆ Zach McManus (ALS)
- ◆ Patricia Pope (Eddie's Mom)
- ◆ Leslie Young (Pregnancy Issues)
- ◆ Ken & Carol Polsz



UPCOMING EVENTS



Monday, September 14th
at 2:00 P.M. Via Zoom

Finance Ministry

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.

SEPTEMBER 15TH, AT 6:30 P.M.

LINE DANCE LESSONS



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Meeting and Bible Study
September 16th
10:00 A.M. at NPC



Men's Luncheon
Friday, September 18th, at 11:30 A.M.
BJ's @ Culebra and 1604



WORKDAY AT THE CHURCH

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

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

Stated Session Meeting
Monday, September 21st
7:00 P.M.



SEPTEMBER 29TH

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7:00 PM
AT NPC

Club



When Grace Is Hard to Give

“Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive?” — Matthew 18:21

Peter’s question in Matthew 18 feels surprisingly modern. How many times do I have to forgive someone? When is enough, enough? What about the person who keeps hurting me, disappoints me, says the wrong thing, or refuses to change?

Jesus responds with a story that challenges the way we often think about forgiveness. A servant is forgiven an enormous debt—far beyond anything he could possibly repay. Yet when that same servant encounters someone who owes him a much smaller debt, he refuses to show the mercy he has just received.

The message is uncomfortable but powerful: We are called to live as people who remember how much grace and mercy we have received.

That message is particularly important in 2026.

We live in a time when it is easy to keep score. Social media allows us to remember someone's worst moment indefinitely. Political and cultural divisions can turn disagreements into personal battles. Families sometimes carry years of unresolved hurt. Churches, too, are not immune. We can remember who disappointed us, who said something hurtful, who failed to show up, or who did not see things the way we did.

And sometimes we carry those things for so long that resentment becomes part of our identity.

Jesus reminds us that forgiveness is not about pretending that wrongs never happened. Forgiveness does not mean ignoring injustice, excusing harmful behavior, or refusing to establish healthy boundaries. There are times when accountability and reconciliation require difficult conversations and meaningful change.

But forgiveness does mean refusing to allow another person's actions to have permanent control over our hearts. We understand grace as something we do not earn. We come before God not because we have lived perfectly, but because God has acted graciously toward us in Jesus Christ. We are people who live by grace. And because we have received grace, we are called to become people who extend grace.

That does not always happen easily.

Sometimes forgiveness is a decision we have to make more than once. We may forgive someone and then discover that the anger has returned. We may need to pray again, release the hurt again, and place the situation back into God's hands again. Forgiveness can be a process rather than a single moment.

Perhaps the question for us today is not simply, “Who do I need to forgive?” Perhaps it is also, “What am I still carrying that God is asking me to release?”

As individuals and as a church family, we have an opportunity to practice a different way of living. We can be people who are slower to judge, quicker to listen, willing to have honest conversations, and ready to extend the grace we ourselves have received.

Our world does not need more people keeping score.

It needs people who know what grace looks like.

And perhaps that begins with us—not by forgetting the past, but by refusing to let the past determine our future.

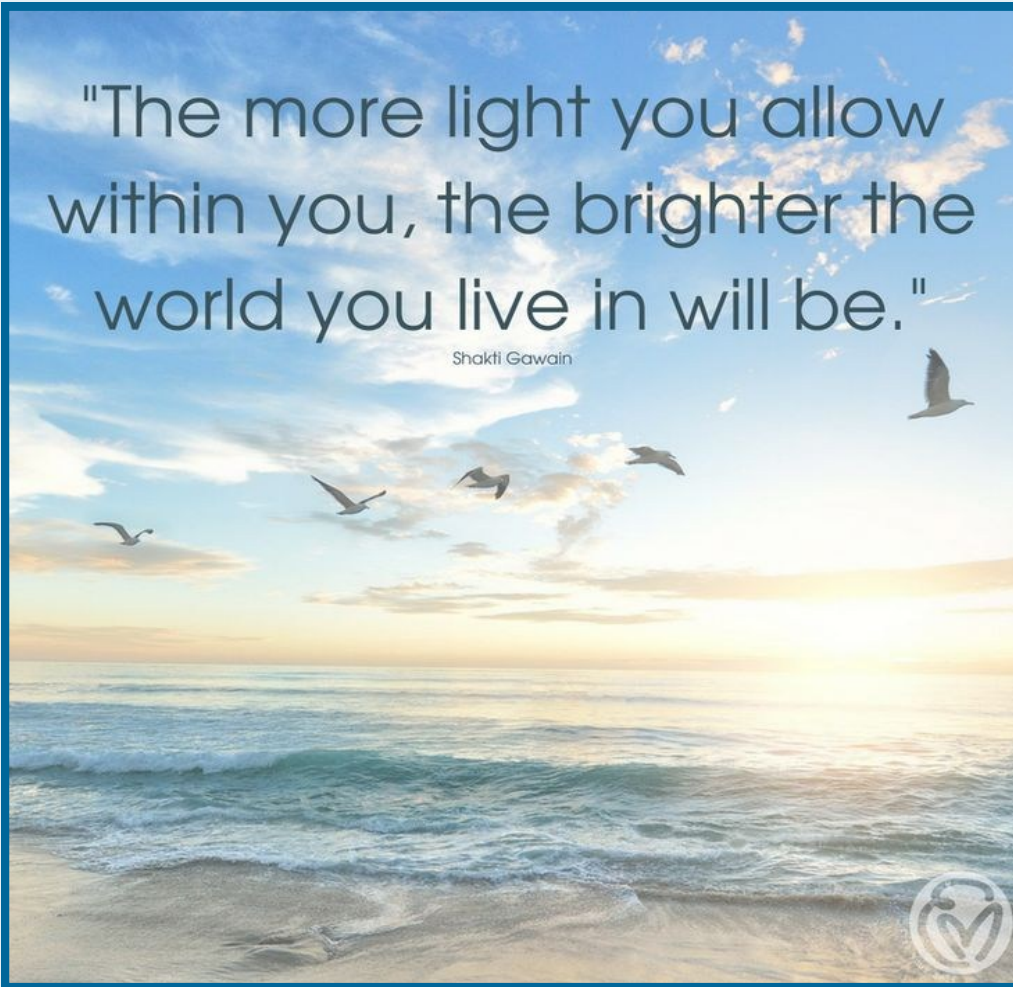
We have been forgiven. We are being transformed by grace. And we are called to share that grace with others.

[Forgiveness | YouTube Music](#)

2026 WEEKLY INSPIRATION

"The more light you allow
within you, the brighter the
world you live in will be."

Shakti Gawain



Sermon of the Week

Psalm 114

Matthew 18:21-35

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

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

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



**REVIEW YOUR
2ND QUARTER
GIVING STATEMENT**



**CHECK WHETHER
ANY DONATIONS
ARE MISSING**



**IF YOU MAILED A CHECK THAT
HAS NOT CLEARED YOUR BANK,
IT MAY HAVE BEEN AFFECTED
BY THE MAIL THEFT AND NEVER
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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LOVE. SERVE. GROW.

KIDS KORNERS



Click for September 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

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have to punish
and discipline the
chickens on the
Ark?

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Lectionary Readings for the week of September 13

Exodus 14:19-31

Psalms 114

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35



Weekly Meditation Time

Household Prayer

Gracious God, thank You for the incredible mercy and forgiveness You have shown us. Help us to remember how much we have been forgiven when we are tempted to hold on to anger, hurt, or resentment toward others.

Give us hearts that are willing to forgive—not because the hurt doesn't matter, but because we trust Your grace and know how much we have been forgiven for.

Help us let go of what we have been carrying and make room for Your peace.

Teach us to live as people who have received Your grace and mercy and freely share it with others.

Questions for Reflection

1. Is there someone you are still holding something against? What makes it difficult for you to let go?
2. How does remembering God's forgiveness toward you change the way you look at someone who has hurt you?
3. What does forgiveness look like in your life right now? Is there a step toward forgiveness that God may be asking you to take?
4. Where might you need to stop keeping score and choose grace instead?
5. What would change in your relationships, your home, or your church community if we all truly lived as people who have been forgiven?





CHURCH WEBSITE

www.npcsatx.org

Weekly Food For Thought



Did You Know that Northminster Presbyterian Church is a union church?

That means that it is a member of both Presbyterian Church (USA) through Mission Presbytery and Cumberland Presbyterian Church through Trinity Presbytery.

That is one of the unique features of this particular Presbyterian congregation.



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