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100 DAYS of PRAYER

TRIAD MEETINGS CONTINUE

Hope Outshines Hardship

A luncheon event benefiting the
children and families of PCHAS



There is still time to RSVP for the Presbyterian Children's Home and Services (PCHAS) San Antonio Luncheon on October 27, 2026. We would love for you to be there as we gather to celebrate what becomes possible when a community chooses to believe in children and families.

This year's theme, *Hope Outshines Hardship*, reminds us that hardship does not have the final word. Your support helps families move through their hardest seasons and into something steadier, safer, and more hopeful. Together, we are building a world where every child is safe and every family is strong.

2026 San Antonio Luncheon
"Hope Outshines Hardship" Luncheon
Tuesday, October 27, 2026, 12-1 p.m.

San Antonio Country Club
4100 N. New Braunfels Avenue San Antonio, TX 78209

You can RSVP through your church/organization's Table Host for this annual event. NPC's Table Host is Don Taubert.

The deadline to RSVP for the luncheon is **Thursday, October 15, 2026.**

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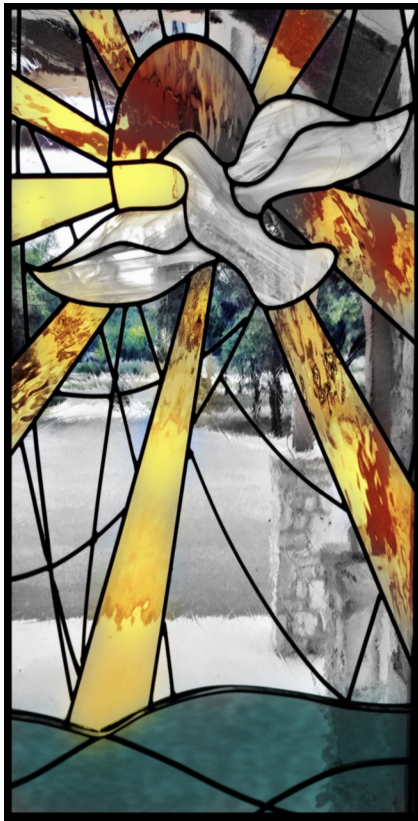
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Web Calendar





This Week at Northminster

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

Calendar

Sunday, Oct 4- 19th Sunday After Pentecost

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

MINUTE FOR MISSION - COLOMBIA SPECIAL OFFERING

9:00 A.M. - Sunday School

10:30 A.M. - Worship Service

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

12:00 P.M. - Financial Stewardship Seminar & Lunch

Monday, Oct 5

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

1:00 P.M. - Handbell Practice

6:30 P.M. - *NPC Moveable Feast* - Texas Star Inn

Tuesday, Oct 6

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

6:30 P.M. - Line Dancing Class

Wednesday, Oct 7

5:00 P.M. - Isaiah Video Bible Study - Classroom 1

6:30 P.M. - Choir Practice

Youth Bible Study

Thursday, Oct 8

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

6:30 P.M. - *Northminstrels* Practice

Sunday, October 11 - 20th Sunday After Pentecost

KAREN ARMSTRONG - PULPIT SUPPLY PASTOR

HOLY SMOKE FUNDRAISER - COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN

9:00 A.M. - Sunday School

10:30 A.M. - Worship Service

11:45 A.M. - Fellowship Hour

3:00 P.M. - *SonShine Singers* at Seasons Memory Care



WEDNESDAY EVENING

Bible Study

THE BOOK OF

ISAIAH

*Hope for today.
Purpose for tomorrow.*

Begins Wednesday,
October 7th

5:00 P.M.

Northminster
Presbyterian Church

Using the
THROUGH THE BIBLE SERIES

Available on
YouTube

Come explore God's message through the prophet Isaiah!

The book of Isaiah is the Old Testament book most quoted by Jesus This is a video series and each video runs approximately one hour, and will be followed by a 30-minute discussion. The entire study consists of 26 sessions.

Bill Strautman will be leading the discussion backed up by Jay Young.

Faith comes by hearing the Word of God (Romans 10:17). Let's deepen our faith and dive into the Word of Isaiah together. You're invited to bring your own dinner and come join in this Bible study of Isaiah.



NPC is hosting Ryan Everett from Edward Jones for a free Financial Stewardship and Estate Planning Seminar in the Family Room on Sunday, October 4th, immediately following the worship service.

This seminar is free for the congregation, and NPC will provide a boxed lunch for attendees.

Please register for the seminar by calling the church office or emailing Sherrie or Pastor Dana.

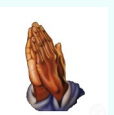
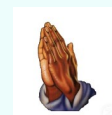
Prayer List

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
- ◆ Eddie Pope
- ◆ Hugo Salazar

Friends

- ◆ Gretchen Lewis (Cancer)
- ◆ Zach McManus (ALS)
- ◆ Patricia Pope (Eddie's Mom)
- ◆ Ken & Carol Polsz
- ◆ Bob Raksnis (Recurring Cancer)
- ◆ Rebecca Jackson (Cancer)
- ◆ Betty Fiorillo (Camille's Sister-in-law)



UPCOMING EVENTS



BLESSINGS
ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY

JOIN US AFTER
WORSHIP SUNDAY
FOR BIRTHDAY CAKE
CELEBRATING
OCTOBER
BIRTHDAYS AT NPC

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FREE Financial Stewardship and Estate Planning Seminar

Presented by
Ryan Everett
of Edward Jones

Build a stronger today and a lasting tomorrow.

Sunday, October 4th
Immediately following the worship service

Northminster Presbyterian Church
Family Room

Boxed lunch provided
by NPC for attendees.

Good Stewardship Brings Greater Peace of Mind.

Please Register by calling the church office or emailing Sherrie or Pastor Dana.

Handbell

Rehearsals

MONDAYS AT 1:00 P.M.



FOCUSED 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.

OCTOBER 6TH, AT 6:30 P.M.

LINE DANCE LESSONS



WEDNESDAY EVENING

Bible Study

THE BOOK OF
ISAIAH

Hope for today.
Purpose for tomorrow.

Begins Wednesday, October 7th

5:00 P.M.

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Using the THROUGH THE BIBLE SERIES

Available on YouTube

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WELLNESS WARRIORS

Support Group Meeting
Tuesday, October 13th
10:00 A.M.
At NPC

When the World Feels Unsteady, Where Is Our Hope?

There are seasons when it feels as though the ground beneath us is shifting. We look at the state of our nation, the divisions surrounding us, the uncertainty of another election, and the conflicts and suffering taking place around the world—and it is easy to become discouraged. We may wonder, *Where is God in all of this? And what can we possibly do?*

Scripture reminds us that God's people have asked those questions before.

The prophet Habakkuk looked at his own troubled world and cried out, “How long, O Lord?” (Habakkuk 1:2). He saw violence, injustice, and uncertainty. Yet his prayer did not end in despair. He eventually declared, “Though the fig tree does not blossom...yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will exult in the God of my salvation” (Habakkuk 3:17–18).

That is not denial. It is faith.

Christian hope does not depend upon everything happening the way we want it to happen. It does not rise and fall with elections, political parties, economic conditions, or the news cycle. Our hope rests somewhere deeper: in the character of God, the lordship of Christ, and the promise that God is still at work.

The church, however, is not called simply to sit back and wait for God to change the world. Revival begins when God's people allow God to change us.

Perhaps the prayer we need in this season is the ancient prayer of Psalm 85: “Will You not revive us again, so that Your people may rejoice in You?” Revival is more than filling pews or increasing church programs. It is the renewing work of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of God's people. It is when prayer becomes genuine again, worship becomes alive again, compassion becomes visible again, forgiveness becomes possible again, and God's people once again become willing to serve their neighbors rather than simply argue with them.

Second Chronicles 7:14 gives us a familiar challenge: “If My people who are called by My name humble themselves, pray, seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways...” Notice where the responsibility begins. *My people*. Not somebody else's people. Not the other political party. Not our neighbor. Us.

Maybe revival begins when we stop asking, “*What is wrong with everyone else?*” and begin asking, “*Lord, what needs to change in me?*”

Our nation and our world certainly need healing. But so does the church. We need courage without hostility, conviction without contempt, truth without cruelty, and faith that is strong enough to love people with whom we disagree.

The answer to a troubled world is not a frightened church. It is a faithful church—a church that prays, serves, welcomes, forgives, speaks truth, cares for the vulnerable, and keeps pointing people toward Jesus.

So, in this unsettled season, let us not surrender to discouragement. Let us pray for revival—not merely revival in our congregation, but revival in our own hearts. Let us ask God to make Northminster a community where people encounter the grace of Christ, discover hope, find belonging, and see what it looks like when God's people live differently.

We may not know what tomorrow will bring.

But we know Who holds tomorrow.

“Now to Him Who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.”

— Ephesians 3:20–21

Perhaps this is not a time for the church to lose heart.

Perhaps it is a time for the church to pray, awaken, and shine.



MISSIONS

7.4 earthquake hits Bogota



On August 10, 2026, a 7.4 earthquake struck Bogota, Colombia. The damage has been catastrophic. The Cumberland Presbyterian Church has a very large presence in Colombia, and they have been greatly impacted. As of ten days after the earthquake, approximately 260,000 people were affected. Other impacts besides the physical damage are the financial difficulties that the families are faced with in addition to loss of housing, transportation, and work. The amount of physical damage to the infrastructure is extensive. Roads, buildings, health centers, community centers, water systems, bridges, and airports all have been affected.

As for the Cumberland Presbyterian congregations, there are four churches that cannot be used due to damage. Eight other congregations have limited usage of buildings, and four other churches remain usable but have sustained significant damage. The three Colegios Americanos are not operating at this time.

NPC will have a Minute for Mission and will be collecting a special offering this Sunday, October 4, to help support the recovery efforts. That day is also World Communion Sunday, so it is appropriate to offer support to those who have been affected by this disaster. NPC is part of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and they are in need of our help. Cumberland does not have a disaster relief fund as PCUSA does. As a result, they are dependent on contributions from connectional congregations from around the world.

If you have any questions about this special offering for Colombia, contact Ann Strautman, chair of the NPC Mission and Outreach Ministry.



During the month of October, the NPC Mission and Outreach Ministry will be collecting items for the Silver Room. This is a local resource room here in San Antonio for Adult Protective Services that helps provide items for seniors who are in need of basic supplies.

Below is a list of needed items. Most of them are basic supplies that we often take for granted. Helping provide these items allows seniors to save money for other important needs like food and medicine.

Shampoo & Conditioner Shaving Supplies Body & Hand Lotion
Tooth Brushes Toothpaste Soap Chapstick Slipper Socks Adult Diapers
Antibacterial Sanitizer Antibacterial Wipes Puzzle Books Game Books
Cards Cleaning Supplies Dish Detergent Laundry Detergent Sponges
Toilet Paper Paper Towels

2026 WEEKLY INSPIRATION

Faith

is seeing
light with your
heart when
all your eyes see is
darkness

Sermon of the Week

Psalm 19

Philippians 3:4b-14

Rev. Dana Boes Pope

World Communion Sunday



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



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NPC's SonShine Singers will be visiting Seasons Alzheimer's Care and Assisted Living, located at 8425 Old Tezel Road, on Sunday, October 18th, at 3:00 P.M. to spread some cheer and fellowship through music with the residents.

All members of the congregation are invited to join the group for these outings. The songs that are sung are familiar, well-known songs and hymns.



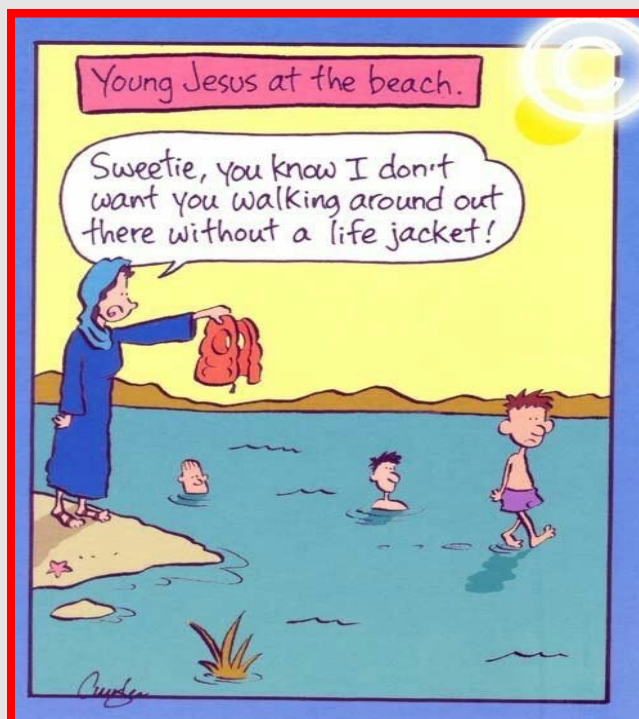
If you're unable to attend Northminster Presbyterian Church's weekly worship service in person, you can view it on NPC's YouTube channel on Sundays at 10:30 A.M.

<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."



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Lectionary Readings for the week of October 4

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalm 19

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46



Weekly Meditation Time

Household Prayer

Gracious God, today we remember that Your church is bigger than our congregation, our community, and our country. Around tables and communion rails across the world, Your people gather as one body, sharing one bread and one cup.

Forgive us for the ways we allow differences, divisions, and disagreements to separate us. Open our hearts to our brothers and sisters in Christ whom we may never meet. Help us remember that we are part of something far greater than ourselves. As we come to the Lord's Table this week, make us people who build bridges, extend grace, welcome others, and live as one family in Christ. May the unity we experience at Your table shape the way we live beyond it.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Questions for Reflection

1. What does it mean to you to know that Christians around the world are sharing Communion today?
2. Where do you see division—in our community, our nation, or even within the church—that Christ calls us to approach differently?
3. Who is someone different from you whom God might be inviting you to understand, welcome, or listen to more deeply?
4. How can you carry the spirit of Christ's table into your home, workplace, community, or church this week?





CHURCH WEBSITE

www.npcsatx.org

Weekly Food For Thought



Did you know?

Did You Know that this Sunday is World Communion Sunday? World Communion Sunday is celebrated by Christians around the world on the first Sunday in October. It is a day when churches of many traditions and nations gather around the Lord's Table to remember that, despite our differences, we are one body in Christ.

World Communion Sunday began in 1933 at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh and was later embraced throughout the Presbyterian Church and other Christian denominations. Today, Christians across cultures and continents celebrate communion on this special day.

The bread and cup remind us that Christ's love is not limited by nationality, language, denomination, politics, or culture. At the table, we come as a family—receiving the same grace and sharing the same hope.



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