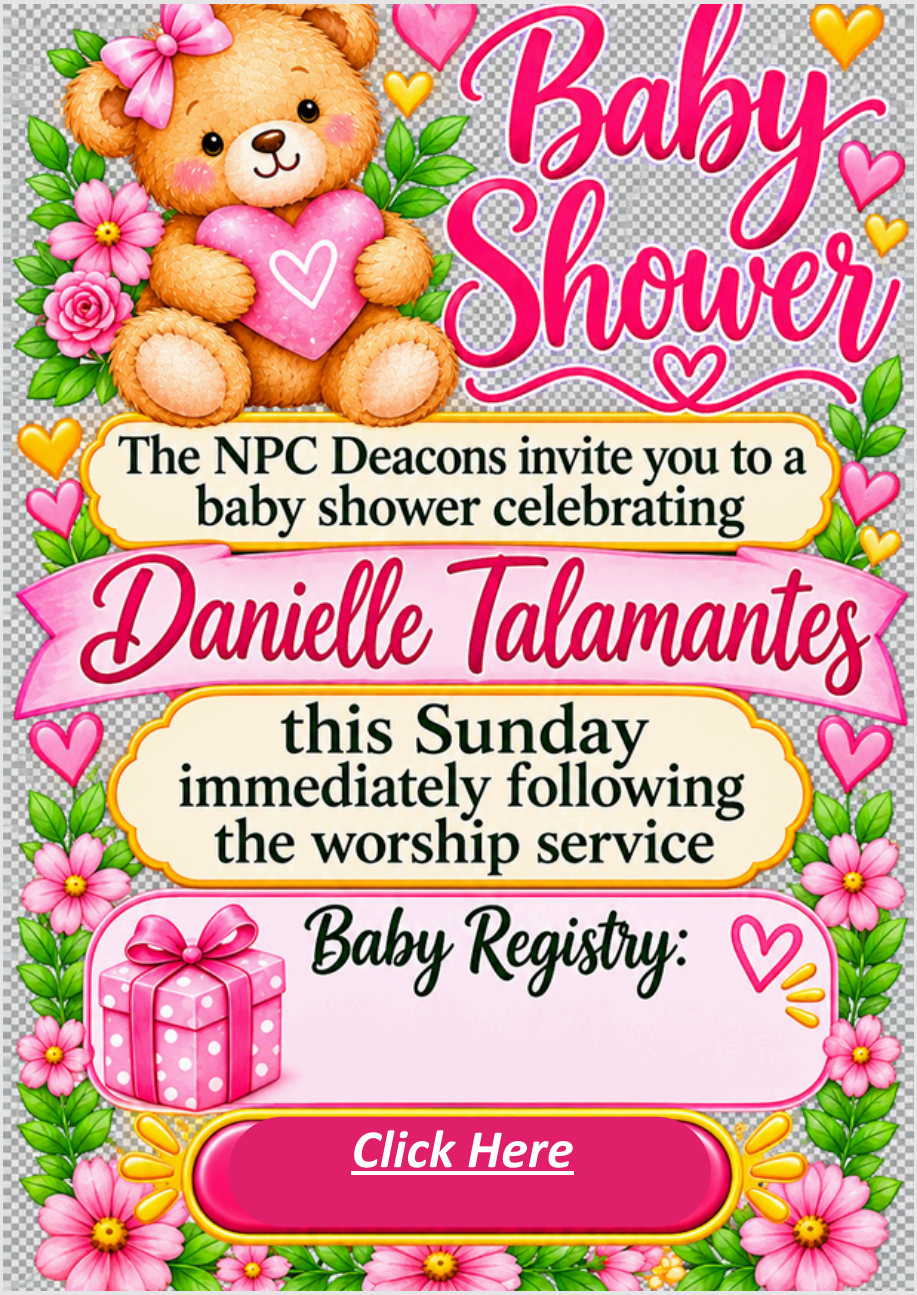
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## 2026: A YEAR OF LIGHT

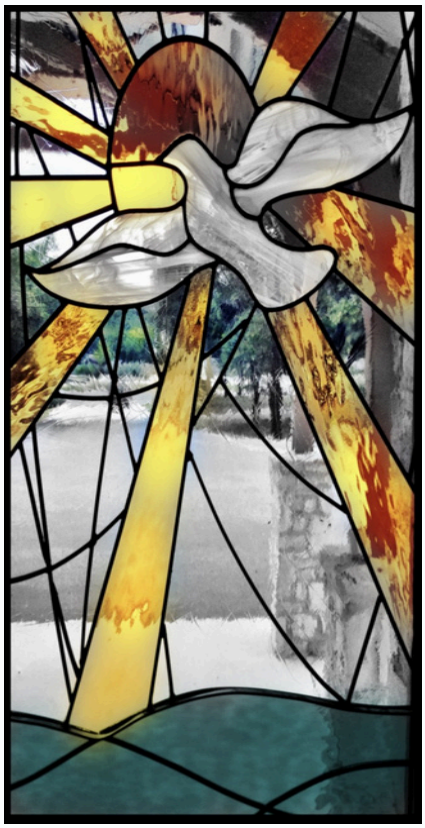



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Web Calendar



# This Week at Northminster

## For further information check the calendar on the website at: www.npcsatx.org

**Calendar**

**Sunday, Nov 15 - 25th Sunday After Pentecost**
9:00 A.M. - Sunday School
10:30 A.M. - Worship Service
11:45 A.M. - Talamantes Baby Shower
4:30 P.M. - Sunday Choir Practice
Youth Fellowship Time

**Monday, Nov 16**
10:00 A.M. MMG Bible Study via Zoom
1:00 P.M. - Handbell Practice
7:00 P.M. - Stated Session Meeting

**Tuesday, Nov 17**
10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. - WorldSchool SA
6:30 P.M. - Line Dance Lessons

**Wednesday, Nov 18**
10:00 A.M. - Presbyterian Women Meeting
6:00 P.M. - *Isaiah* Video Bible Study

**Thursday, Nov 19**
10:00 A.M. -2:00 P.M. - WorldSchool SA
7:00 P.M. - *Learning from the Giants* - Book Study

**Friday, Nov 20**
11:30 A.M. -Men's Luncheon - BJ's Alamo Ranch

**Saturday, Nov 21**
8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. - Church Workday

**Sunday, November 22 - Christ the King Sunday**
9:00 A.M. - Sunday School
10:30 A.M. - Worship Service
11:45 A.M. - Thanksgiving Feast

MARK your CALENDAR
UPCOMING EVENTS




**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 Ma
- Pastor Dana

**Friends**

- Gretchen Lewis (Cancer)
- Zach McManus (ALS)
- Patricia Pope (Eddie's Mom)
- Ken & Carol Polsz
- Bob Raksnis (Recurring Cancer)
  Rebecca Jackson (Cancer)
- Betty Fiorillo (Cami Raquel Ybarra (Miriam's Mom)
- Jack Shrock (Brain Injury)
- Jay White (Heart Condition)
- Bob Weston
- Kara McGinnis





## Reminder!

**2026 Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 6th, immediately following the worship service**


Baby Girl
DANIELLE TALAMANTES
BABY SHOWER
HOSTED BY THE
DEACONS
THIS SUNDAY
AFTER WORSHIP

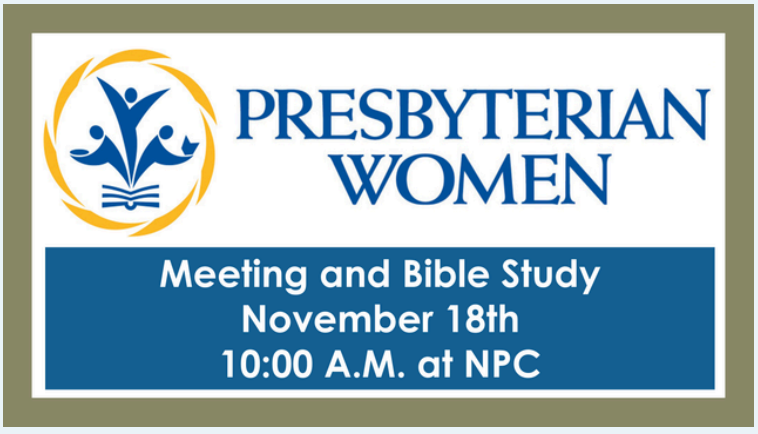

Sundays at 4:30 P.M.
Choir
Practice

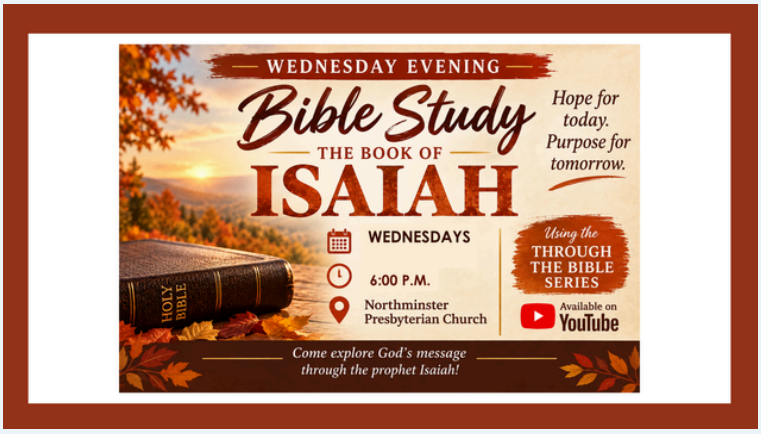

Handbell
Rehearsals
MONDAYS AT 1:00 P.M.


Stated Session Meeting
Monday, November 16th
7:00 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.


NOVEMBER 17TH, AT 6:30 P.M.
LINE DANCE LESSONS


PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN
Meeting and Bible Study
November 18th
10:00 A.M. at NPC


WEDNESDAY EVENING
Bible Study
THE BOOK OF
ISAIAH
Hope for today.
Purpose for tomorrow.
WEDNESDAYS
6:00 P.M.
Northminster
Presbyterian Church
Using the
THROUGH THE BIBLE SERIES
Available on YouTube
HOLY BIBLE
Come explore God's message
through the prophet Isaiah!

# Children of Light: What Will We Do with What We've Been Given?

**It isn't difficult to find darkness in today's world. Turn on the news or scroll through social media, and we are reminded of political division, hostility, economic uncertainty, violence, and a growing sense of disconnection from one another. Sometimes it seems easier to withdraw, criticize, or simply look the other way than to engage with the challenges around us.**

**Paul offers a different perspective in 1 Thessalonians 5: "For you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness." (v. 5). His message is not that the world will be free of darkness, but that those who follow Christ are called to live differently within it. We are to be grounded in faith, guided by love, and sustained by hope.**

**Being children of light is more than a comforting description. It is a responsibility. It means choosing kindness when anger is easier, seeking understanding when disagreements divide us, and treating others with compassion even when we don't see eye to eye. It means refusing to let fear, bitterness, or indifference determine how we live.**

**Jesus takes this message a step further in Matthew 25 through the parable of the talents. Three servants are entrusted with different amounts of money. Two put what they receive to work, while the third, afraid of losing what was entrusted to him, buries it. When the master returns, the difference is not how much each received, but what each chose to do with it.**

**We, too, have been entrusted with something: time, abilities, resources, relationships, and opportunities to make a difference. Yet how often do we bury those gifts? We convince ourselves our contribution is too small, someone else is better equipped, or the problems around us are simply too big to change.**

**But the world needs people willing to put their faith into action. Mentoring a young person, helping a struggling neighbor, welcoming someone who feels alone, listening without judgment, or standing up for someone overlooked may seem like small acts. Yet these are the everyday ways God's light becomes visible.**

**This message speaks to the church as well. It is easy to become so focused on maintaining the status quo that that is easy to lose sight of what God is calling us to become.**

**Traditions, buildings, programs, and resources are valuable, but they are not the mission itself. The question is whether we are using what has been entrusted to us to strengthen faith, serve our neighbors, and make God's love known.**

**Perhaps we should ask ourselves: Are we burying our gifts out of fear of change, or putting them to work with faith and courage?**

**NPC's word for 2026 is LIGHT. May it remind us that we are called to do more than recognize the darkness around us. We are called to bring something better into it. We cannot change everything, but we can choose how we live, what we give, and where we allow God's light to shine.**

**The world does not need more people pointing out how dark things have become. It needs people willing to carry the light. May we be faithful with our part of God's plan for His kingdom.**

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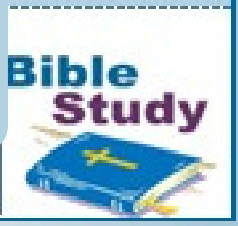
***We Are* - Kari Job**

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HAPPENINGS

## Monday Morning Group Bible Study via Zoom

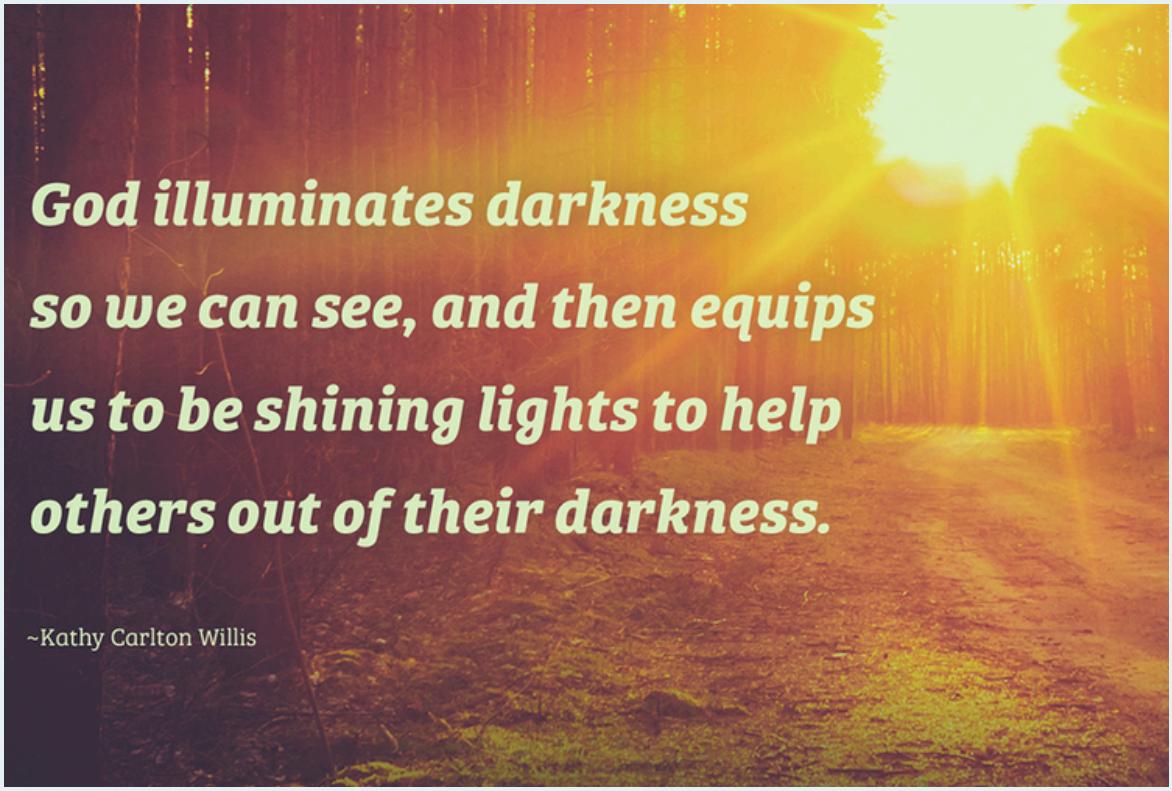
**Monday Morning Group**
**(Recurring every week on Monday at 10:00 A.M.)**
**Join Zoom Meeting**
**https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89671038799?pwd=NGdrdlZNM2FXQWpudVlaYdSSzhvQT09s**

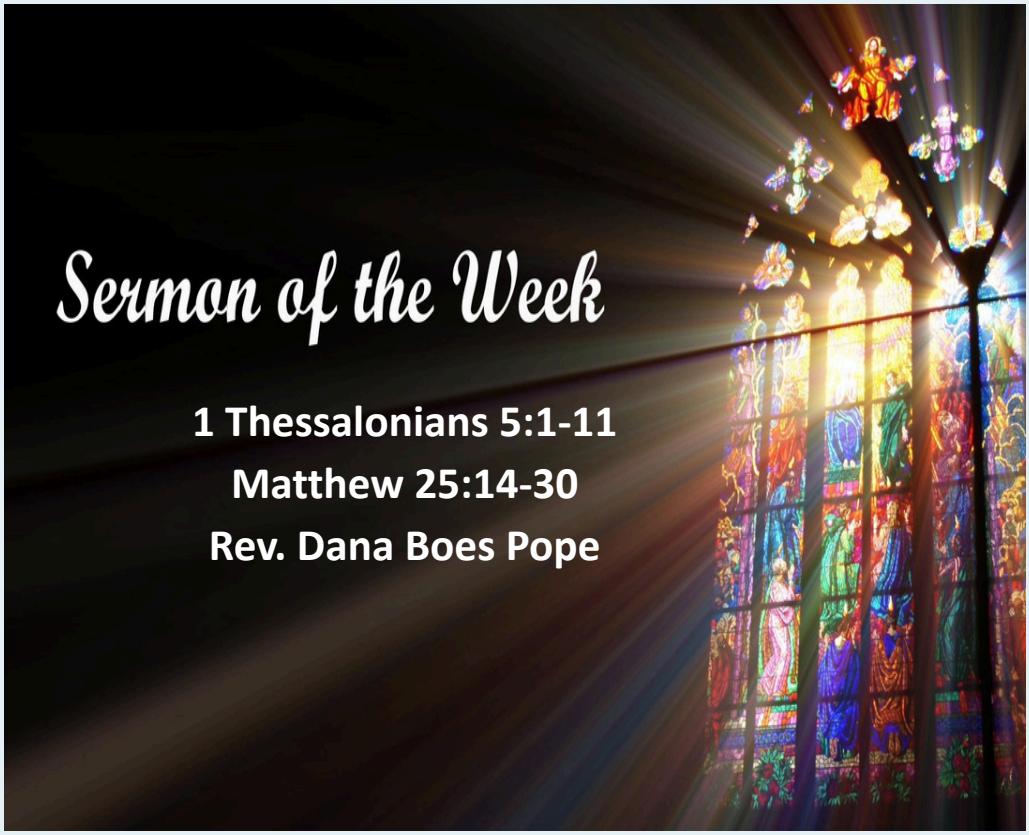
**Meeting ID: 896 7103 8733**
**Password: 018474**






# 2026 WEEKLY INSPIRATION






**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."**




# Joke of the Week




## Lectionary Readings for the week of November 15

**Judges 4:1-7**

**Psalm 123**

**1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

**Matthew 25:14-30**



# Weekly Meditation Time

## Household Prayer

**Good morning , Lord.**
**I welcome the new day, for it is a gift from You.**
**My petty fears are nothing in the face of Your love;**
**in the warmth of Your wisdom my anxieties melt away.**
**Make me more faithful than I could be on my own,**
**and use me to reflect Your light in this hurting world,**
**for there are so many who need to know of Your grace.**
**Walk with me, and show meYour way,**
**for I would follow You.  Amen.**

## Questions for Reflection

**If we believe in the kingdom to come, we need not fear, in life or in death.**
**How does that change the way we live?**
**What areas of your life are you letting temporal fears take your eyes off of God's eternal promises?**

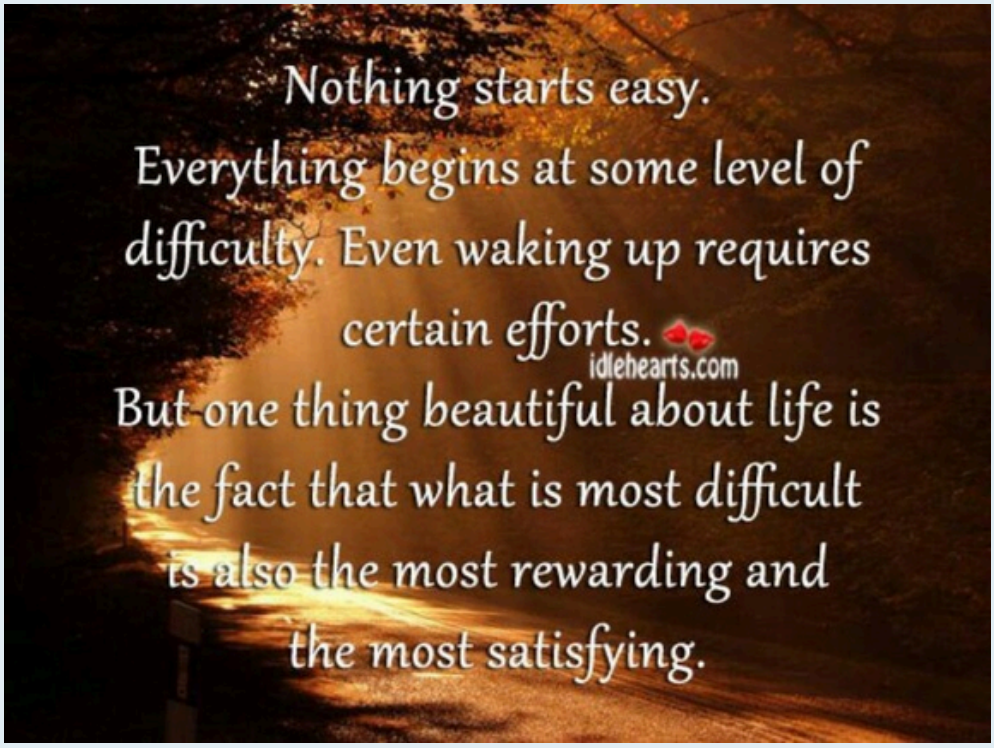





# CHURCH WEBSITE

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# Weekly Food For Thought







**Did You Know?**
**COMING SOON!!!**
**Beginning the last week of each month in 2027 NPC will be adding a new feature article to the newsletter called, "Your Spirited Session." This article is designed to apprise the congregation of potential projects, goals, and information about some of the "goings on" at Northminter. The intent will be to improve the lines of communication between the decisions being made by the Session and the general congregation. Stay tuned for updates!**

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