



NORTHPOINT
CHURCH

IN-PERSON + STREAMING AT NORTHPOINT

Two Sunday services: **in-person**, inside the Worship Center and **live-streaming** on Facebook and YouTube **at 9:00 a.m.**, and **in-person**, inside the Worship Center at **10:45 a.m.**

PRAYER AFTER THE SERVICE

- Need to speak or pray with someone after the service? Pastor Tony and our Prayer Team Members will be down in front of the stage to visit with you right after we are dismissed.
- You can also fill out a **Response Card** or **Care Card** at the Information Center in the Foyer. You will be contacted as soon as possible this week.

PRAYER REQUESTS AT NORTHPOINT

- **General Prayer Requests** — prayer@northpointcorona.org — for requests that will be emailed to the congregation's Prayer Chain
- **Confidential Prayer Requests** — confidentialprayer@northpointcorona.org — for private requests that will be directed to the Leadership Team
- **Need Prayer Today?** — You can pray with someone at the end of this service — prayer team members will be waiting in front of the stage

CONNECT WITH US

- **Contact Our Leadership Team:** Do you need to contact one of our elders, pastors, directors, or support staff, or do you want to find out more about them? You can accomplish both by visiting northpointcorona.org/about/leadership-2, or by opening the camera on your phone to scan this QR code:



- **Find Out What's Happening at NP:** Just about every Thursday, we send out **NP News**, our all-church newsletter email. In it, there's typically a short note from Pastor Tony, a calendar of upcoming events, a preview of our next Sunday service order, and all you need to know about what's happening at Northpoint. Subscribe to **NP News** by opening the camera on your phone to scan this QR code:



- **Connect with Us on Social Media** through Instagram at [@northpointchurch_corona](https://www.instagram.com/northpointchurch_corona).

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THE ADVENT HOPE:

The Root of Jesse



WELCOME!

We're honored you've decided to spend the morning with us. Please know that we're here to assist you in any way we can with your quest to grow closer to God. Below, you'll find what we'll be doing during today's service. On the right panel, you can get an idea of what happens around Northpoint each week and things we're looking forward to.

WHAT TO EXPECT THIS MORNING

Today, we'll start by reading a short passage from the Bible to focus our attention on God. We'll sing songs of praise to Him. We'll pray to Him. We'll again read from the Bible. We'll give to God's work with a money offering. (If you're visiting, please don't feel obligated to give.) We'll hear a message from God to us from the Bible. Then, we'll sing a closing song.

TODAY'S FOCUS

This morning, we'll hear a special message, *The Advent of Hope: The Root of Jesse*. We'll be reminded of the depth of God's faithfulness and the promise of hope, even in the midst of difficult circumstances.

SERVICE ORDER



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▲ = When we're **standing** (as you are able)

- Call to Worship** — Steve Dahlgren, Worship Director
Psalms 96:9-13
- ▲ **Congregational Singing** — Worship Team + Congregation
Holy, Holy, Holy + In the Fullness of Time + Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming + Emmanuel
- Welcome + Announcements** — Perry Schaefer, NP Elder
- Mission Moment** — Dr. Tamene Menna + Karen Roper, City of Corona
Christmas Service Project
- Lighting the Prophets' Advent Candle** - Isaiah 9:2-7
1st - The Dominguez Family & 2nd - Kathy Rahder + Betty Brown
- ▲ **Congregational Singing** — Worship Team + Congregation
O Come, O Come + Emmanuel
- Scripture Reading + Prayer** — Barbara Schaefer, Women's Ministry
Isaiah 11:1-9
- Offertory** — Worship Team + Congregation
Thorn and Thistle
- Today's Special Message** — Dr. Tamene Menna, Executive Pastor
The Advent of Hope: The Root of Jesse, Ruth 1:1-6 and 4:13-17, and Isaiah 11:1-9
- ▲ **Closing Song** — Worship Team + Congregation
Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus + Joy to the World
- Benediction** — Steve Dahlgren, Worship Director
Isaiah 55:12-13

WHAT TO DO NOW?

We believe our greatest need is to be connected to God and to His family, the church. Start that by filling out a **Response Card** at the **Information Center** in the Foyer, or by talking to us down front after the service. Want more? Connect through **weekly small groups**, **serving others**, **Sunday school**, and our quarterly **Pizza with the Pastor** gatherings and **membership classes**. Visit northpointcorona.org/media/get-connected/ for more.

THIS WEEK AT NORTHPOINT *

- Today** — Preservice Prayer, 8:00 a.m., Worship Center Prayer Room
In-person Services at 9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. & Live Streaming at 9:00 a.m. on Facebook/YouTube
Student Ministry (Senior & Junior High) Sunday Gathering, 9:00 a.m., Upstairs, Youth Room
NP KIDS' Sunday School, Birth-6th Grade, 9:00 a.m. (*Dismissed from service during Announcements*)
Firmly Planted, Adult Discipleship Group (Sunday School Class), 9:00 a.m., Heritage Hall Overflow Room
Living the Truth, Adult Discipleship Group (Sunday School Class) 10:45 a.m., Heritage Hall
Faith & Friendship, Seniors' Discipleship Group (Sunday School Class), 10:45 a.m., Commons
Carols & Cookies in the Courtyard, 5:00 p.m., Heritage Courtyard - See Below
- Monday** — Weekly Prayer Time (Men and Women), 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., Commons
Men of the Word (Men's Bible Study and Small Groups), 7:00 p.m. - *Off for the Season*
- Tuesday** — Women of the Word (Women's Bible Study and Small Groups), 6:15 p.m. - *Off for the Season*
JH & SH Youth Group, 6:45 p.m.-9:00 p.m., Youth Room Upstairs
- Wednesday** — Men of the Word (Men's Bible Study and Small Groups), 6:30 a.m. - *Off for the Season*
Women of the Word (Women's Bible Study and Small Groups), 9:00 a.m. - *Off for the Season*
- Friday** — Ladies' Christmas Tea, 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday** — Ladies' Christmas Tea, 11:00 a.m.
Ladies' Christmas Tea, 5:00 p.m.

* For the latest each week, contact bbrown@northpointcorona.org to receive the NP all-church email, **NP News**.

LOOKING AHEAD AT NORTHPOINT *



TONIGHT, at 5:00 p.m., we're gathering for **Carols & Cookies in the Courtyard!** We'll sing some of your favorite Christmas Carols together, hear Scripture that tells the Christmas story, and enjoy milk and cookies for the kids and hot cocoa and cookies for the older "kids-at-heart." Scan the QR code to sign up to bring appetizers or dessert treats.



NP wants to again honor loved ones and remember special occasions by collecting donations for **white Christmas Poinsettias** to enhance our worship areas for the Christmas season. To find out how it works or to purchase your poinsettias, pick up a flyer at the Information Center or scan our QR code here:



SAVE THE DATE! Northpoint sees the Christmas season as one that offers a unique opportunity to experience God's love and grace in the midst of real life. Please plan to join us for an evening of **Christmas Worship** happening on Sunday, **December 22**, at 6:00 p.m., in the Northpoint Worship Center.

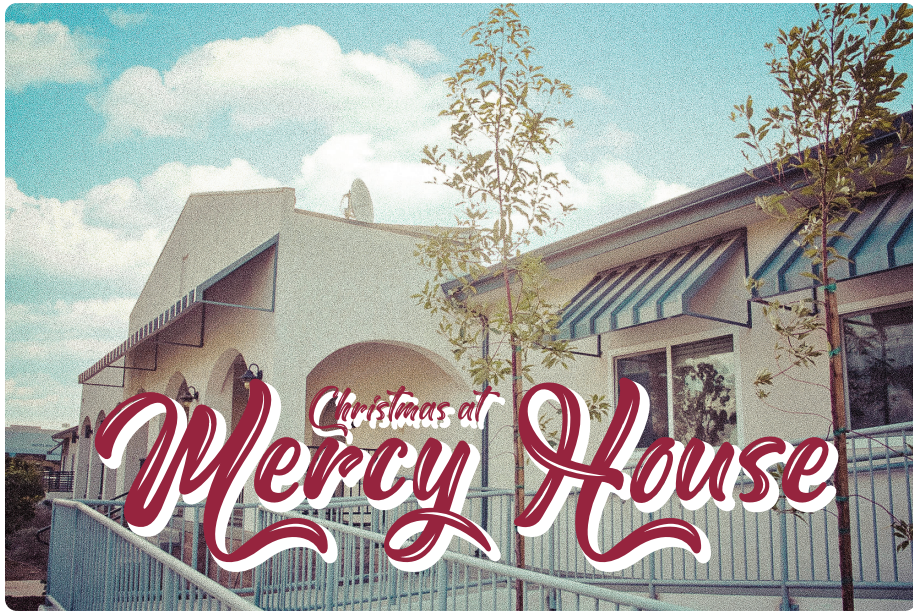


Northpoint is sending a team of six people on a **short-term mission trip to Cuba** to serve our Christian brothers and sisters there from **January 4-11**. Please scan the QR code to the right for details on how you can give.



* For more ways to connect with the Northpoint family, see the back of this program.

LOVING GOD • LOVING ONE ANOTHER • REACHING HIS WORLD



This Christmas, we again have another exciting opportunity to partner with the **City of Corona and Mercy House** to provide a Christmas dinner and gifts for previously homeless neighbors who became residents at the **Harrison Hope Center (Mercy House)**, which was opened in June of last year.

We plan to collect financial donations to help purchase items to provide Christmas dinner for 56 residents, *and* to also provide individual gift basket items for 33 male and 23 female residents.

You can make financial donations by dropping a check or cash in the offering baskets during Sunday services or at the Church Office Monday through Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Make checks payable to "**Northpoint Church**" and write "**Christmas Service Project**" on the memo line, or place cash in a sealed envelope labeled "**Christmas Service Project**." To give online, scan our QR code, Once there, choose "**One Time**," "**Fund**," and then in the dropdown, choose "**Missions-General**." Then, in the "**Note**" box to the right, type "**Christmas Project**" before adding your gift to the "**Amount**" box.



What about items for the gift baskets? **Check out the other side of this flyer for the list ...**

Christmas Service Project Gift Baskets

As with last year's **Christmas Service Project**, we want to collect **new items** (in their original packaging) to donate for individual gift baskets.

Here's what we're looking for to assemble the baskets:

Fast food gift cards (McDonald's, Taco Bell, etc.)

Haircut gift cards (Supercuts, Great Clips, etc.)

Soft blankets or Throws

Gloves

Beanie

Socks

Umbrella

Regular size (not travel size):

Body wash

Lotion

Shampoo

Conditioner

Deodorant

Perfume/Cologne/Body spray

Nail polish

Hair accessories (brushes, combs, hair ties, etc.)

In addition, **please** include a "**Note of Compassion**" to recipients with each purchase/donation. It would be great for you (and your kids—if you have them!) to write Bible verses, words of encouragement, reminders of God's love, and a reassurance that the people at Northpoint are ready to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Our **Christmas Service Project** efforts will last until **December 15**. Please bring your gift basket donations to the Church Office during the week or to the Foyer on Sundays.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Carolee Jefferson at cjefferson@northpointcorona.org, or call the Church Office at 951.734.1335





The Advent of Hope: The Root of Jesse

Ruth 1:1-6 and 4:13-17, and Isaiah 11:1-9

Dr. Tamene Menna, Executive Pastor

Overview: Have you ever found yourself in a difficult situation and wondered if God would come to your rescue and restore your situation? Well, I did when my family and I experienced a series of six crises in the span of six years that overwhelmed us and significantly changed the trajectory of our lives. We all go through difficult times, whether they are as extreme as our family's situation or even more severe. The truth is that many of us experience moments in our lives when we feel we are at the end of our rope.

On a personal level, for some of us, this might be the loss of a loved one, a failed relationship, or even a dream that didn't come to fruition. For others, it could be a job loss and the resulting financial pressure, isolation, and hopelessness. Or, for some of us, it could be the despair that comes with physical limitations or illnesses, a terminal diagnosis, depression, divorce, or caring for a disabled family member. Perhaps you may be struggling to see the purpose behind your pain, and as you do, you feel bitterness slowly creeping in, and you question why God would allow you to suffer so deeply. And not to forget the larger world around us—the chaotic political landscape, devastating natural disasters, and ongoing conflicts only amplify our feelings of despair, uncertainty, and fear.

That introduction brings three questions to my mind:

1. What do we need to know when life doesn't turn out as we planned or expected, especially when our circumstances appear overwhelmingly bleak?

2. What hope do we have that God will set things right in our lives and in the world?

3. What assurance can we find regarding what God will do in the future to bring about healing and restoration?

These are the questions we want to engage with this morning, and we're going to do so by looking at a story and a prophecy that took place during two difficult times in Israel's history. Through these accounts, we're going to be reminded of the depth of God's faithfulness and the promise of hope even in the midst of difficult circumstances.

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1. Read Ruth 1:1-6; 1:20-21. Imagine the weight of Naomi's grief in a culture where inheritance and lineage were so critical. In Ruth 1:20, she says, "Call me Mara, for the Almighty has made my life very bitter." Think of a time when you felt like Naomi—when circumstances brought heartache or left you feeling empty. How did that situation impact your relationship with God and others?

2. Read Isaiah 53:1-12. The first coming of Christ is characterized by the profound mystery of divine suffering. Jesus entered into a broken world and fully experienced human pain, sorrow, heartache, and suffering. Isaiah 53:3 describes the Messiah as "a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief" Read Hebrews 4:15-16. How does knowing that Jesus suffered and empathizes with our pain change your perspective on your own struggles?

3. Read Ruth chapters 2-4. The concept of God's providence runs throughout Naomi's story. It's God who orchestrates the events that lead Ruth to Boaz, a kinsman-redeemer who ultimately restores Naomi's family line as Ruth gives birth to Obed. We've all experienced moments when we look back and see how perfectly timed events lead us to where we are today. How have you seen God's hand at work in your life recently? Take time to reflect on your experiences and be intentional in thanking Him.

4. Read Isaiah 11:1-9 and Revelation 21:4. Share with your group scriptures that remind you of God's promises, especially in seasons of emptiness.

For Further Reading: Carson, D.A. *How Long, O Lord? Reflections on Suffering and Evil*. Baker Academic, 2006. 2nd Edition

**IN THE FULLNESS OF TIME*****HOLY HOLY HOLY***

Holy, holy, holy
Lord, God Almighty
Early in the morning
Our son shall rise to Thee

Holy, holy, holy
Merciful and mighty
God, in three persons
Blessed Trinity

Verse 1

In the fullness of time
God sent His Son
Emmanuel, now behold incarnate Love
A virgin and her child
The Savior, meek and mild
The star became the sign
In the fullness of time

Verse 2

Prophets long they foretold
The promised dawn
Hail God of God, Light of Light
Begotten One
By Whom all things were made
There in a manger laid
Now born to us this night
In the fullness of time

Chorus

Holy, holy, holy moment
God has come to dwell wit his
Glory to the Lamb
The Great I Am who came
On that night divine
In the fulness of time

EMMANUEL

Emmanuel, Emmanuel
His Name is called, Emmanuel
God with us, revealed in us
His name is called Emmanuel
(Repeat)

Verse 3

Hosts of angels resounded at His birth
And hosts of angels will endless tell Hiss worth
And He shall come again
His kingdom has no end
All things made new, made right
In the fullness of time

Chorus

Holy, holy, holy moment
God has come to dwell wit his
Glory to the Lamb
The Great I Am who came
On that night divine
In the fulness of time
(Repeat)

Tag

In the fullness of time
In the fullness of time

LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING

Verse 1

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung
Of Jesse's lineage coming
As men of old have sung
It came a flower bright
Amid the cold of winter
When half-gone was the night

Verse 2

Isaiah t'was foretold it
The Rose I have in mind
With Mary we behold it
The virgin mother kind
To show God's love a right
She bore to men a Savior
When half-gone was the night

Verse 3

This Flow'r whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air
Dispels with glorious splendor
The darkness everywhere
True man, yet very god
From sin and death He saves us
And lightens every load

Tag

Holy, holy, holy
In a manger lowly
Christ the Son now veiled in flesh
In our humanity
Kingdoms bow before Him
Heaven and earth adore Him
God here in person, hail His majesty

O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

Verse 1

O come, o come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

Chorus

Rejoice, rejoice!
Emmanuel!
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

Verse 2

O come, Thou Dayspring
Come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight

Chorus

Rejoice, rejoice!
Emmanuel!
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

Verse 3

O come, Desire of nations bind
All people in one heart and mind
Bid all our sad divisions cease
And be Yourself our King of Peace!

Chorus

Rejoice, rejoice!
Emmanuel!
Shall come to thee, O Israel!
(Repeat)

COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS JOY TO THE WORLD

Verse 1

Come Thou long-expected Jesus
Born to set thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart

Verse 2

Born thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a king
Born to reign in us forever
Now the gracious kingdom bring
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world, the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart
Prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and heaven and nature sing

Joy to the world!
Joy to the world!
Joy to the world!