



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.

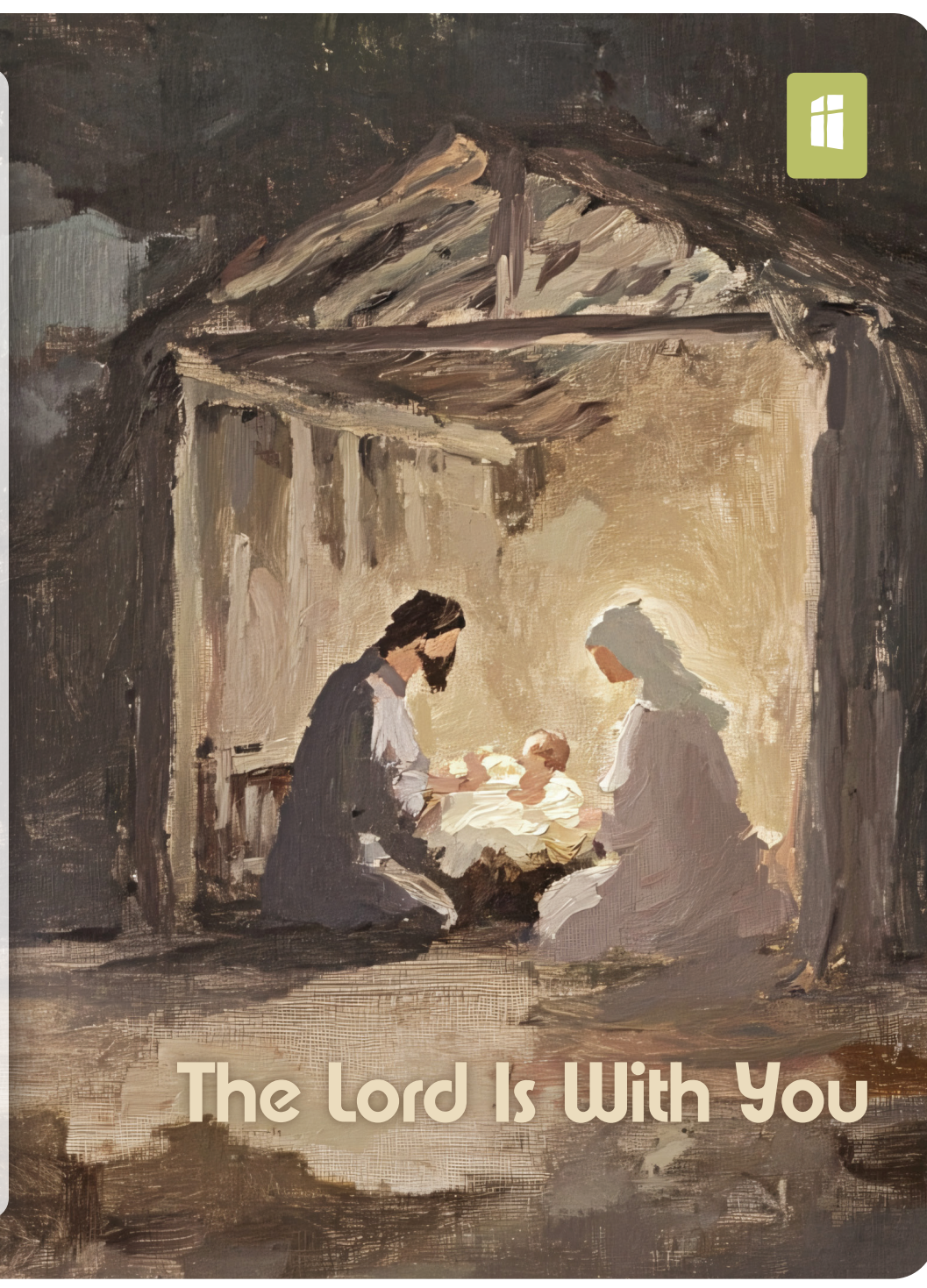
PRAYER REQUESTS AT NORTHPOINT

- **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 Lord Is With You

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 symbolically celebrate Jesus' life, death, and resurrection with Communion. 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, before being dismissed, we'll sing a closing song.

TODAY'S FOCUS

This morning, we'll begin a special Advent series from the book of Luke, *The Lord Is With You*, with the message, *I am the Servant of the Lord*. There, we'll be encouraged to aspire to be servants of the Lord whose lives are a display of God's glory and grace.

SERVICE ORDER



DEC 8, 2024

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

- Call to Worship** — Steve Dahlgren, Worship Director
Psalm 116:1-9; 12-14
- ▲ **Congregational Singing** — Worship Team + Congregation
Hark the Herald Angels Sing + The First Noel
- Welcome + Announcements** — Dani Tiqui, NP Children's Ministry Assistant
Mission Moment — Carolee Jefferson, NP Ministry Associate
Christmas Service Project
- Lighting the Bethlehem Candle** - Micah 5:2-5
1st - The Van New Kirk Family & 2nd - The Pollock Family
- ▲ **Congregational Singing** — Worship Team + Congregation
What Child Is This?
- Communion** — Dr. Tony Chute, Lead Pastor
Communion Instrumental Meditation - *I Wonder as I Wander*
- Offertory** — Worship Team + Congregation
When We Behold (In Excelsis)
- Today's Special Message** — Dr. Tony Chute, Lead Pastor
I am the Servant of the Lord - Luke 1:26-38
From the Advent series through the Gospel of Luke: **The Lord Is With You**
- ▲ **Closing Song** — Worship Team + Congregation
O Little Town of Bethlehem
- Benediction** — Steve Dahlgren, Worship Director
1 Corinthians 15:57-58

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
Baptism Information Class, 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Youth Room - 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 Fellowship Gatherings, 4:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. - *Off Campus*
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 Fellowship Gatherings, 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. - *Off Campus*
Children of the Word (C.O.W.), 6:30 p.m., Campus Wide
- Saturday** — Pieces of Love Quilters' Group, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Commons
SM Scavenger Hunt, 6:30 p.m., Off Campus

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

LOOKING AHEAD AT NORTHPOINT *



What is baptism? Is it really that big of a deal in the Bible? What does Northpoint believe about it? How can I go about getting baptized? Do these questions resonate? If you're thinking of getting baptized, join us at our **Northpoint Baptism Class, TODAY**, from 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., in the Youth Room.

Lunch will be provided, so please email **Tyler Van Horsen** at tvanhorsen@northpointcorona.org if you plan on attending so we can get an accurate head count.



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.



SH/JH Camp

2025 WINTER CAMPS ARE COMING UP!

Over the weekend of **January 3-5, 2025**, our senior and junior highers and our NP KIDS are going to their respective Winter Camps! Scan the appropriate QR code for details and to register.



KIDS' Camp

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

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Christmas 2024 at Northpoint



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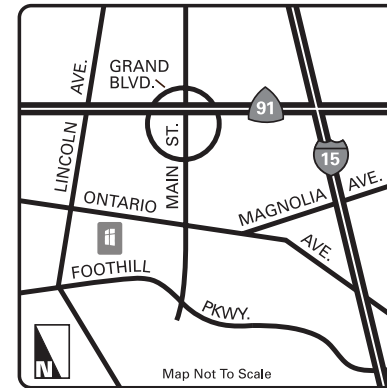
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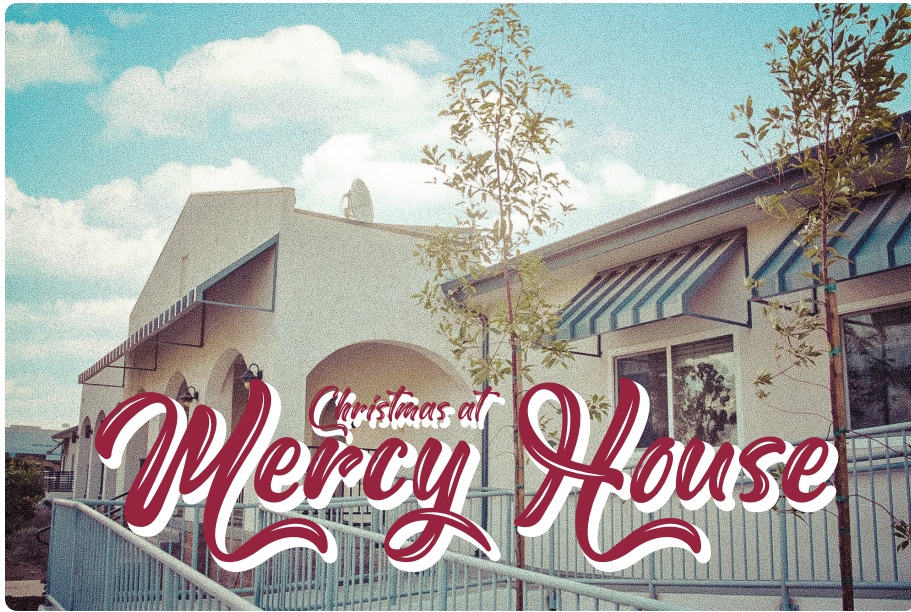
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This Christmas, we again have another exciting opportunity to partner with the **City of Corona and Mercy House** to provide a Christmas dinner and gifts for previously homeless neighbors who became residents at the **Harrison Hope Center (Mercy House)**,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





I am the Servant of the Lord

Luke 1:26-38

Dr. Tony Chute, Lead Pastor

Overview: Luke describes how the angel Gabriel was sent to the virgin Mary in order to inform her that she would give birth to Jesus, the Son of God. Mary's initial fear is alleviated by Gabriel's assurance that she has found favor with God and that her Son will be the fulfillment of God's promise for a descendant of David to rule forever. Mary inquires how she can give birth to this King even though she is a virgin. Gabriel reveals that the Holy Spirit will overshadow her, indicating a miraculous birth without any sexual connotations. He further assures her by noting that Elizabeth, her relative, has conceived a child in her old age through natural means, thus proving that nothing is impossible with God. Mary's response to this announcement with all its immediate and eternal ramifications is one of great humility and submission. We too, should aspire to be servants of the Lord whose lives are a display of God's glory and grace.

01. It is a high and holy honor to be a servant of the Lord. When we serve the Lord, we share ranks with the saints of old, the angels on high, and the Son of God Himself.

02. It is a simple and sincere task to live as a servant of the Lord. We can best serve the Lord by seeking His will for our lives, opening our lives to His plan, and leaving the results up to Him.

1. Notice the place names, personal names, and factual statements throughout our text. What do these details suggest about the reality of angels being involved in human history? What do these details suggest about the historicity of the virgin birth? Based on this information, how might you respond to someone who believes the virgin birth is a myth?

2. In what ways is Gabriel a servant of the Lord? What role does he play in furthering God's plan of salvation? Why was it important for Mary to hear this announcement from an angel rather than a prophet or a priest? See 1 Peter 1:10-12 for further insight.

3. Consider the titles and roles that are ascribed to Jesus in verses 31-33. How do these titles and roles set Jesus apart from all creation, including people and angels? What is the connection between His rule and reign and God's promise to David in 2 Samuel 7:12-16? How does the fulfillment of prophecy hundreds of years after it was first given help us to trust the Lord and His Word?

4. How did Mary find favor in the eyes of the Lord? Does the text indicate anything about her demeanor, behavior, or works that would elevate her above others? How can we appreciate the significant role Mary has in the history of salvation without placing her in the same category as Jesus, who alone can save?

5. Since Jesus is depicted as the King whose kingdom will know no end, what is the first step in becoming a citizen of the kingdom and a servant of the King? Have you given your life to Christ and asked Him to be your King? In what ways are you living as a servant of the Lord? Are you able to say along with Mary, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your Word."

For Further Reading: Warren Wiersbe, *On Being a Servant of God* (Baker Books; first published 1993; revised edition 2007)

**HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING***Verse 1*

Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful all ye nations, rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With th'angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Verse 2

Christ by highest heaven adored
Christ, the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of the Virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see
Hail the incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with men to dwell
Jesus, our Emmanuel
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Verse 3

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness
Light and life to all He brings
Risen with healing in His wings

Mild He lays His glory by
Born that men no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King
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THE FIRST NOEL

Verse 1

The first Noel, the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds
In fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night
That was so deep

Chorus

Noel, Noel
Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel

Verse 2

They looked up
And saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night

Chorus
Noel, Noel
Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel
(repeat)

Verse 3
Then let us all
With one accord sing praises
To our heavenly Lord
Who hath made and earth of naught
And with His blood mankind hath bought

Chorus
Noel, Noel
Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel
(repeat)

Born is the King of Israel

Tag
Noel, Noel
Noel, Noel

WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

Verse 1
What Child is this
Who laid to rest on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping

This, this is Christ the King
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste, haste to bring Him laud
The Babe, the Son of Mary

Verse 2

Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and lamb are feeding
Good Christian, fear, for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading

Nail, spear shall pierce Him through
The cross be borne for me, for you
Hail, hail the Word made flesh
The Babe, the Son of Mary

Verse 3

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh
Come peasant king to own Him
The King of kings salvation brings
Let loving hearts enthrone Him

Raise, raise a song on high
The Virgin sings her lullaby
Joy, joy for Christ is born
The Babe, the Son of Mary

Chorus

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WHEN WE BEHOLD

Verse 1

When we behold that scene long ago
Shepherds in fields under cover of night
Breaking the silence a heavenly choir
As angels appeared in glorious light

Chorus

All glory to God in the highest
All glory to God in the highest
Praise be to Him and peace unto us
All glory to God in the highest

Verse 2

Wis men came seeking the Light of the World
Followed the star that was formed by His breath
There in the chaos, the true Prince of Peace
As they adored Him, now let us confess

Chorus

All glory to God in the highest
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Tag

Gloria, gloria
Gloria in excelsis Deo
Gloria, gloria
Gloria in excelsis Deo
Gloria, gloria
Gloria in excelsis Deo
Gloria in excelsis Deo

Chorus 2

All glory to God in the highest
All glory to God in the highest
Praise be to Him, forever Amen
All glory to God in the highest

Verse 3

And when we survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died
We sing how He came on so holy a night
Born for a death that became our new life

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

Verse 1

O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by

Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight

Verse 2

For Christ is born of Mary
And gathered all above
While mortals sleep
The angels keep their watch of wondering love
O morning stars together proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God,
The King and peace to men on earth

Verse 3

O holy Child of Bethlehem
Descend to us we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in
Be born in us today
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell
O come to us, abide with us
Our Lord Emmanuel

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