



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

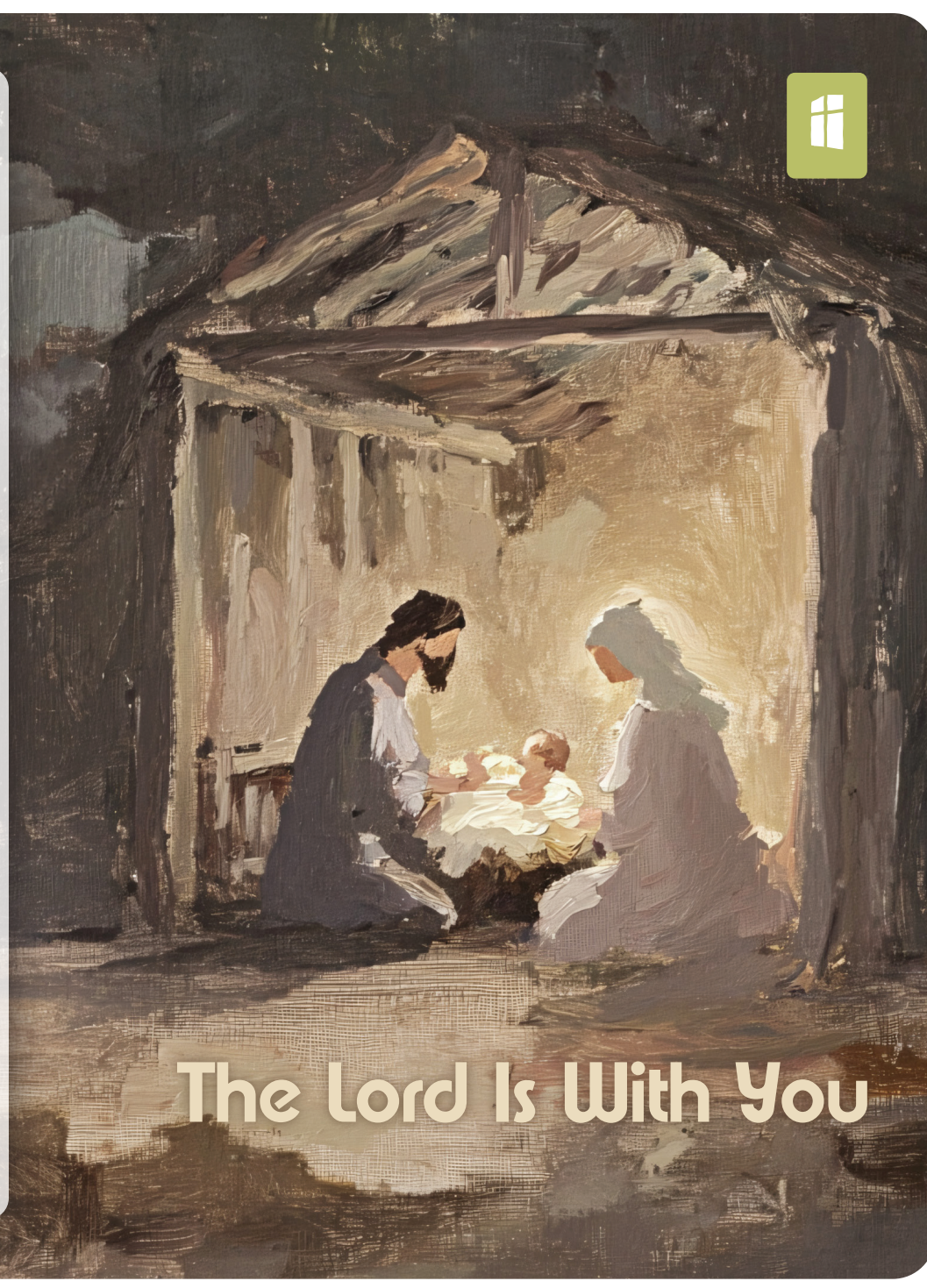
- Need to speak or pray with someone after the service? Pastor Tony and our Prayer Team Members will be down in front of the stage to visit with you right after we are dismissed.
- You can also fill out a **Response Card** or **Care Card** at the Information Center in the Foyer. You will be contacted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



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 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 continue our Advent series from the book of Luke, *The Lord Is With You*, with the message, *My Soul Magnifies the Lord*. There, we'll see that we should magnify the Lord for the works He has done in our lives and for what He is doing in our world today.

SERVICE ORDER



DEC 15, 2024

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

- Prelude** - (*Jesu Medley*)
Call to Worship — Steve Dahlgren, Worship Director
Psalm 34:1-3
- ▲ **Congregational Singing** — Worship Team + Congregation
Angels We Have Heard on High (Joyful Joyful) + *Angels From the Realms of Glory*
- Welcome + Announcements** — Amber McEwen, Women's Ministry Director
- Lighting The Shepherds' Candle** - Luke 2:8-11
1st - The Green Family & 2nd - The Smyth Family
- ▲ **Congregational Singing** — Worship Team + Congregation
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear
- Scripture Reading + Prayer** — Tigist Gaddissa-Menna, Women's Ministry
Luke 1:45-56
- Offertory** — Worship Team + Congregation
He Has Done Great Things (The Magnificat)
- Today's Special Message** — Dr. Tony Chute, Lead Pastor
My Soul Magnifies the Lord - Luke 1:46-56
From the Advent series through the Gospel of Luke: **The Lord Is With You**
- ▲ **Closing Song** — Worship Team + Congregation
O Holy Night
- Benediction** — Steve Dahlgren, Worship Director
Jude 24-25
- Postlude** - (*Joy to the World*)

WHAT TO DO NOW?

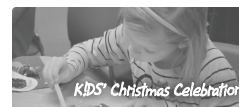
We believe our greatest need is to be connected to God and to His family, the church. Start that by filling out a **Response Card** at the **Information Center** in the Foyer, or by talking to us down front after the service. Want more? Connect through **weekly small groups**, **serving others**, **Sunday 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
- 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*

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

LOOKING AHEAD AT NORTHPOINT *



The **NP KIDS' CHRISTmas Celebration** (ages 2 through sixth grade) happens **NEXT Sunday, December 22**, at 9:00 a.m. (during first service). There will be a special Christmas story and gifts! Bring a friend.



Join us for a special evening of **Christmas Worship, NEXT Sunday, December 22**, at 6:00 p.m., in the Worship Center, as we celebrate the incredible truth that God has come. We'll be led by our choir and the entire Northpoint worship team!



The Northpoint **Christmas Eve service** happens Tuesday, **December 24**, at 5:00 p.m., in the Worship Center. This is a family event, so there won't be any childcare (but kids are welcome in the service!).



Sunday, **December 29**, and Sunday, **January 5**, are one-service-only (9:00 a.m.) **Family Sundays**: students grades 1-12 are in each service with their families. EC program as usual.



End-of-the-year gifts to Northpoint are a blessing and help ministries all around the world. If you are planning a year-end contribution to count as a tax deduction for 2024, please deliver it to the Church Office by Thursday, **December 26** or by mail if postmarked by **December 31**. Gifts received in January 2025, even if backdated, **will count as 2024 tax deductions**.



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.

LOVING GOD • LOVING ONE ANOTHER • REACHING HIS WORLD



My Soul Magnifies the Lord

Luke 1:46-56

Dr. Tony Chute, Lead Pastor

Overview: The Magnificat is one of the most treasured passages in the Bible and is so named because of the Latin Vulgate's rendering "*Magnificat anima mea Dominum.*" Here, Mary celebrates the work of the Lord in her life and for the world by pouring out her soul in praise to the Lord and rejoicing in her spirit to God, her Savior. She understands that her status as a lowly servant will be transformed into a woman who is uniquely blessed by God, but she gives all credit to God who is great and holy. Not only will she experience this transformation in identity and significance, but so too will future generations who fear Him. She rightly notes that God scatters the proud and brings down the mighty from their thrones while exalting the humble and filling the hungry with good things. Her joy is also deeply rooted in Israel's history as the events taking place in her time prove that God is faithful to keep His promises for all time. Like Mary, we, too, should magnify the Lord for the works He has done in our lives and for what He is doing in our world today.

01. Let us magnify the Lord by giving ourselves totally to Him in our praise and worship.

02. Let us magnify the Lord by valuing humility above pride and holiness above power.

03. Let us magnify the Lord by connecting His providences in our lives with His promises.

1. Compare this song of Mary with the song of Hannah in 1 Samuel 2:1-10. In what ways were Mary and Hannah's situations similar? In what ways were they different? How does Mary's song reflect a deep understanding of the Old Testament in terms of a shared vocabulary and similar theology?

2. How does Mary contrast her original status with her future remembrances in verse 2? How does Mary's original status as a humble servant differ from a so-called "rags to riches" story? To what or to whom does Mary attribute her remarkable change in status? In what way can we recognize Mary's importance in God's plan of salvation without elevating her beyond the intentions of her own words?

3. What attributes of God are mentioned in this passage? Which of these attributes causes you to magnify and exalt the name of the Lord? What examples in your own life point to His greatness and His faithfulness?

4. How does Mary's song teach us to magnify the Lord in our private devotions? How does Mary's song teach us to magnify the Lord in our public worship? What does Mary's song teach us about the importance of theologically rich songs and experientially based remembrances of how the Lord works in our lives?

5. Note how Mary's song begins with the works of God in her own life and ends with the work of God throughout the history of Israel. Why is it important for us to know how God works throughout history? How does God's faithfulness in the lives of others encourage us to trust Him with our own discouragements? Pray that the Lord will help you appropriate His promises and that you will be an encouragement to others in their time of need.

For Further Reading: D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *Magnify the Lord: Luke 1:46-55* (Christian Focus, 2011)



ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Verse 1

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echo back their joyous strains

Verse 2

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him Whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord the newborn King

Chorus

Glo-o-o-oria
In excelsis Deo!
Glo-o-o-oria
In excelsis Deo!

JOYFUL, JOYFUL

Verse 1

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee
Opening to the sun above

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day

Chorus
Glo-o-o-oria
In excelsis Deo!
Glo-o-o-oria
In excelsis Deo!
(Repeat)

Tag
In excelsis Deo!

ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY

Verse 1
Angels from the realms of glory
Wing your flight o'er all the earth
Ye who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth

Come and worship, come and worship
Worship Christ, the newborn King

Verse 2
Shepherds in the fields abiding
Watching o'er your flocks by night
God with man is now residing
Yonder shines the infant Light

Come and worship, come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King

Verse 3
Saints before the altar bending
Watching long in hope and fear
Suddenly the Lord, descending
In His temple shall appear

Come and worship, come and worship
Worship Christ, the newborn King

Come and worship, come and worship
Worship Christ, the newborn King

*Angels from the realms of glory
Worship Christ, the newborn King
Unto us a Son is given
Unto us a Child is born
Unto us a Son is given
Unto us a Child is born*

Come and worship, come and worship
Worship Christ, the newborn King

IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR

Verse 1

It came upon the midnight clear
That glorious song of old
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold
Peace on the earth, goodwill to men
From heaven's all gracious King
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing

Verse 2

It came upon the midnight clear
That glorious song of old
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold
Peace on the earth, goodwill to men
From heaven's all gracious King
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing

Verse 3

For lo, the days are hastening on
By prophets seen of old
When wit the ever circling years
Shall come the time foretold
When Christ shall come and all shall own
The Prince of Peace their King
And the whole world send back the song
Which now the angels sing

O HOLY NIGHT

Verse 1

O holy night!
The stars are brightly shining
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth
Long lay the world
In sin and error pining
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth

A thrill of hope
The weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks
A new and glorious morn

Fall on your knees
O hear, the angel voices
O night divine
O night, when Christ was born
O night divine
O night, o night divine

Verse 2

Truly He taught us to love one another
His law is love and His gospel is peace
Chains shall He break
For the slave is our brother
And in His name all oppression shall cease

Sweet hymns of joy
In grateful chorus raise we
Let all within us
Praise His holy Name
Christ is the Lord
O praise His Name forever
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim

Fall on your knees
O hear, the angel voices
O night divine
O night, when Christ was born
O night divine
O night, o night divine

O holy night!