



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.

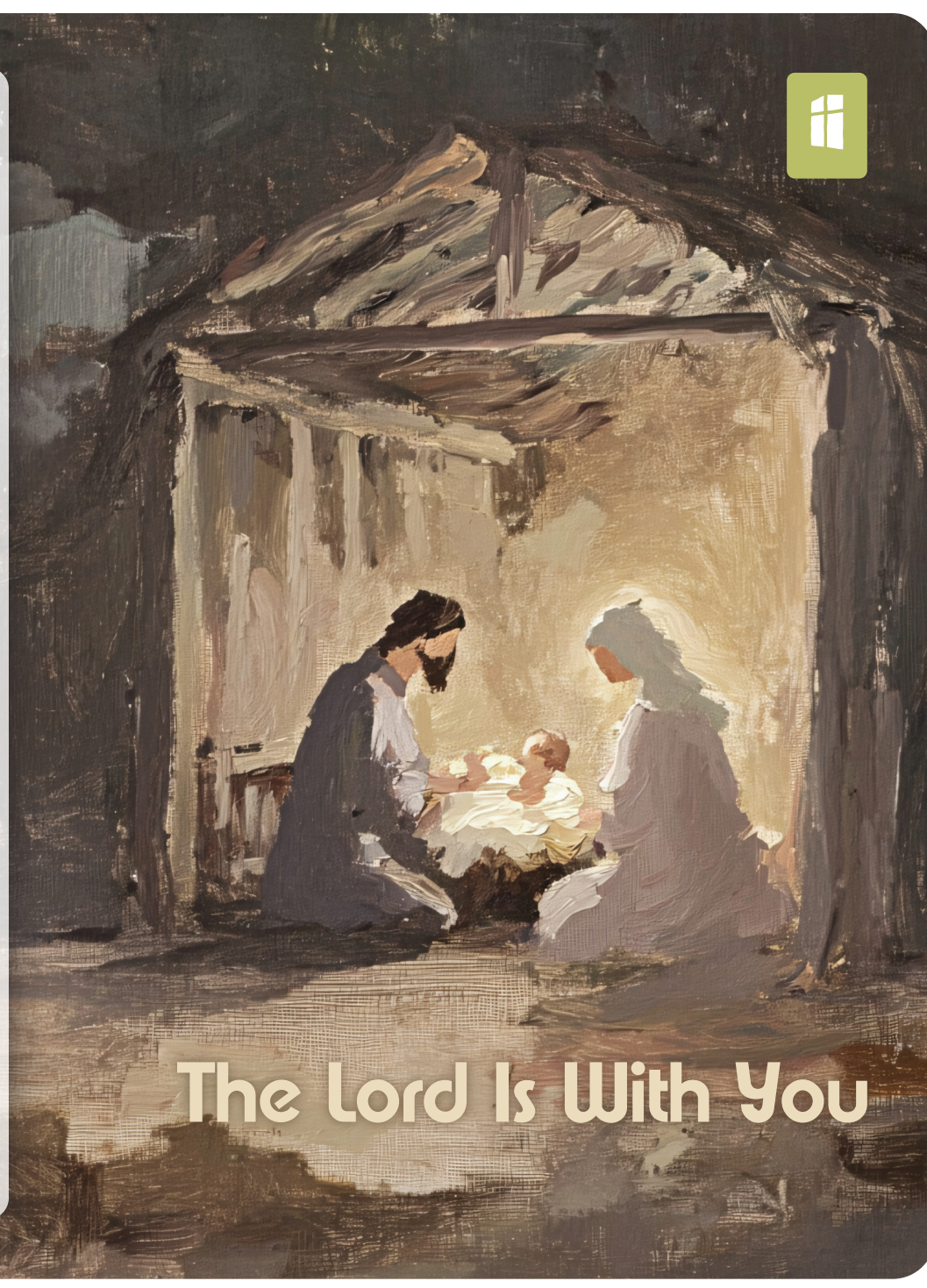
PRAYER REQUESTS AT NORTHPOINT

- **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 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, *Blessed Be the Lord*. There, we'll be challenged to take to heart God's plan of salvation and follow the example of John the Baptist as we prepare the way for the Lord's return.

SERVICE ORDER



DEC 22, 2024

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

- Call to Worship** — Steve Dahlgren, Worship Director
Psalm 24:7-10
- ▲ **Congregational Singing** — Worship Team + Congregation
Joy to the World + O Come, All Ye Faithful
- Welcome + Announcements** — Woody Armstrong, NP Elder
- Lighting The Angles' Candle** - Luke 2:9-14
1st - The Haddad Family & 2nd - The Hrabak Family
- ▲ **Congregational Singing** — Worship Team + Congregation
Away in a Manger (Forever Amen) with Manger Throne (The First Noel)
- Scripture Reading + Prayer** — Holli Worthington, Women's Ministry
Luke 1:67-80
- Offertory** — Worship Team + Congregation
Joy to the World (Sing Joy to the World)
- Today's Special Message** — Dr. Tony Chute, Lead Pastor
Blessed Be the Lord - Luke 1:67-80
From the Advent series through the Gospel of Luke: **The Lord Is With You**
- ▲ **Closing Song** — Worship Team + Congregation
Good Christian Men, Rejoice
- Benediction** — Steve Dahlgren, Worship Director
Psalm 28:6-9

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 - *Off This Week*
NP KIDS' Christmas Celebration, 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
Christmas Worship Night, 6:00 p.m., Worship Center - See Below
- Monday** — Weekly Prayer Time (Men and Women), 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Commons
- Tuesday** — **Church Office Closed for Christmas Eve**
Christmas Eve Service, 5:00 p.m., Worship Center - See Below
JH & SH Youth Group, 6:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Youth Room Upstairs - *Off This Week*
- Wednesday** — **Church Office Closed for Christmas**

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

LOOKING AHEAD AT NORTHPOINT *



Join us for a special evening of **Christmas Worship, TONIGHT**, 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 **THIS** 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).



NEXT 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



Men! Join us for a **Boys' Night Out** on **January 15**, in Heritage Hall, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. **Aurelio Barreto**, founder of Dogloo, C28, and NOTW Clothing, will be our guest speaker. We'll also enjoy a TEXAS Roadhouse chicken dinner!

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

LOVING GOD • LOVING ONE ANOTHER • REACHING HIS WORLD



During Advent season, the Northpoint family has been donating white Christmas poinsettias to honor loved ones. Here are the dedications:

Rhonda & John Kresta

In Remembrance of:
 • Lela Hampton
 • Agnes Kresta

The Hildebrandt & Pourchot Families

In Remembrance of:
 • Tony Lewis, Kim's Brother
 • Doug Dixon, Tony's Best Friend
 In Honor of:
 • Elfrieda Hildebrandt

Nancy Wyatt

In Remembrance of:
 • Henry Wyatt, Husband
 • Theone Ellis, Sister
 • Bruce Foreman, Brother

Roxana Fry

In Remembrance of:
 • Ronald Fry, Husband

Carlie Cariker Boger & Peter Bogar

Pregnancy Announcement:
 • Baby Bogar - 6.2025

Damaris Finney

In Remembrance of:
 • Nellie Field
 • David Field

Janet Hawkins

In Remembrance of:
 • Craig Hawkins
 • Daniel Hawkins

Michael Wuflestad

In Remembrance of:
 • Gene Wuflestad

Russell & Alejandrina Burrell

In Remembrance of:
 • Ora & Louis Burrell
 • Tomas & Taide Flores

Wanda Calnon

In Remembrance of:
 • Tom Calnon, Merry Christmas in Heaven

Holli Worthington

In Remembrance of:
 • Dick Enright

Debi Martin

The Best Dad Ever:
 • Robert Prock

Patricia Atwood

In Remembrance of:
 • Robert Atwood

Cornel Boitor

In Remembrance of:
 • Avram Boitor

Tom & Christie Alkema

In Remembrance of:
 • Cheryl Alkema
 • Pastor G. Roland
 • Don Alkema

Joe & Nicole Palmieri

In Remembrance of:
 • Sandar Kovacs
 • Livi Kovacs
 • Gyula "Poppy" Kerkai
 • Ida "Mommy" Kerkai
 • Amadeo "Pops" Palmieri
 • Kathleen, "Mom"
 • August, "Uncle Buddy"
 • Wally Smith

Kathy Rahder

In Remembrance of:
 • Debbie Hattery

Erin Smith

In Remembrance of:
 • Roger Nelson

Kevin & Bernadete Lenning

In Remembrance of:
 • August Smith
 • Dominic Smith

George & Barb Botich

In Remembrance of:
 • George Botich, Sr.
 • Violet Botich
 • Gerald Headrick
 • Margaret Headrick

Alex Ivascu

In Remembrance of:
 • Jacob Ivascu
 • Daniel Hawkins
 • Drake Ruiz
 • Craig Hawkins



**Blessed Be the Lord**

Luke 1:67-80

Dr. Tony Chute, Lead Pastor

Overview: Like Elizabeth and Mary before him, Zechariah recognizes that the births of John and Jesus inaugurate the central event in salvation history. Zechariah speaks prophetically about this event and its implications under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. He blesses God for His faithfulness in visiting and redeeming His people, just as He had promised to David and to Abraham. By raising up a “horn of salvation” with the birth of Jesus Christ, God’s people will be recipients of God’s mercy who are saved and delivered from their enemies. God’s people will thus be able to serve Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness all their days. Zechariah also notes that his son, John, will be the forerunner to Jesus, who will go before the Lord to prepare His ways, to give knowledge of salvation to His people, to proclaim the forgiveness of sins, to give light to those who sit in darkness, and to guide their feet into the way of peace. As we consider Zechariah’s words this Advent season, let us take to heart God’s plan of salvation and follow the example of John the Baptist as we prepare the way for the Lord’s return.

01. Zechariah’s words lead us to bless the Lord by having our view of the world shaped by God’s Word and His work in the world.

02. Zechariah’s words lead us to bless the Lord by responding to the call of salvation so that we may serve Him without fear in this world.

03. Zechariah’s words lead us to bless the Lord by being a light in the darkness and giving knowledge of salvation to the world.

1. Read the section leading up to our text (Luke 1:57-66). How did the Lord show great mercy to Elizabeth through the birth of her son? Why was it important for Elizabeth and Zechariah to name the child John? What was the first thing Zechariah did when his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed?

2. Read through chapter 1 and note the frequent references to the Holy Spirit. What does the Holy Spirit do, according to this chapter? What things in this chapter would not have happened without the Holy Spirit? In what ways are you dependent on the work of the Holy Spirit in your life today?

3. What does Zechariah celebrate in verses 68-75? Can you outline the history of salvation in this passage using Abraham, David, and the birth of Jesus? Why is it important to trace the prophetic promises in the Old Testament as they relate to the birth of Christ? Put another way, how do the prophetic promises underscore the historical accuracy of Scripture, the faithfulness of God, and the sovereignty of God?

4. Using words like visited and redeemed (verse 68), mercy (verse 72), saved (verse 71), delivered (verse 74), and forgiveness (verse 77), can you outline the plan of salvation in verses 68-75? [Note: The plan of salvation is used in reference to what it means to be saved. The history of salvation is used in reference to the working out of this plan throughout the ages]. Can you also outline the Christian life using the phrase, “serve Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days” (verses 74b-75)?

5. Using the Gospels, trace the life of John the Baptist. What characteristics, sayings, or events stand out to you? How did his life measure up to the prophecy of Zechariah? In what ways can we live our lives as “forerunners” to Jesus in light of His return?

For Further Reading: Edmund Clowney, *The Unfolding Mystery: Discovering Christ in the Old Testament*, 2nd Edition (P&R, 2013).

**JOY TO THE WORLD***Verse 1*

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

Verse 2

Joy to the earth! The savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods
Rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

Verse 3

No more let sin and sorrow grow
Nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found
Far as the curse is found
Far as, far as the curse is found

Verse 4

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders, wonders of His love

Tag

Joy to the world!
Joy to the world!

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

Verse 1

O come, all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him
Born the King of angels
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Verse 2

Sing, choirs of angels
Sing in exultation
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above
Glory to God, all glory in the highest
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Verse 3

Yea, Lord we greet Thee
Born this happy morning
Jesus to Thee be all glory given
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing
For He alone is worthy
For He alone is worthy
For He alone is worthy
Christ the Lord

We'll give Him all the glory
We'll give Him all the glory
We'll give Him all the glory
Christ the Lord

Tag

Come adore Him!
Come adore Him!
Come adore Him! He is worthy!
(repeat)

AWAY IN A MANGER (FOREVER AMEN)

Verse 1

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head
The stars in the sky look down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay

Verse 2

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes
The dawn of salvation beginning to break
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, O Gift from above
The King of the heaven forever with us

Verse 3

Be near me, Lord Jesus I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me I pray
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there

MANGER THRONE

Chorus

Glory be to You alone
King who reigns from a manger throne
My life, my praise, everything I own
To Jesus the King on a manger throne
My life, my praise, everything I own
To Jesus the King on a manger throne
(repeat)

AWAY IN A MANGER

Verse 4

I worship You Jesus for all of my days
The highest of praise be unto Your Name
My God and my Savior, my King and my friend
Oh Yours is the glory forever Amen

Tag

Yours is the glory forever Amen
Yours is the glory forever Amen

MANGER THRONE

Bridge

From heaven to the cradle
From cradle to the cross
Let heaven and nature sing
This is our King
But the grave couldn't hold Hi
Our God has overcome
Let heaven and nature sing
This is our King!

Tag

All hail the King!
All hail the King!
All hail the King!

Chorus

Glory be to You alone
King who reigns from a manger throne
My life, my praise, everything I own
To Jesus the King on a manger throne
My life, my praise, everything I own
To Jesus the King on a manger throne

THE FIRST NOEL

Chorus

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

GOOD CHRISTIAN MEN, REJOICE

Verse 1

Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice
Give ye heed to what we say
Jesus Christ is born today
Man and beast before Him bow
And He is in the manger now
Christ is born today
Christ is born today

Verse 2

Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice
Now ye hear of endless bliss
Jesus Christ was born for this
He hath opened heaven's door
And man is blessed forevermore
Christ was born for this
Christ was born for this

Verse 3

Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice
Now ye need not fear the grave
Jesus Christ was born to save
Calls you one and calls you all
To gain His everlasting hall
Christ was born to save
Christ was born to save

Tag

Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice!