



NORTHPOINT
CHURCH

IN-PERSON + STREAMING AT NORTHPOINT

Two Sunday services: **in-person**, inside the Worship Center and **live-streaming** on 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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FOR THE SAKE OF
MY SERVANT DAVID
FIRST & SECOND KINGS

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 sermon series through the Old Testament Books of 1 and 2 Kings, *For the Sake of My Servant David*, with the message, *If the Lord Is God, Follow Him*. There, we'll see that there is no other God and we should follow Him without reservation.

SERVICE ORDER



JULY 20, 2025

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

- Prelude -** (*What An Awesome God*)
Call to Worship ————— Tri Nguyen, Worship Leader
Psalms 27:1-6
- ▲ **Congregational Singing** ————— Worship Team + Congregation
Whom Shall I Fear (God of Angel Armies) + Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)
- Welcome + Announcements** ————— Carolee Jefferson, Ministry Associate
- ▲ **Congregational Singing** ————— Worship Team + Congregation
All I Have Is Christ + The Jesus Way
- Scripture Reading + Prayer** ————— Staci Van New Kirk
1 Kings 18:1-40
- Offertory** ————— Worship Team
Glory Awaits
- Today's Message** ————— Dr. Tony Chute, Lead Pastor
If the Lord Is God, Follow Him, 1 Kings 18:1-40
From the sermon series through 1 and 2 Kings: **FOR THE SAKE OF MY SERVANT DAVID**
- ▲ **Closing Song** ————— Worship Team + Congregation
How Great Is Our God
- Benediction** ————— Tri Nguyen, Worship Leader
Psalms 72:18-19
- Postlude -** (*Whom Shall I Fear [God of Angel Armies]*)

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 **Get to Know You Lunches** and **membership classes**. Visit northpointcorona.org/media/get-connected/ for more.

THIS WEEK AT NORTHPOINT *

- Today** — In-person Services at 9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. & Live Streaming at 9:00 a.m. on YouTube
Student Ministry (Senior & Junior High) Sunday Gathering, 9:00 a.m., Upstairs, Youth Room
NP KIDS' 1st Service Program, Birth-6th Grade, (Dismissed from service during Announcements)
Firmly Planted, Adult Discipleship Group (Sunday School Class), 9:00 a.m., Heritage Hall Overflow Room
Faith & Friendship, Seniors' Discipleship Group (Sunday School Class), 10:45 a.m., Commons
Living the Truth, "How We Got the Bible & Why" (Sunday School Class), 10:45 a.m., Heritage Hall
NP KIDS' 2nd Service Program, Birth-6th Grade, (Meet in the Playground After Registering)
- Monday** — Weekly Prayer Time (Men and Women), 6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m., Commons
- Tuesday** — JH & SH Hot Summer Nights Gathering, 6:45 p.m.—9:00 p.m., Off Campus
- Friday** — Pieces of Love Quilting Group, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m., Commons - *See Below*
- Saturday** — Pieces of Love Quilting Group, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m., Commons - *See Below*

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

LOOKING AHEAD AT NORTHPOINT *



Pieces of Love quilting group is meeting **THIS** Friday, **July 25**, and again **THIS** Saturday, **July 26**, in the Commons, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Come share the love and comfort of Christ with the world by making and then giving away quilts. They'll be happy to teach quilting skills!



Join us for a **Congregational Meeting** happening **NEXT** Sunday, **July 27**, at 4:00 p.m., in the Worship Center. We'll review the NP budget and the financial report, vote to affirm new members: Julie Seufferling, Vasantha Inavolu, Santhi Inavolu, Ratnakar Paul, Shanthi Paul, Casey Blythe, Cheralyn Blythe, vote to reaffirm elders Steve Flood, Woody Armstrong, and Perry Schaefer for their second terms, and vote to affirm Tyler Van Horssen as Assistant Pastor.



We have a great crew serving our kids with special needs on Sunday mornings. We call them "**sidekicks**." Sidekicks spend the morning with one child, helping them to move with their peers through the day's activities. We're short of sidekicks. If you would like to be blessed by, and bless, a child with special needs, please contact Terilyn Brown at 951.281.2827 or Dani Tiqui 951.281.2825, and we'd be delighted to chat with you!



Shelby wants to get to know you! **Who's Shelby?** Shelby's Northpoint's online app for connecting you to our church body. It's a modern church directory! With the Shelby app, you can find the names, addresses (and links to Google Maps), email addresses, phone numbers, and even pictures of other Northpointers. If you call Northpoint home, then you need to get Shelby! To get started, please contact **Carolee Jefferson** at 951.281.2818 or cjefferson@northpointcorona.org.

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

LOVING GOD • LOVING ONE ANOTHER • REACHING HIS WORLD



If the Lord is God, Follow Him

1 Kings 18:1-40

Dr. Tony Chute, Lead Pastor

Overview: In the third year of the drought, the Lord instructs Elijah to present himself to Ahab in anticipation of sending rain upon the earth. As Elijah enters Samaria, he encounters Obadiah, a servant of the Lord who has hidden a hundred prophets from Ahab by sheltering them in caves and providing them with bread and water. Obadiah is startled by Elijah's presence and reluctantly agrees to tell Ahab where to find him. Ahab refers to Elijah as the troubler of Israel, but Elijah accuses Ahab of abandoning the commandments of the Lord and following the Baals. Ahab agrees to send the people of Israel and the prophets of Baal to Mount Carmel in order to publicly confront Elijah and challenge his claims. Elijah calls upon the people to choose between the Lord and Baal based upon which of the two will visibly consume their sacrifice by fire. Even though the prophets of Baal outnumber Elijah and repeatedly call upon Baal to respond, the sacrifice is not consumed. When Elijah calls upon the Lord, He sends fire from heaven, thus making it evident that He is God. Elijah's challenge to the people of Israel is an appropriate call for us today to commit ourselves to the Lord and follow Him without reservation.

01. The Lord is God. Believe on Him because there is no other.

02. The Lord is God. Follow Him like there is no other.

1. According to 1 Kings 8:35-36, what is the reason for the drought in Israel? How long did this drought last, according to 1 Kings 18:1? What indications from the text suggest how difficult this drought was on the daily life of people in Israel? Why do you suppose it was so hard for people in Israel to simply repent and return to the Lord with the promise of rain? How does the Lord get our attention today for the purpose of exposing our sins?

2. What did Obadiah do on behalf of the prophets of the Lord? Imagine how difficult it would be to conceal a hundred prophets and keep them alive during a famine. Why did Obadiah take such a risk? How does his reaction to Elijah's presence speak to the reputation of Elijah at this time? Have you ever risked something for the Lord that threatened either your life or your livelihood?

3. Why does Ahab call Elijah a "troubler of Israel"? How does Ahab's opinion of Elijah reflect the opinion of the world toward Christians who are likewise committed to serving the Lord? Note that Ahab believes Elijah is a troubler of Israel when, in fact, Elijah has a positive message to bring, namely that the rains will soon come. Likewise, how can we bring the gospel to a world that questions our motives?

4. What is the essence of the challenge between Elijah and the prophets of Baal and Asherah? Notice how dedicated the prophets of Baal were—they stood up for Baal, they cried out to Baal, and they cut themselves for Baal. Did any of these actions benefit them or make their religion true? What does this text lead us to conclude about religion in general, outside of Christianity? Is their religion true just because people want it to be true?

5. How did the Lord make Himself known to Elijah, Israel, and the false prophets on Mount Carmel? In what way has the Lord made Himself known to us today through Jesus Christ? If someone were to suggest they could believe in Jesus if they saw His miracles today, how would you respond?

For Further Reading: Erwin Lutzer, *Christ Among Other gods: A Defense of Christ in an Age of Tolerance* (Moody, 1994; 2016)