



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

LEADERSHIP AT NORTHPOINT

Email the Northpoint Leadership Team at leadershipteam@northpointcorona.org, the Elders at elders@northpointcorona.org, or individual Pastors at the following addresses:

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I will
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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 begin a short sermon series on the church. Beginning in Matthew's gospel, we'll see that faithfulness to the standards set forth by Christ will arouse opposition against the church, but Jesus promises the disciples, and us, that the church will prevail.

SERVICE ORDER



JAN 7, 2024

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

- Prelude** - (Hallelujah You Are Good + You Have Been Good) ————— Worship Band
Call to Worship ————— Steve Dahlgren, Worship Director
Psalm 34:1-8
- ▲ **Congregational Singing** ————— Worship Team + Congregation
House of the Lord + God of Wonders
- Welcome + Announcements** ————— Cade MacRitchie, Pastoral Intern
- ▲ **Congregational Singing** ————— Worship Team + Congregation
The Church's One Foundation + Firm Foundation (He Won't)
- Scripture Reading + Prayer** ————— Dave Dussault, NP Prayer
Psalm 84
- Offertory** ————— Worship Team
When the Stars Burn Down
- Today's Message** ————— Dr. Tony Chute, Lead Pastor
I will build my church - Matthew 16:13-20
- ▲ **Closing Song** ————— Worship Team + Congregation
Build Your Kingdom Here
- Benediction** ————— Steve Dahlgren, Worship Director
1 Corinthians 1:3, 7-8
- Postlude** - (Jesus Lover of My Soul) ————— Worship Band

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 Service at 9:00 a.m. & Live Streaming at 9:00 a.m. on Facebook/YouTube
Student Ministry (Senior & Junior High) Sunday Gathering, 9:00 a.m. - Off This Week
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
SM Returns from Winter Camp
- Monday** ————— Men's College Football Championship Game Watch Party, 4:00 p.m., Heritage Hall - See Below
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., Heritage Hall - Off This Week
- Tuesday** ————— Women of the Word (Women's Bible Study and Small Groups), 5:00 p.m. & 6:15 p.m. - Off This Week
Senior High Youth Group, 7:00 p.m., Youth Room Upstairs - Off This Week
- Wednesday** ————— Men of the Word (Men's Bible Study and Small Groups), 6:30 a.m., Heritage Hall - Off This Week
Women of the Word (Women's Bible Study and Small Groups), 9:00 a.m. - Off This Week
Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Bible Study Resumes, 7:00 p.m., Heritage Hall
- Thursday** ————— Junior High Youth Group, 6:30 p.m., Youth Room Upstairs - Off This Week
- NEXT Sunday** ————— NP Theology III Class Begins, 9:00 a.m., Commons - See Program Insert

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

LOOKING AHEAD AT NORTHPOINT *



TODAY you can learn about Northpoint's beliefs and mission at **Discovering Membership**. Join us in the Tower Room from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Lunch and child care provided. Register for the class at the door.



Hey men. We're getting together to watch the **College Football National Championship Game!** Join us **TOMORROW, January 8**, in Heritage Hall. We'll have snacks, drinks, and food starting at 4:00 p.m. Bring a friend or two.



Iron Sharpens Iron helps men to deepen their relationship with the Lord and other godly men through the study of His Word. We'll resume **THIS** Wednesday, in Heritage Hall, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Register online at the Northpoint Men's page or scan our QR Code:



Our next **Congregational Meeting** happens on Sunday, **February 4** (new date). Among other things, we will affirm new members and get an update on the Northpoint finances.



The new year is a great time to get started with **Prayer Life**, Northpoint's devotional prayer guide to help you read and pray through the Bible in three years. Sign up at the Information Center to receive it, and the weekly, **Prayer Focus**, via email.

* For all that's going on at NP, please visit northpointcorona.org/this-week/.

LOVING GOD • LOVING ONE ANOTHER • REACHING HIS WORLD



I Will Build My Church

Matthew 16:13-20

Dr. Tony Chute, Lead Pastor

Overview: The conversation between Jesus and the disciples at Caesarea Philippi contains the first reference to the church in the Bible and stipulates that the church will outlast all other human institutions. When asked who people think Jesus really is, Peter responds by elevating Jesus above all other teachers and prophets, specifically calling Him the Messiah, the Son of the living God. The fact that Peter has not reached this conclusion simply by his own intuition indicates the reality of the new birth as a gift from heaven; the fact that Jesus says He will build His church indicates that those who confess Jesus as the Son of God now belong to something larger than themselves. The keys of the kingdom and the act of binding and loosing represent the church's responsibility to invite people to Christ while maintaining the standards set forth by Christ. Faithfulness in this regard will arouse opposition against the church, but Jesus promises the disciples, and us, that the church will prevail.

01. Jesus founded the church; therefore, the church belongs to Jesus. Let us view the church from His perspective, and let us love the church with His love.

02. Those who belong to Jesus belong to the church. Let us unite with the church and serve the church as an act of devotion to Jesus.

03. The church is both a taste of heaven and a test for heaven. Let us remember that the church will face opposition, but the church is everlasting.

I will build my church

1. How would you define the church? Is it a building, a local establishment, a fellowship, a family, or what? What biblical texts indicate the importance of the church to Jesus? How important is the church to you? In what ways is the significance of the church evident in your life?

2. What is the significance of Peter's confession in v. 16? What other options were being offered at the time? How does Jesus' response to Peter set forth the foundation of the church? Can a church really be a church without confessing Jesus as the Son of God?

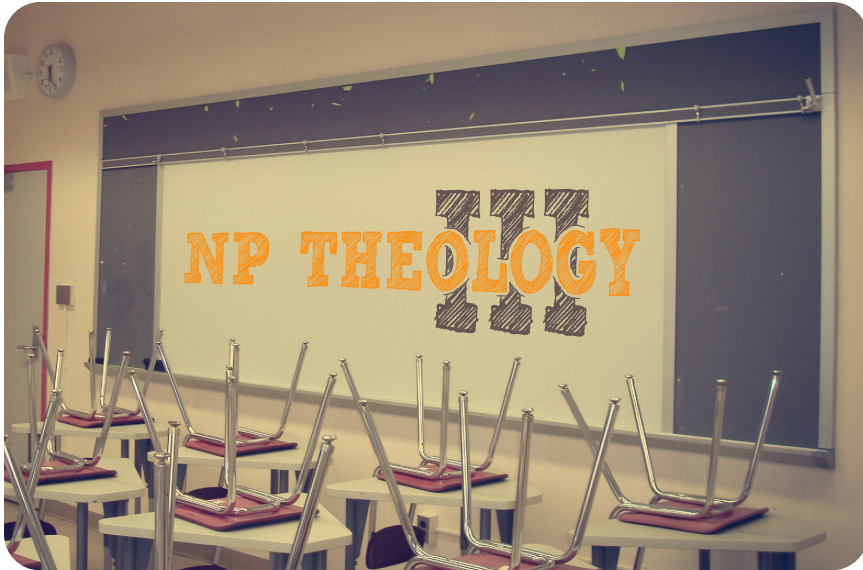
3. What does Jesus mean when He tells Peter, "Flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in Heaven"? In what way does this statement indicate the importance of the new birth for understanding who Jesus is and appreciating the church that He founded? How did your understanding and appreciation of the church change after you became a Christian?

4. If the keys of the kingdom are not literal, what do they represent? In what way do Peter and the other disciples open the door for people to enter the kingdom? What is mistaken about the notion that the church is open for everybody? Put another way, how should believers welcome non-believers to church while maintaining standards of belief and behavior in the church?

5. Do you find hope in the fact that Jesus promises His church will withstand the gates of hell? What does this statement assume about ongoing and increased opposition to the church? How has Northpoint helped you live faithfully in a world that is opposed to the things of God? How are you helping others to grow in the Lord as a member of Northpoint?

For Further Reading: Kendell Easley and Chris Morgan, *The Community of Jesus: A Theology of the Church* (B&H, 2015)

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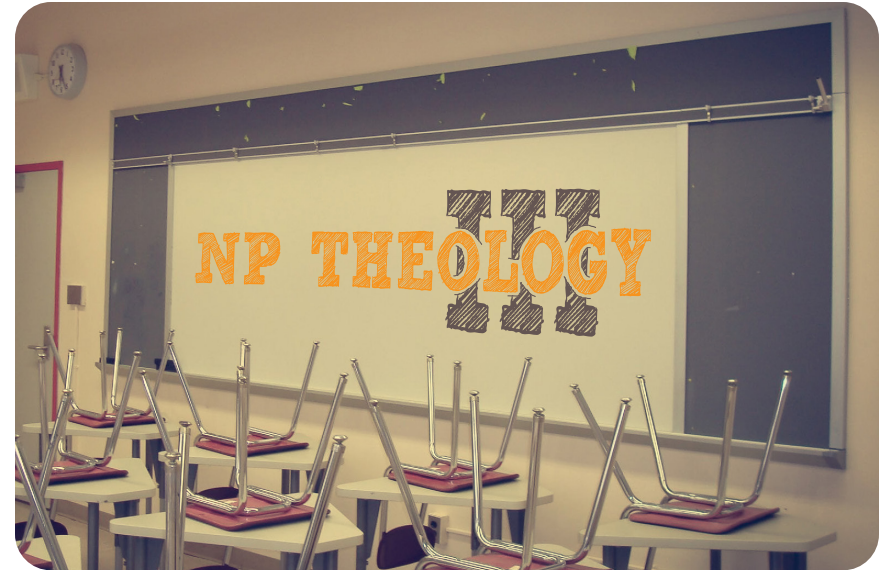


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HOUSE OF THE LORD

Verse 1

We worship the God who was
We worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be
He opened the prison doors
He parted the raging sea
My God He holds the victory yeah

Chorus

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise

Verse 2

We sing to the God who heals
We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way
'Cause He hung up on that cross
Then He rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away

Chorus

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There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise

There's joy in the house of the Lord
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Bridge
We were the beggars
Now we're royalty
We were the prisoners
Now we're running free
We are forgiven accepted
Redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord, sing praise

Chorus
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And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
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GOD OF WONDERS

Verse 1
Lord of all creation
of water, earth and sky
The heavens are your Tabernacle
Glory to the Lord on high

Chorus

And God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy, holy
Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth

Verse 2

Early in the morning
I will celebrate the light
As I stumble in the darkness
I will call Your name by night

Chorus

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy, holy
Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth

Bridge

Hallelujah! To the Lord of heaven and earth
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Hallelujah! To the Lord of heaven and earth

Chorus

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy, holy

Chorus 2

Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me
Father hold me, hold me
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy, holy

Tag

Holy, You are holy
Holy, holy

Bridge

Hallelujah! To the Lord of heaven and earth
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Hallelujah! To the Lord of heaven and earth

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

Verse 1

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord
She is His new creation
By Spirit and the Word
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride
With His own blood He bought her
And for her life He died

Verse 2

Elect from every nation
Yet one o'er all the earth
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth
One holy Name she blesses
Partakes one holy food
And to one hope she presses
With every grace endued

Verse 3

'Mid toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest

FIRM FOUNDATION (HE WON'T)

Verse 1

Christ is my firm foundation
The Rock on which I stand
When everything around me is shaken
I've never been more glad

That I put my faith in Jesus
'Cause He's never let me down
He's faithful though generations
So why would He fail now?

He won't, He won't

Verse 2

I've still got joy in chaos
I've got peace that makes no sense
So I won't be going under
I'm not held by my own strength

'Cause I've built my life on Jesus
He's never let me down
He's faithful in every season
So why would He fail now?

Chorus

He won't, He won't
He won't fail, He won't fail

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Chorus

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Bridge

Rain came and wind blew
But my house was built on You
I'm safe with You
I'm gonna make it through
(repeat)

I'm gonna make it through
I'm standing strong on You
I'm gonna make it through
'Cause my house is built on You

Chorus

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Chorus

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**WHEN THE STARS BURN DOWN
(BLESSING AND HONOR)**

Verse 1

When the stars burn down
And the earth wears out
An we stand before the throne

With the witnesses
Who have gone before
We will rise and all applaud

Chorus

Singing blessing and honor
And glory and power
Forever to our God
Singing blessing and honor
And glory and power
Forever to our God

Verse 2

When the hands of time
Wind fully down
And the earth is rolled up like a scroll
The trumpets will call
And the world will fall
To its knees as we go home

Chorus

Singing blessing and honor
And glory and power
Forever to our God
Singing blessing and honor
And glory and power
Forever to our God
(repeat)

Bridge

Star of the morning
Light of Salvation
Majesty!
God of all mysteries
Lord of the universe
Righteous King
(repeat)

Verse 3

There will come a day
Standing face to face
In a moment we'll be like Him
He will our eyes dry
And take us up to His side
And forever we will be His

Chorus

Singing blessing and honor
And glory and power
Forever to our God

Singing blessing and honor
And glory and power
Forever to our God
(repeat)

BUILD YOUR KINGDOM HERE

Verse 1

Come set Your rule and reign
In our hearts again
Increase in us, we pray
Unveil why we're made

Come set our heart ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit, come invade us now

We are Your church
We need Your pow'r in us

Verse 2

We seek Your kingdom first
We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives
For You're our joy and prize

To see the captive hearts released
The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause

We are Your church
We pray revive this earth

Chorus

Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land

Set Your church on fire
Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here, we pray!

Verse 3

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r
Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts

You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ

We are Your church, we are the hope on earth!

Chorus

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