



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

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STANDING FAST [A STUDY THROUGH 1 THESSALONIANS] IN THE LORD

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 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 series in 1 Thessalonians, *Standing Fast in the Lord*. There, we'll see that seemingly impossible admonitions to the Thessalonians are made possible by the grace of God, through Jesus Christ, and the work of the Holy Spirit.

SERVICE ORDER



DEC 4, 2022

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

- Call to Worship** — Steve Dahlgren, Worship Director
Psalm 96
- ▲ **Congregational Singing** — Worship Team + Congregation
O Come All Ye Faithful (Adore Him)
- Welcome + Announcements** — Woody Armstrong, NP Elder
- Mission Moment** — Tamene Menna, Executive Pastor
- Lighting the Advent Candle** — The Flood Family
The Bethlehem Candle: Micah 5:2-5
- ▲ **Congregational Singing** — Worship Team + Congregation
O Little Town of Bethlehem
- Scripture Reading + Prayer** — Holli Worthington, Women's Ministry Assistant
Psalm 138
- ▲ **Congregational Singing** — Worship Team + Congregation
King of Kings
- Today's Message** — Pastor Tony Chute, Lead Pastor
Rejoice, Pray, Give Thanks – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
From the series through 1 Thessalonians: **STANDING FAST IN THE LORD**
- ▲ **Closing Song** — Worship Team + Congregation
Hymn of Heaven
- Benediction** — Steve Dahlgren, Worship Director
Philippians 4:4-9

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., Youth Room Upstairs
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
Faith & Friendship, Seniors' Discipleship Group (Sunday School Class), 10:45 a.m., Commons
New End Times Sunday School Class, 10:45 a.m., Heritage Hall
Revolve (Young Adults), 6:00 p.m., at the Drews' Home, 7256 Piute Creek Dr., Corona
- 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., Heritage Hall
- Tuesday** — Women of the Word (Women's Bible Study and Small Groups), 6:00 p.m., - *Off This Week*
Senior High Youth Group, 7:00 p.m., Youth Room Upstairs
- Wednesday** — Men of the Word (Men's Bible Study and Small Groups), 6:30 a.m., Heritage Hall
Women of the Word (Women's Bible Study and Small Groups), 9:00 a.m., - *Off This Week*
- Thursday** — Junior High Youth Group, 6:30 p.m., Youth Room Upstairs
- Friday** — Moms Connecting, 10:00 a.m., Heritage Hall

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

LOOKING AHEAD AT NORTHPOINT *



Moms Connecting meets **THIS Friday, December 9**, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., in Heritage Hall. We will be gathering to enjoy breakfast, an easy, healthy dinner demonstration, and to *take home* a meal! Childcare will be provided to 6th grade. To RSVP, please email momsconnecting@northpointcorona.org.



We want to again honor loved ones and remember special occasions by collecting donations for **red Christmas Poinsettias** to enhance our worship areas for the Christmas season. To find out how it works or to purchase your poinsettias, visit northpointcorona.org/this-week/ or scan here:



On Sunday, **December 11**, at 6:00 p.m., we're gathering for **Carols & Cookies in the Courtyard**! We'll sing some of your favorite Christmas Carols together, hear Scripture that tells the Christmas story, and enjoy milk and cookies for the kids and hot cocoa and cookies for the older "kids-at-heart."



Join us for an **evening of Christmas Worship** called **Go Tell It**, happening on Sunday, **December 18** at 6:00 p.m., in the Northpoint Worship Center. We'll explore the various ways that we can share the good news of Christ's birth and life, and the reason for the season!

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

LOVING GOD • LOVING ONE ANOTHER • REACHING HIS WORLD



Rejoice, Pray, Give Thanks

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Dr. Tony Chute, Lead Pastor

Overview: In three short verses, Paul issues a most ambitious string of imperatives in his letter to the Thessalonians—"rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances." Though such commands seem impossible to obey in light of the full range of human emotions, the limitation and restrictions of time, and the sheer difficulty of seeing every circumstance as providentially designed for our good, each is worth striving toward since Paul equates these exhortations as God's will for us in Jesus Christ. Moreover, since this is God's will for us, we are once again reminded that living according to these admonitions is made possible by the grace of God given to us through Jesus Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit.

01. Rejoicing always does not discard genuine emotions to the contrary; rather, it affords us the ability not to be controlled by our circumstances as we find our joy in knowing God.

02. Praying without ceasing does not require uninterrupted times of prayer; rather, it includes a commitment to prayer and a continuation in prayer as we make our requests known to God.

03. Giving thanks in all circumstances does not dismiss our disappointments or erase our pain; rather, it enables us to trust from beginning to end the providences of our gracious God.

STANDING FAST IN THE LORD

1. What does it mean to rejoice in the Lord? Is rejoicing in the Lord the same as putting on a happy face? How does Paul express and explain his reasons for rejoicing in Philippians 1? In what ways are you able to rejoice even when circumstances seem to dictate otherwise? How does Habakkuk 3:17-19 illustrate the principle of rejoicing when it seems unreasonable to do so?

2. What does it mean to pray without ceasing? Does Paul primarily have in mind uninterrupted times of prayer? Does he have in mind a pattern of praying throughout the day? In what ways can you pray during the day as you go about your daily routine? Can you pray while washing dishes, driving to work, or watching kids play sports? Why is it important to have set times of prayer? See Mark 1:35 for further insight.

3. What have you been praying for that seems to be unanswered to this point, but you continue praying for it anyway? What encouragements for others do you have to help them persevere in prayer? How does Luke 18:1-8 encourage us to pray in faith without ceasing?

4. What circumstances have surprised you by turning out for the better when you initially thought there was no hope in that circumstance? How do such situations remind you that God knows the end from the beginning and can, therefore, be trusted to turn every circumstance for our good and His glory? See 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 for an example of learning to thank God in all circumstances.

5. Paul describes these three admonitions as "God's will for you in Christ Jesus." Does it help you to know that God wills these things and will, therefore, also give the ability to accomplish these things? As you look back over your life, how important is it for you to know that no matter what happens, you are a child of God? See Romans 8:18-39 for a pattern of praise for God's faithfulness.

For Further Reading: Michael Reeves, *Delighting in the Trinity* (IVP, 2012)

STANDING FAST IN THE LORD



The City of Corona owns 12 units of housing which will be converted to permanent supportive housing for Corona's chronically homeless neighbors who have disabilities such as mental illness, substance use disorders, chronic health issues, and physical disabilities. The City has a need for home furnishings for these housing units.

So, we want to organize a **Welcome Basket Drive to collect home furnishings** for the 12 housing units (four one-bedroom and eight two-bedroom). We want to collect **new items** (in their original packaging) to donate.

What are we looking for? **Check out the other side of this flyer for the list ...**

Thank you for considering this as part of your Christmas to bless our homeless neighbors!

Christmas Service Project

Remember, with our **Welcome Basket Drive**, we want to collect **new items** (in their original packaging) to donate. Here's what we're looking for:

Basket #1 - Bedding Package: Bedding (Full Sheets/Pillowcases/Blanket/Comforter), Pillows, & Mattress cover

Basket #2 - Bathroom Package: Bathroom Towels, Washcloths, Mat, Small Waste Basket, Plunger, Toilet Bowl Brush, Bathroom, & Supplies (Toilet Paper, Soap, Shampoo)

Basket #3 - Dining Room Package: Place Setting (2-3) Per Unit, Silverware Setting, Cooking Utensils, & Glasses

Basket #4 - Cooking Package: Pots and Pans, Assortment of Bowls, Toaster, Can Opener, & Mixer,

Basket #5 - Kitchen Package: Coffee Maker, Kitchen Towels, Trash Can, Cleaning Supplies, & Cookbooks

Basket #6 - Household Items: Small Vacuum Cleaner, Mop, Duster, Pillows, & Plants

In addition, a **"Note of Compassion"** can be included to recipients with each purchase/donation. It would be great 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 **Welcome Basket Drive** efforts will last from **December 4** until **December 19**. Bring donations to the Church Office during the week or to the Foyer on Sundays.

If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact **Colin Cordill** at ccordill@northpointcorona.org or call the Church Office at 951.734.1335.



**O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL**

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

Sing choirs of angels
Sing in exultation
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

Yea, Lord we greet Thee
Born this happy morning
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him

O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

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

In thy dark street shineth
The everlasting light
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight

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

We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell
O come to us, abide with us
Our Lord, Emmanuel
(repeat)

We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell
O come to us, abide with us
Our Lord, Emmanuel

Emmanuel, abide with us
Emmanuel

KING OF KINGS

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope, without light
'Til from heaven, You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Praise the Father, Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, Three in One
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus, for our sake You died

Praise the Father, Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, Three in One
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

HE HAS COME FOR US

God rest ye merry gentlemen
Let nothing you dismay
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray
O tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

He has come for us, this Jesus
He's the hope for all mankind
He has come for us, the Messiah
Born to give us life

From God our heavenly Father
A blessed angel came
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name
O tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

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KING OF KINGS

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ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Gloria, in excelsis Deo
Gloria, in excelsis Deo
In excelsis Deo
In excelsis Deo

O COME O COME EMMANUEL HYMN OF HEAVEN

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets
To look upon
The One Who bled to save me
And walk with Him for all eternity

There will be a day
When all will bow before Him
There will be a day where death will be no more
Standing face to face
With He Who died and rose again
Holy, holy is the Lord

And every prayer
We prayed in desperation
The songs of faith
We sang through doubt and fear
In the end, we'll see that it was worth it
When He returns to wipe away our tears

There will be a day
When all will bow before Him
There will be a day where death will be no more
Standing face to face
With He Who died and rose again
Holy, holy is the Lord

And on that day, we join the resurrection
And stand beside the heroes of the faith
With one voice, a thousand generations
Sing, "Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain"

And on that day, we join the resurrection
And stand beside the heroes of the faith
With one voice, a thousand generations
Sing, "Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain"
Forever He shall reign!

So let it be today
We shout the hymn of heaven
With angels and the saints
We raise a mighty roar
Glory to our God
Who gave us life beyond the grave
Holy, holy is the Lord
Holy, holy is the Lord
Holy, holy is the Lord