



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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*Christ, Our
Hope Fulfilled*

Advent 2023 at Northpoint



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 sermon series, *Christ, Our Hope Fulfilled*. There, we'll see that Jesus can do what the Old Testament priests could not: He can reconcile people to God. He is our forever priest.

SERVICE ORDER



DEC 17, 2023

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

- Prelude** - (*Behold with O Come Let Us Adore Him*) ————— Worship Team
Call to Worship ————— Steve Dahlgren, Worship Director
Psalm 24:7-10
- ▲ **Congregational Singing** ————— Worship Team + Congregation
Angels We Have Heard on High with Open up the Heavens
- Welcome + Announcements** ————— Noah Gauderman, Pastoral Intern
Lighting the Advent Candle — 1st - The Peters Family + 2nd - The Matthews Family
The Shepherds' Candle: Luke 2:8-11
- ▲ **Congregational Singing** ————— Worship Team + Congregation
Sing We Now of Christmas + God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen + Sing We the Song of Emmanuel
- Scripture Reading + Prayer** ————— Ryan Lemen, Children of the Word (C.O.W.)
Leviticus 16
- Offertory** ————— Worship Team
Special Music: *Manger Throne*
- Today's Message** ————— Dr. Tony Chute, Lead Pastor
A Priest Forever - Hebrews 5:1-10
From the Advent Series: *Christ, Our Hope Fulfilled*
- ▲ **Closing Song** ————— Worship Team + Congregation
All Glory Be to Christ
- Benediction** ————— Steve Dahlgren, Worship Director
1 Thessalonians 5:23-24
- Postlude** - (*Jesu Medley*) ————— Worship Team

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' 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
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), 5:00 p.m. & 6:15 p.m. - *Off This Week*
Senior & Junior High Combined Christmas Party, 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 - *Off This Week, See Tuesday Above*

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

LOOKING AHEAD AT NORTHPOINT *



Please plan to join us for an **evening of Christmas Worship** happening **TONIGHT Sunday, December 17**, at 6:00 p.m., in the Northpoint Worship Center.



NEXT Sunday is a **Family Sunday**; students grades 1-12 are in services with their families. The ministry morning is as usual for Early Childhood (kindergarten and younger).



This year, our **Christmas Sunday** and **Christmas Eve** services happen on the same day. On **December 24**, we'll have our typical Sunday morning services at 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Then, we'll meet again at 5:00 p.m., in the Worship Center, for our Christmas Eve service. The evening gathering will be a family event, so there won't be any childcare, but kids are welcome in the service!



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 2023, please deliver it to the Church Office by Thursday, **December 28**, or by mail if postmarked by **December 31**. Gifts received in January 2024, even if backdated, **will count as 2024 tax deductions**.



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



A Priest Forever

Hebrews 5:1-10

Dr. Tony Chute, Lead Pastor

Overview: In light of the Advent season, we are celebrating Jesus as our hope fulfilled, namely our Prophet, Priest, and King. The institution of the priesthood in the Old Testament was based on the need for a mediator between a holy God and sinful humanity with an aim toward eternal reconciliation. The fifth chapter of Hebrews describes the high priest as one who is appointed by God, acts on behalf of others in relation to God, and is able to sympathize with others in light of his own weaknesses. The members of the priesthood were ultimately unable to reconcile people to God in that the priests themselves were no less sinful than the people they served. However, Jesus fulfills the office and purpose of the priesthood as One who has been appointed by God, whose obedience in life and death qualifies Him to reconcile people to God, and whose life experience enables Him to sympathize with the children of God.

01. Since Jesus is our great high priest appointed by God, let us hold fast to our confession that He is the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.

02. Since Jesus is able to sympathize with our weaknesses, let us come to Him with confidence that we may receive mercy and grace to help in times of need.

Christ, Our Hope Fulfilled

1. What comes to mind when you think about priests? Does your background include a priest as an official in the church who was viewed as necessary for you to have access to God? How is the role of a pastor in a Protestant church different from that of a priest in the Catholic church? Which is more biblical?

2. What was the role of a priest in the Old Testament? Why were sacrifices required for sins in the Old Testament? What was the process and meaning behind the Day of Atonement in Leviticus 16? How does Leviticus 16 foreshadow the work of Christ on our behalf?

3. What are the requirements of the high priest according to Hebrews 5:1-4? Could anyone simply choose to be a priest, or must they be appointed by God and recognized by others? In what way was Jesus appointed to the priesthood? How does this appointment lead to/require the incarnation of Christ?

4. In what ways are people both "ignorant and wayward" when it comes to sin? How is the priest expected to deal with such people? What is the reason for the priest's sympathy? Are you amazed that Jesus deals with ignorant and wayward people gently, even though He never gave in to sin?

5. If Jesus learned obedience through suffering, what might be the purpose of our own suffering and trials? How was Jesus' prayer for deliverance ultimately answered? What confidence does this provide to you when you are suffering for your faith? See Psalm 22 for further insight.

For Further Reading: David Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *A Faithful and Merciful High Priest: Studies in the Book of Hebrews* (Crossway, 2019).

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