



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 Christmas morning is not merely the birth of Christ the King in a manger; it's a profound statement about the nature of authority and leadership.

SERVICE ORDER



DEC 24, 2023

▲ = 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, Silent Night, Holy Night, The First Noel + Joy to the World
- Welcome + Announcements** — Dr. Tamene Menna, Executive Pastor
- Mission Moment** — Dr. Tamene Menna + Karen Roper, City of Corona
Christmas Service Project Recap + Cuba Mission Trip
- Lighting the Advent Candle** — 1st - The Cowan Family + 2nd - The Roper Family
The Angels' Candle: Luke 2:9-14
- ▲ **Congregational Singing** — Worship Team + Congregation
Forever a King, O Little Town of Bethlehem, Infant Holy, Infant Lowly + There is a Redeemer
- Scripture Reading + Prayer** — Mark Blincoe, NP Growth Groups
2 Samuel 7:1-17
- Offertory** — Worship Team
Special Music: *Angels We Have Heard on High (Sing Gloria)*
- Today's Message** — Taylor Mendoza, Pastor of Students + Adults
The Return of the King - Psalm 72
From the Advent Series: *Christ, Our Hope Fulfilled*
- ▲ **Closing Song** — Worship Team + Congregation
King of Kings
- Benediction** — Steve Dahlgren, Worship Director
Psalm 29

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-Kindergarten, 9:00 a.m. - See below for Details
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 Eve Service, 5:00 p.m., Worship Center - See Below
- Monday** — **Church Office Closed for Christmas**
Weekly Prayer Time (Men and Women), 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., Commons - Off This Week
Men of the Word (Men's Bible Study and Small Groups), 7:00 p.m., Heritage Hall - Off This Week
- Tuesday** — **Church Office Closed for Christmas**
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
- Thursday** — Junior High Youth Group, 6:30 p.m., Youth Room Upstairs - Off This Week

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

LOOKING AHEAD AT NORTHPOINT *



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



Our **Christmas Eve service** is **TONIGHT** at 5:00 p.m., in the Worship Center. This will be a family event, so there won't be any childcare, but kids are welcome in the service!



NEXT Sunday, **December 31**, there will be only **ONE** service at 9:00 a.m., in the Worship Center. Like today, this will be a **Family Sunday**: see above for our kids' program details.



On Sunday, **January 7**, 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 and reserve childcare spots at the Information Center.



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



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

Richard & Grace Lefley

In honor of:

- Edith Lefley, mother
- Ann Dunham, sister
- Edward Leion, husband
- Elaine Lefley, wife
- Sharon Wise, niece
- Debbie Miles, niece

Sherry Hall

In memory of my mother and dad:

- Ila Piester
- Charles Piester

Roxana Fry

In memory of his life and passing:

- Ronald E. Fry

John & Rhonda Kresta

In honor of:

- Lela Hampton
- Agnes Kresta

Nancy Wyatt

In loving memory of:

- Henry Wyatt, husband
- Theone Ellis, sister

Raj & Dama Durairaj

In honor of:

- Vasantha Wilfred
- Ada Durairaj

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The Return of the King

Psalm 72

Taylor Mendoza, Pastor of Students + Adults

Overview: In a world marked by the struggle for authority and the ever-present yearning for genuine leadership, our hearts ache for a true and righteous ruler. This longing finds its resonance in the ancient words of Psalm 72, where the people cry out for a king whose reign brings justice, peace, and prosperity. As we stand on the precipice of Christmas morning, we're not merely commemorating a historical event but celebrating the birth of a king—the return of the King, whose arrival on that quiet Bethlehem morning echoes through the corridors of Revelation 20-22. Christmas morning is not merely the birth of the King in a manger; it's a profound statement about the nature of authority and leadership.

Outline:

1. The Promise of the Perfect King (*Psalm 72*)

2. The Good News of the Perfect King (*Luke 1:31-33; Mark 1:14-15; Matthew 27:37*)

3. The Return of the Perfect King (*Revelation 20:11-14; 21:3-5*)

Christ, Our Hope Fulfilled

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION & DISCOVERY

1. For Christmas morning, try reading through the passages listed in the outline on the other side of this sheet and pick a few of the questions below to discuss for family devotions before opening gifts!

2. How does the vision of the ideal king in Psalm 72 shape your expectations of leadership, and how does the announcement of Jesus as the "Son of the Most High" in Luke 1:32-33 fulfill these expectations?

3. Reflect on the contrast of the humble birth of Jesus on Christmas morning and the proclamation of His kingship through the inscription on the cross in Matthew 27:37. How does this paradox redefine your understanding of true leadership? (Especially in light of His suffering.)

4. How can you live out the humility and sacrificial nature of Christ's leadership in your daily interactions and responsibilities?

5. Consider the prevailing cultural challenges and skepticism toward authority. In what ways does this cultural context influence your perceptions of leadership, and how can you navigate these challenges in light of biblical principles?

6. How can the awareness of the final judgment (see Revelation 20:11-14) inspire a commitment to ethical leadership and responsible stewardship in your spheres of influence?

Recommended Reading: Keller, Tim. *Jesus the King: Understanding the Life and Death of the Son of God* (Penguin House Books, NY: 2011).

Christ, Our Hope Fulfilled

**LIVING NATIVITY MEDLEY**

***O Come, All Ye Faithful, Silent Night! Holy Night!,
The First Noel, and Joy to the World!***

Let us adore Him!

Let us adore Him!

Christ, the Lord!

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

Silent Night! Holy Night!

Silent night, holy night

All is calm, all is bright

Round yon virgin

Mother and Child

Holy Infant so tender and mild

Sleep in heavenly peace

Sleep in heavenly peace

The First Noel

The first Noel, the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds
In fields as they lay
In fields where they
Lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night
That was so deep

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

Joy to the World!

Joy to the world!
The Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and heaven
And nature sing!

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Sing, choirs of angels
Sing in exultation
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n 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

Let us adore Him
Let us adore Him
Christ, the Lord
Let us adore Him!

FOREVER A KING MEDLEY

***Forever a King, O Little Town of Bethlehem,
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly, There is a Redeemer***

Forever a King

*Jesus is wonderful
Jesus is beautiful
Merciful Savior
Light of the World
Jesus is glorious
Jesus is marvelous
Promised Redeemer
Prince of all peace
Forever a King*

Chorus

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Merciful Savior
Light of the World
Jesus is glorious
Jesus is marvelous
Promised Redeemer
Prince of all peace
Forever a King

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

Chorus

Jesus is wonderful
Jesus is beautiful
Merciful Savior
Light of the World
Jesus is glorious
Jesus is marvelous
Promised Redeemer
Prince of all peace
Forever a King

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Infant holy, infant lowly
For His bed a cattle stall
Oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ, the Babe, is Lord of all

Swift are winging, angels singing
Noels ringing, tidings bringing
Christ, the Babe is Lord of all!
Christ, the Babe is Lord of all!

Chorus

Jesus is wonderful
Jesus is beautiful
Merciful Savior
Light of the World
Jesus is glorious
Jesus is marvelous
Promised Redeemer
Prince of all peace
Forever a King

There is a Redeemer

Verse 1

There is a Redeemer
Jesus, God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God
Messiah, Holy One

Chorus

Thank You, O my Father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit till
The work on earth is done

Verse 2

Jesus, my Redeemer
Name above all names
Precious Lamb of God
Messiah, Hope for sinners slain

Chorus

Thank You, O my Father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit till
The work on earth is done

Verse 3

When I stand in glory
I will see His face
There I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place

Chorus

Thank You, O my Father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit till
The work on earth is done

(repeat)

*Promised Redeemer
Prince of all peace
Forever a King*

KING OF KINGS

Verse 1

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

Chorus

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit
Three in One
God of Glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

Verse 2

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

Chorus

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit
Three in One
God of Glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

Verse 3

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven heals its breath
'Til that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel, shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

Chorus

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit
Three in One
God of Glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings
(Repeat)

Tag

Praise forever to the King of kings
Praise forever to the King of kings
The King of kings!

And He shall reign forever and ever
And He shall reign forever and ever
And He shall reign forever and ever
And He shall reign forever and ever

Praise forever
Sing praise forever
Praise forever
Praise forever to the King of kings!