



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 symbolically celebrate Jesus' life, death, and resurrection with Communion. We'll hear a message from God to us from the Bible. Then, before being dismissed, 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 like the Thessalonians, we can be encouraged in knowing that He who calls us is faithful to complete what He has begun in us.

SERVICE ORDER



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

- Prelude** - (*Away in a Manger and Worthy*) ————— Worship Team
Call to Worship ————— Steve Dahlgren, Worship Director
Hebrews 1:1-12
- ▲ **Congregational Singing** ————— Worship Team + Congregation
What Child Is This + For Unto Us a Child Is Born + You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)
- Welcome + Announcements** ————— Sam Nguyen, Pastoral Intern, NP Elder
- ▲ **Congregational Singing** ————— Worship Team + Congregation
While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks + Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us
- Lighting the Advent Candle** — 1st - The Lombardi Family & 2nd - The Stites Family
The Shepherds' Candle: Luke 2:8-11
- Special Music** ————— Worship Team
O Come All You Unfaithful
- Communion** ————— Steve Flood, Northpoint Elder
Instrumental Meditation - *In the Bleak Midwinter*
- Today's Message** ————— Pastor Tony Chute, Lead Pastor
He Who Calls You is Faithful – 1 Thessalonians 5:19-28
From the series through 1 Thessalonians: **STANDING FAST IN THE LORD**
- ▲ **Closing Song** ————— Worship Team + Congregation
Promises with Joy to the World
- Benediction** ————— Steve Dahlgren, Worship Director
1 John 4:13-17
- Postlude** - (*Light of the World*) ————— 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' 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 - *Off This Week ... At Carols & Cookies*
Carols & Cookies in the Courtyard (Or in Heritage Hall!), 6:00 p.m. - *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 - *Off This Week*
- Tuesday** ————— Women of the Word Group Christmas Gatherings - *Off Campus*
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 - *Off This Week*
Women of the Word Group Christmas Gatherings - *Off Campus*
- Thursday** ————— Junior High Youth Group, 6:30 p.m., Youth Room Upstairs
- Friday** ————— SM Christmas Movie Night, 6:15 p.m., Youth Room Upstairs

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

LOOKING AHEAD AT NORTHPOINT *



TONIGHT, at 6:00 p.m., we're gathering for **Carols & Cookies in the Courtyard (or in Heritage Hall if it's raining!)** 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.



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:



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



The City of Corona needs home furnishings for their 12 permanent supportive housing units for our community's chronically homeless neighbors. So, with our **Welcome Basket Drive**, we're collecting home furnishings! Interested? Pick up a flyer today at our table in the Foyer.

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

LOVING GOD • LOVING ONE ANOTHER • REACHING HIS WORLD



He Who Calls You is Faithful

1 Thessalonians 5:19-28

Dr. Tony Chute, Lead Pastor

Overview: Paul's closing prayer and final exhortations center around the ongoing work of sanctification in the lives of the Thessalonians. His prayer indicates that sanctification includes peace with God, involves the whole person, continues throughout the life of the believer, and culminates upon Christ's return. Paul's exhortations reveal that believers must also participate in the ongoing work of sanctification. He, therefore, instructs the Thessalonians not to quench the Spirit nor despise prophecies, and he encourages them to hold fast to what is good and abstain from what is evil. Such basic commands do not exhaust the process or possibilities of sanctification; rather they provide a firm foundation for living a life dedicated to Christ. Like the Thessalonians, we can be encouraged in knowing that He who calls us is faithful to complete what He has begun in us.

01. Let's praise the Triune God who sanctifies us by calling us to be holy, providing holiness for us, and producing holiness in us.

02. Let's pursue sanctification individually and communally by avoiding evil, holding fast to what is good, and using the means of grace.

03. Let's persevere in sanctification by keeping the return of Christ before us and relying on God's faithfulness to us.

STANDING FAST IN THE LORD

1. What is sanctification? Is it a one-time event or an ongoing process? When does sanctification begin? When does sanctification reach its completion? Does the Bible envision full sanctification on this side of heaven? In what ways are you a different person now than you were before you were a Christian? In what ways are you a different person now than you were as a new Christian?

2. Note that verse 23 is a prayer, whereas verses 19-22, and 25-27 are commands and admonitions. What does the distinction between prayer and command suggest about God initiating the work of sanctification and our response to His initiative? How does this distinction remind us to pray for sanctification while also working towards that end?

3. Are there any areas of our lives that are off limits from being sanctified? Can we be sanctified in our minds without pursuing holiness with our bodies? How can we keep our thoughts pure and our minds clear of things that would keep us from growing in Christ? How can we use our bodies to glorify the Lord?

4. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in our sanctification? In what ways do we quench the Spirit? In what ways do we grieve the Spirit? How does the Holy Spirit sanctify us as we read, study, and hear the preached Word? What other means of grace does God provide for our sanctification?

5. What does sanctification look like in the context of church life? How can we grow together, rather than merely as individuals, at Northpoint? Are you challenged/encouraged by your church family to hold fast to what is good and to abstain from every form of evil? Do you sense that God is working in our midst as we pray for one another, greet and fellowship with one another, and study the Word of God together?

For Further Reading: Joel Beeke and Paul Smalley, *Reformed Systematic Theology: Word and Spirit* (Crossway, 2021)

STANDING FAST IN THE LORD



WHAT CHILD IS THIS

What child is this who laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping

This, this is Christ the King
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste, haste to bring him laud
The Babe, the Son of Mary

Why lies he in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding
Good Christian fear for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading

This, this is Christ the King
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste, haste to bring him laud
The Babe, the Son of Mary

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh
Come peasant king to own Him
The King of kings salvation brings
Let loving hearts enthrone Him

Raise, raise the song on high
The Virgin sings her lullaby
Joy! Joy for Christ is born
The Babe, the Son of Mary

FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN

For unto us a Child is born
Unto us a Son is given
Unto us a Son is given
For unto us a Child is born
Unto us a Son is given
Unto us a Son is given
And the government shall be upon His shoulder
And His Name shall be called
Wonderful, Counselor
The mighty God
The everlasting Father
The Prince of Peace
The everlasting Father
The Prince of Peace
(repeat)

YOU ARE HOLY (PRINCE OF PEACE)

Ladies: You are Lord of lords, You are King of kings
You are mighty God, Lord of everything
You're Emmanuel, You're the Great I Am
You're the Prince of Peace
Who is the Lamb
You're the Living God
You're my saving grace
You will reign forever
You are Ancient of Days
You are Alpha, Omega
Beginning and End
You're my Savior, Messiah
Redeemer and Friend
You're my Prince of Peace
And I will live my life for You

Men: I will sing to and worship
The King who is worthy
And I will love and adore Him
And I will bow down before Him
And I will sing to and worship the King who is worthy

And I will love and adore Him
And I will bow down before Him
You're my Prince of Peace
And I will live my life for You

WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS

While shepherds watched their flocks by night
Seated on the ground
The angel of the Lord came down
And glory shone around
And glory shone around

"Fear not!" Said he, for mighty dread
Had seized troubled mind
Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind
To you and all mankind

Men: To you in David's town this day
Is born of David's line
The Savior, who is Christ the Lord
And this shall be the sign
And this shall be the sign

Ladies: The heavenly Babe you there
shall find to human view displayed
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands
And in a manger laid
And in a manger laid

All glory be to God on high
And to the earth be peace
Good will henceforth
From heaven to men begin and never cease
Begin and never cease

SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US

Savior like a shepherd lead us
Much we need Thy tender care
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us
For our use Thy folds prepare
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus
Thou hast bought us Thine we are
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus
Thou hast brought us Thine we are

We are Thine do Thou befriend us
Be the Guardian of our way
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us
Seek us when we go astray
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus
Hear, O hear us when we pray
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus
Hear, O hear us when we pray

You are my Shepherd
I will want no other
Need no other, heed no other, My Shepherd
I will dwell with You forever
Forevermore

Early let us seek Thy favor
Early let us do Thy will
Blessed Lord only Savior
With Thy love our hearts are filled
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus
Thou hast loved us, love us still
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus
Thou hast loved us, love us still

You are my Shepherd
I will want no other
Need no other, heed no other, My Shepherd
I will dwell with You forever
Forevermore
(repeat)

PROMISES

God of Abraham
You're the God of covenant
And faithful promises
Time and time again
You have proven
You'll do just what You said

Though the storms may come and the winds may blow
I'll remain steadfast
And let my heart learn when You speak a word
It will come to pass

Great is Your faithfulness to me
Great is Your faithfulness to me
From the rising sun to the setting same
I will praise Your name
Great is Your faithfulness to me

God from age to age
Though the earth may pass away
Your word remains the same
Your history can prove
There's nothing You can't do
You're faithful and true

Though the storms may come and the winds may blow
I'll remain steadfast
And let my heart learn when You speak a word
It will come to pass

Great is Your faithfulness to me
Great is Your faithfulness to me
From the rising sun to the setting same
I will praise Your name
Great is Your faithfulness to me

JOY TO THE WORLD

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

No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found
Far as the curse is found
Far as, far as the curse is found

PROMISES

I put my faith in Jesus
My anchor to the ground
My hope and firm foundation H
He'll never let me down
(repeat)

Great is Your faithfulness to me
Great is Your faithfulness to me
From the rising sun to the setting same
I will praise Your name
Great is Your faithfulness to me