



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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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 short sermon series on the church with a message from the books of Hebrews and Revelation. There, we'll see why maturity and discernment are key attributes for elders in the church.

SERVICE ORDER



JAN 28, 2024

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

- Prelude** - (Brethren, We Have Met to Worship) ————— Worship Band
Call to Worship ————— Steve Dahlgren, Worship Director
Psalm 95:1-7
- ▲ **Congregational Singing** ————— Worship Team + Congregation
As It Is in Heaven + Build Your Kingdom Here
- Welcome + Announcements** ————— Noah Gauderman, Pastoral Intern
- ▲ **Congregational Singing** ————— Worship Team + Congregation
Trust in God + God Is on the Throne
- Scripture Recitation + Prayer** ————— Janet Hawkins
Hebrews 5: 1-14
- ▲ **Offertory** ————— Worship Team + Congregation
Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me
- Today's Message** ————— Craig Hawkins, NP Elder
Biblical Qualifications for Elders in God's Church - Hebrews 5: 1-14, Revelation 2:1-7
From the Series on the Church: **I will build my church**
- ▲ **Closing Song** ————— Worship Team + Congregation
In Christ Alone
- Benediction** ————— Steve Dahlgren, Worship Director
Romans 11:33-36
- Postlude** - (Praise to the Lord, the Almighty) ————— 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 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*)
New NP Theology III Class Continues, 9:00 a.m., Heritage Hall
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
- 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., Heritage Hall
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., Heritage Hall
Children of the Word (C.O.W.), 6:30 p.m., Campus Wide
- Thursday** ————— Junior High Youth Group, 6:30 p.m., Youth Room Upstairs
- Friday** ————— Moms Connecting, 10:00 a.m., Heritage Hall - *See Below*

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

LOOKING AHEAD AT NORTHPOINT *



If you're a mom raising young children, **Moms Connecting** is for you! **THIS Friday, February 2**, at 10:00 a.m., we'll gather at NP to welcome back our own **Erika Lazo**, a child therapist, who will field questions. Child care is provided. Please sign up by emailing momsconnecting@nothpoingcorona.org.



WHOSE LAND IS IT?

Does the state of Israel have a right or rights, and on what basis to its land? Is there a biblical, legal, and moral basis for Israel to claim their land? What about the Palestinians? A new four-week series, **Whose Land Is It?**, will aim to answer those questions. Join us on **February 4**, during second service, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., in the Living the Truth adult Sunday school class. Everyone is invited to this new series.



CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

Our next **Congregational Meeting** happens **NEXT Sunday, February 4**. Among other things, we will affirm new members: Matthew Dietrich, Jeff Cate, David Isaacs, Bryce and Channell Peterson, Celeste Bonilla, Edna Candari, Debi Martin, Ben Kang, Jean Plinski, Raider and Erin Smith, Laura Pass, Judy Mangold, Brandon Cummins, Garrett Mendoza, and Cade MacRitchie, and get an update on the Northpoint finances.



prayer life!

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

For Christians who have fallen into sin, our goal, among others, is to see them restored to full fellowship with GOD and fellow Christians. The goal of church discipline is always for the glory of God, the good of the church, and the repentance and restoration of the Christian who has fallen into sin!

As A. T. Robertson states in commenting on Galatians 6:1-2, the spiritual are those who are led by the Spirit and are “the spiritual experts in mending souls.” Thus, like a good doctor, our goal or desire is not to give bad news, but because we care and love others, where necessary we warn people so that they may have health and long life.

Like Paul and our LORD Himself, we should speak the truth in love.

“Love” divorced from Truth is the worst form of hate!

Galatians 4:16

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SERMON NOTES



JAN 28, 2024

Biblical Qualifications for Elders in God's Church

Hebrews 5: 1-14 and Revelation 2:1-7

Craig Hawkins, Northpoint Elder

Overview: There are more characteristics or qualifications for being an elder in God's church than we have time to discuss, even in this three-part series. See for example, 1 Timothy 1:5-7; 4:1-6, 16; 6:3-5, 20-21; 2 Timothy 1:13-15; 2:23-26; 3:15-16; 4:1-5; and Titus 1:9-16. While there are many attributes that an elder should have, today we are going to concentrate on the attribute of maturity, particularly maturity in the area/s of discernment. This discernment at least includes (1) the ability to discern good from evil in a strict moral sense of what is right and what is wrong, ethically speaking, and (2) the ability to discern good from bad, right from wrong, and correct from incorrect doctrine or theology. Theology is minimally the study of our words about God, His person, and work.

Our sub-theme is the need for elders to have discernment. So, we will be talking a lot about discernment. Our two main texts are Hebrews 5:14 and Revelation 2:1-7.

But first, a simple point:

We are warned many, many times about false teaching and false teachers. See, for example, Matthew 7:15-16; Romans 16:17-18; 1 Corinthians 10; 2 Corinthians 11:3-4, 13-14; Galatians 1:6-9; Colossians 2:16-23; 1 Timothy 1:3-11; 6:20-21; 2 Timothy 4:1-15; Titus 1:5-16; 3:9-11; and the list goes on and on. ...

Why are we warned so many times?

Indeed, Ron Rhodes correctly states: “It is for good reason that every book in the New Testament except Philemon has something to say about false teachers, false prophets, false gospels, or heresies.”

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Also, Irenaeus, bishop of modern-day Lyons, France, around 180 AD—a student of Papias and Polycarp—two students of the apostle John states:

“Error indeed is never set forth in its naked deformity, lest, being thus exposed, it should at once be detected. But it is craftily decked out in an attractive dress, so as, by its outward form, to make it appear to the inexperienced more true than truth itself.”

Hebrews 5: 1-14

Briefly, if all believers, all Christians, are supposed to be, or are called to be, mature, then an elder who is supposed to be a mature believer and a leader should be mature.

Definitions

Mature: teleios

To discern: diakrisis (from diakrino)

To discern, discernment, discerning

Revelation 2:1-7

Test: peirazo

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Further Points to Ponder/Application

Being good or nice is not good enough to be an elder. Elders need to know Scripture.

Being a good speaker is great, but it is nowhere listed as essential to being an elder.

Elders are called to discern and confront all false teaching and sin: both practices and beliefs.

Some Goals of Elders

“If someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:1-2 NIV

We are to both speak the truth and only speak it in love. See Ephesians 4:15.

Elders are to judge in a spirit of humility and biblical meekness.

The goals, among others, for us to judge doctrines, teachings, and/or practices are to protect fellow Christians and to promote a healthy Christian life for ourselves and others.

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**AS IT IS IN HEAVEN***Verse 1*

Our Father, Who art in heaven
Hallowed be Thy Name
Come and let Your glory come
And let Your glory fall

Our Father, Who art in heaven
The rocks cry out Your fame
Come and let Your glory come
And let Your glory fall

Pre-Chorus

I will sing, sing a new song
I will sing, sing a new song
I will sing, sing a new song
To the Lord!

Chorus

Let Your kingdom come
Let Your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven
Every heart proclaim
The mercy of Your Name
On earth as it is in heaven

Verse 2

God give us, new every morning
Mercy as daily bread
In the name of Jesus
In the name of Jesus we pray

And lead us not to temptation
But deliver us with Your hand
In the name of Jesus
In the name of Jesus we pray

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Bridge

For the Kingdom is Yours
And the power is Yours
And the glory forever, amen!
For the Kingdom is Yours
And the power is Yours
And the glory forever, amen!
(repeat)

Chorus

Let Your kingdom come
Let Your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven
Every heart proclaim
The mercy of Your Name
On earth as it is in heaven
(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

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!

TRUST IN GOD

Verse 1

Blessed assurance
Jesus is mine
He's been my fourth man in the fire time after time
Born of His Spirit
Washed in His blood
And what He did for me on Calvary is more than enough

Chorus

I trust in God, my Savior
The One who will never fail
He will never fail
I trust in God, my Savior
The One who will never fail
He will never fail

Verse 2

Perfect submission

All is at rest

I know the Author of tomorrow has ordered my steps

So this is my story

And this is my song

I'm praising my risen King and Savior all the day long

Chorus

I trust in God, my Savior

The One who will never fail

He will never fail

I trust in God, my Savior

The One who will never fail

He will never fail

Bridge

I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered

I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered

I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered

That's why I trust Him

That's why I trust Him

(repeat 2x)

Chorus

God, my Savior

The One who will never fail

He will never fail

I trust in God, my Savior

The One who will never fail

He will never fail

GOD IS ON THE THRONE

God is on the throne
He reigns forevermore
Just think about it, just think about it

Verse 1

Why should I worry?
Why should I fear?
Why should I run when Jesus is here?
I'm safe in His arms
Safe in His heart
And nothing can take me away from His love
Why should I worry?
Why should I fear?
Why should I run when Jesus is here?
I'm safe in His arms
Safe in His heart
And nothing can take me away

Chorus

God is on the throne
He reigns forevermore
Just think about it, just think about it
God is always good
He loves like a Father should
Just think about it, just think about it

Verse 2

When I am anxious, when I'm afraid
I find the strength when I call on His Name
I'm safe in His arms, safe in His heart
Nothing can take me away
He's the King of power, King of kings
He is the Lord over everything
To Him be the glory, the honor, and praise
Forever and ever, amen, always!

Chorus

God is on the throne
He reigns forevermore
Just think about it, just think about it
God is always good
He loves like a Father should
Just think about it, just think about it

YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

Verse 1

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 2

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Savior he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 3

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 4

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Ending

When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me
Yet not I but through Christ in me

IN CHRIST ALONE

Verse 1

In Christ alone, my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm

What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand

Verse 2

In Christ Alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save

'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

Verse 3

There in the ground, His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again

And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His, and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

THE SOLID ROCK

On Christ, the Solid Rock I stand
All the ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand
(repeat)

Verse 3

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny

No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I stand
Here in the pow'r of Christ I stand