

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

For you who are filled to the brim with happiness,

Jesus Christ, the joy of the world, is born.

For you who are mourning the loss of family and friends,

Jesus Christ, the joy of the world, is born.

For you who feel like you are tripping about in darkness,

Jesus Christ, the joy of the world, is born.

For you who rest in gratitude and contentment,

Jesus Christ, the joy of the world, is born.

For you who are surrounded by unlikely yet beautiful companionship,

Jesus Christ, the joy of the world, is born.

Come, let us worship the birth of our Savior!

Come, let us worship God Who came to dwell among us!

Jesus Christ, the joy of the world is born!

Sung Response: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the king of Israel

*OPENING PRAYER

We have waited for a long time for Your hope, Your joy, Your love to shine in the darkness of this world, Almighty God.

Even now, in our gathering here, we await You.

In our hearts, we still hope that Your light will blaze forth, banishing the shadows of this world and guiding all the people back to You.

Yet You did not come into this world in a show of power and glory.

You did not shine forth for all of creation to behold.

A tiny spark –

a newborn baby, visible to parents and curious animals.

A host of angels –

away from the populated areas, singing to humble shepherds.

A sparkling star –

guiding foreigners to see what neighbors could not.

Open our hearts, merciful God,

to the sparks of Your presence still in this world, that we might behold Your presence in the least likely of places, and among the least likely of people.

God with us,

kindle Your spark within us, that together we may shine forth Your light, we might banish the shadows of this world, we might be the continuation of the Christmas miracle:

Emmanuel is in this world, born is the King of Israel,

God is with us, now and evermore.

Illumine our hearts, gracious God,

that we might speak anew the words your Son taught us to pray, saying.....

Sheryl Dinklage

Rev. Dana Boes Pope

"O Children Come"

Rebekah Raabe

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sung Response: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the king of Israel

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all
And also with you.

Pastor Dana

Sung Response: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the king of Israel

(Musical signal to wrap up and return to your seats)

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Lighting of the Advent Candle

*HYMN

"The First Noel"

**The first Noel the angels 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, born is the king of Israel**

**They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night
Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the king of Israel**

**Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made heaven and earth of naught
And with His blood mankind hath bought
Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rebekah

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rebekah

God of light, we confess that we have gone astray and have turned away from Your light. We follow the dim lights of the world, of success, and of fortune. We follow the dim lights that call us to be more religious by following rules. We follow the fading light of salvation of our own making. Forgive us for not seeking the true Light of the world. Forgive us for not following the ways of Jesus, Who commanded us to love one another. Make us into light-bearers of love, compassion, and justice, in which the mystery of Your love is revealed. In the name of Jesus, the Messiah, the Christ child we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Dana

Sung Response: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the king of Israel

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Dana

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Rebekah

OFFERTORY

Northminster Orchestra

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

2025 NPC CHOIR CHRISTMAS CANTATA



The Promise - Michael W. Smith and Ryan Smith

Glory to God! - Mark Hayes and Pamela Martin

Emmanuel, God With Us - Nathan Nockels and Christy Nockels

O Come! - Mark Hayes and Claire Cloninger

What Can I Give Him? - John Henry Hopkins, Jr.

Light of Jesus, Shine Forever - Gary Rhodes and Claire Cloninger

Christmas Angels - Michael W. Smith and Jonas Myrin

*CLOSING PRAYER

Pastor Dana

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor Dana

*CLOSING HYMN #60

"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*

*POSTLUDE

Northminster Orchestra

Prayer List

Members:

Cindi & Jack King
Family of Anne Nicolaou
Bill & Louise Bischoff
Guy Green
Nancy Moore
Susan Cloud
Family of Jim Clark

Karen Currie
Marion Barth
Ken & Carol Polsz
Myron Leet
Margie Brown
Robin Atiyeh

Friends:

Zach McManus - ALS
Gretchen Lewis (Shannon Lewis' daughter-in-law)
Mary Rand (Hip Replacement)
Letha Adams (Suzanne's Mom)
William Smith (Mike Moore's Nephew)

Calendar

Check out npcatx.org for full calendar of events

Sunday, Dec 14 – Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 A.M. - Sunday School (All Ages)
10:30 A.M. - Worship Service/Choir Christmas Cantata
Children's Church
11:45 A.M. - Fellowship Hour
PW Annual Cookie Sale
Property Management Ministry Meeting

Monday, Dec 15

10:00 A.M. - Monday Morning Group Bible Study via Zoom
1:00 P.M. - Handbell Practice
7:00 P.M. - Helotes Band Concert

Tuesday, Dec 16

10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. - WorsdSchool SA Homeschool Group
6:30 P.M. - Line Dancing Class

Wednesday, Dec 17

10:00 A.M. - Presbyterian Women Meeting
2:30 P.M. - Soundbath Class

Thursday, Dec 18

10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. - WorsdSchool SA Homeschool Group

Friday, Dec 19

11:30 A.M. - Men's Luncheon - BJ's - Alamo Ranch

Saturday, Dec 20

8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. - Church Workday

Sunday, Dec 21- Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 A.M. - Sunday School (All Ages)
Breakfast With Santa
10:30 A.M. - Worship Service
Children's Church
11:45 A.M. - Fellowship Hour



Northminster Orchestra

Ron Garcia - Trumpet
Tony Farias - Trumpet
Nathan Lott - Trombone
Noah Pope - French Horn
Dawn Pendley - Flute
Anna DeRocher - Clarinet
Guerrina Esparza - Clarinet
Sheryl Dinklage - Keyboards
Melynn Young, NPC Music Director

Narrators:

Sarah Thompson
Anita Pankake
Nathan Oesterle
Hayden Oesterle
David Pinner
Elsa Salazar
Marsha Schendel
Ron Hilburn
Kurt Owen
Linda Ngeukwi
Kyrie Ndikum
Eddie Pope

Special thanks to all who helped to make this day possible:

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Sanctuary Augmentation:

Jay Young, Ken Polsz, and Tom Robinson

Sound:

Kory Owen

Bulletin Creativity:

Sherrie Wilson

Encouragement and Support:

Jay Young, Pastor Dana Boes Pope, and the wonderful Northminster
Choir Family

We have so many people that all do their part to make our Music
Ministry a blessing to all who worship here. God has gifted us with so
many that give selflessly to further the ministry of Jesus Christ here
at Northminster.

♪Praise God from whom all blessings flow♪ Amen!

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

DECEMBER 14TH, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT