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CHRISTMAS JOY!
CHERISHED COMFORT!



Northminster
Presbyterian Church

DECEMBER 20, 2009

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Who We Are

“Joyful and alive in Christ!”

Our Purpose

Through Jesus Christ

Planting seeds of hope

Branching out in faith

Bearing fruit in love

All for the glory of God!

WELCOME

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WELCOME

“My eyes have seen your salvation.” That is what Simeon said when he, while waiting in the temple, was moved by the Spirit to embrace the infant Jesus and proclaim that the comfort and hope of the living God had at last arrived. May that same Spirit move and touch your hearts as we gather today in worship – to know that the peace we most need has been given to us, in Christ.

Welcome! Please join us after the service in the Rowley Courtyard for a time of visiting and refreshments – and if you are a newcomer today, please pick up one of our Welcome Packets with gifts inside for you!



... FROM PASTOR
ANDY ROSS

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Contemporary:	8:00am
Worship & Wonder for children:	8:00am (dismissed from Sanctuary)
Traditional:	9:30am and 11:00am
Worship & Wonder for children:	11:00am (dismissed from Sanctuary)
Fusion:	6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday:	8:00am - 4:00pm
Friday:	8:00am - 3:00pm
Sunday:	8:00am - 12:30pm

HEARING ASSISTANCE

The Northminster Sanctuary is equipped with an amplification system to assist worshippers who have difficulty in hearing the worship service. If you would like to use one of the receivers, just ask any of our ushers for assistance.

CHURCH NURSERY FOR INFANTS TO THREE YEARS OLD

The Nursery is staffed from **7:45am-12:15pm every Sunday** and is located in Room 2 of the Christian Education Building. Child care is provided during all three Sunday morning worship services. Children are promoted out of the Nursery in August only.

WORSHIP & WONDER: CHURCH FOR KIDS!

Worship and Wonder is a worship experience for children age four through second grade held during the **8:00am and 11:00am worship services**. It is designed to help children experience God through music, biblical storytelling, and prayer while giving children the freedom to respond to God (wonder) in their own way. After the children's message, leaders escort children to CE Room 7. Any parent of a new or visiting child is welcome to go with their child to Worship and Wonder until they feel that their child is comfortable. Parents may pick up their children in CE Room 7 after the worship service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

Sunday school for all ages takes place at 9:30am. See this week's calendar at the back of the bulletin for room assignments.

WELCOME

UPCOMING SERMONS***"You're Expecting!" Advent/Christmas series***

December 24	Isaiah 9:1-7	You're Expecting: It's a Boy! It's a Savior!
December 27	Isaiah 45:1-7	You're Expecting: Sovereign Power!
January 3		2010: A Grace Odyssey

FUSION SERMONS***Advent Conspiracy series***

December 20	Advent Conspiracy: Love All
December 27	Advent Conspiracy: No Returns

CHANCEL FLOWER DEDICATIONS

If you would like to give the Chancel Flowers in memory of someone, please contact Marian Hargrove in the Church Office at 327-7121.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM SCHEDULE

In order for you to plan accordingly, the following dates have been scheduled for the Sacrament of Baptism: **January 10 and February 21**. Please call the Church Office at 327-7121 to arrange for a baptism. If possible, we would like to receive requests three weeks prior to the requested baptism date.

INTERNET

Visit our new Web site at www.npctucson.org for online versions of our newsletters and bulletins, as well as information on Northminster ministries and upcoming events.

RADIO BROADCASTS

Join us on the radio! Our worship services and ministry are broadcast on KGMS 940AM on **Sundays from 6:00-7:00pm and Monday through Friday, 6:30-7:00am**.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

Be sure to pick up the latest edition of our monthly devotional guide based on readings from *The Daily Lectionary*, and written by Northminster members! Ask for a copy from an usher or from the Church Office, or download a copy online.

EARLY DEADLINES

The deadline for the December 20 and 24 bulletins is **Tuesday, December 15**, and the deadline for the December 27 bulletin is **Friday, December 18**.

PUBLICATIONS DEADLINES

Articles for the weekly bulletin must be submitted by Wednesday, 8:00am. Articles for the monthly newsletter, *The Vine & The Branches*, are due no later than 8:00am on the second Friday of the month. If you would like to receive our newsletter, please contact our Church Office. Electronic submission via email is preferred. Articles should be submitted as a Microsoft Word document when possible. Please e-mail all articles to Amy Paegel, Publications Editor, at apaegel@npctucson.org.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP - 8:00AM

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*Welcome! Thank you for silencing your cell phones and pagers during the worship service.
Feel free to join the worship leaders in singing or reflect in silence as we prepare for worship.*

Gathering

Do You Hear What I Hear?

Praise Band

Invitation to Worship

Lighting of the Advent Candles

The Earhart Family

Songs

All Who are Thirsty

Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble?

Sharing

Greetings

Children's Sermon

The children are dismissed to Worship & Wonder at this time.

Church Life

Pete Seiferth

Andy Ross

Songs and Prayers

Jesus Messiah

Away in a Manger

Offering

Silent Night

arr. by Selah

The Word

Scripture Isaiah 40:1-7

Series You're Expecting!

Message Cherished Comfort

Pastor Andy

Song

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Blessing

*If you would like someone to pray with you after the service,
you are encouraged to walk over to the Prayer Garden, where a member
of our Prayer Team will pray with you.*

8:00

Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Response 188** *(green hymnal) Angels We Have Heard on High (verse 3 only)*

***Greetings and Welcome**

Sermon for Children *(11:00)* Rev. Skodiak
The children are dismissed to Worship & Wonder (children's church) at this time.

Moment for Church Life Dr. Andrew Ross

Commissioning of New Members

Hymn 226 *(green hymnal) God's Love Made Visible!*

Pastoral Prayer

***Response 229** *(green hymnal) The First Noel (verse 6 only)*

***Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

Offertory	<i>But Who May Abide the Day of His Coming (9:30)</i>	Handel
	<i>Every Valley Shall be Exalted (11:00)</i>	Handel

Anthem	<i>And the Glory of the Lord</i>	Handel
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Scripture	Isaiah 40:1-7	
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Series	You're Expecting!	
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Sermon	Cherished Comfort	Dr. Ross
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***Hymn 184** *(green hymnal) What Child is This?*

***Benediction**

Response	<i>Gloria in Excelsis Deo</i>	French
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Postlude	<i>Toccata on "I Saw Three Ships"</i>	D.Lasky
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9:30 & 11:00

Isaiah 40:1-11.

Too much comfort?

The comfort we most need.

3 voices that lead us to Christmas ...

1. Christmas means comfort ...
2. Christmas means comfort that is ...
3. Christmas means comfort ...

"Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." - Luke 2:25-32

*And the glory, the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
And all flesh shall see it together;
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.*

This morning the choir is singing *And the Glory*, one of the well-known choruses from Part I of Handel's *Messiah*. It is, in fact, the opening chorus, preceded in *Messiah* by the tenor aria, *Every Valley Shall be Exalted*. It is immediately followed by the bass aria, *But Who May Abide the Day of His Coming*.

The opening sections of *Messiah* represent the Old Testament prophecy of Christ's coming. The text of this chorus, taken from Isaiah 40:5, is one of the many prophetic passages from the prophet Isaiah that foretell the birth of the Messiah. The tenor aria starts with Isaiah 40:1: "Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God," and continues successively with each verse through verse five - "And the glory. . ." This text is spoken by "the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness." "Glory" refers to the resplendent radiance of light that will surround the Messiah. "All flesh" can be interpreted as all humankind.

The story of Handel's writing of *Messiah* is well known. What may not be so well known is that he was fulfilling an obligation to write an oratorio in English to raise funds for Irish orphanages, and the first performance took place on April 13, 1742 in Dublin, Ireland, conducted by Handel himself.

Handel composed many oratorios, but it is *Messiah* that has captured the hearts and inspired generations of listeners. More than 250 years after its debut in Dublin, it still compels listeners into a personal encounter with the prophetic scriptures of salvation.

After completing *Messiah*, Handel declared, "I did think I did see all Heaven before me, and the great God Himself." In fact, Handel was so taken over by his musical inspiration that he could scarcely commit his pen to paper with sufficient speed. It's useful to be reminded that every note was written by hand using a quill dipped in ink. He composed the entire work in the space of 21 days! The modern, complete, printed edition of *Messiah* encompasses 250 pages. Handel's inspiration and his completion of this masterpiece of sacred choral literature is even more remarkable considering that he was at a low ebb in his career and, as a consequence of a stroke, was suffering partial paralysis on his left side.

Handel was a master dramatist and used drama to its fullest extent in both the choruses and arias, infusing the entire work with effects which combine to present an inspirational vehicle for reaching human hearts with the message of Christ's birth.

We are very fortunate to have two guest soloists this morning: Robb Harrison, baritone, and Dennis Tamblyn, tenor. Robb is singing *But Who May Abide* at the 9:30 service. Dennis is singing *Every Valley* at the 11:00 service.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

This morning, we welcome the following new members who were received by the Session of Tuesday, November 24, 2009.

Roger and Rose Carmichael

4140 E Megan Drive
Tucson, AZ 85712
520-762-8360

Joining by Certificate of Transfer from Pantano Christian Church, Tucson, AZ.

Brian Garrigan

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Tucson, AZ 85710
520-514-2240

Joining by Confession of Faith

Fernand Loumouamou

3125 N. Alvernon
Tucson, AZ 85712
520-795-0413

Joining by Certificate of Transfer from Word Miracle Church International, Accra, Ghana

Terry and Maggie Reed

7792 E Sam Hill Place
Tucson, AZ 85750
520-529-1031

Joining by Certificate of Transfer from Barrington Presbyterian Church, Barrington, IL.

Tracey Schlabach

13842 E Red Hawk Sky Trail
Tucson, AZ 85641
520-207-1599

Joining by Certificate of Transfer from Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Tucson, AZ.

Judith Van Meter

13829 E. Red Hawk Sky Trail
Tucson, AZ 85641
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Joining by Certificate of Transfer from Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Tucson, AZ.

CLASS 101: DISCOVERING CHURCH MEMBERSHIP!

Come meet Northminster! Class 101 is for anyone who is interested in learning more about the Christian faith, the mission of Northminster church, what being a member means and involves, and what your place can be within our church family. Our next 2-part class will be held on **Sunday, January 10 and 17 from 2:00pm - 4:00pm in CE Classrooms 8&9**. Please contact Kathy Mallgren at the Church Office at 327-7121 to register for the class or for information.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS COURTYARD MUSIC

Our annual Courtyard Christmas music concerts continue today. As you step outside for your coffee and cookies during Advent, you will be treated to beautiful Advent and Christmas music presented both by guest and Northminster musicians.

Today Northminster Men's Choir

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

The message of Christ's birth has inspired composers to create some of the most wonderful music ever written. Here, in the Sanctuary, on Christmas Eve - away from the distractions of things yet undone, the to-do lists and hurrying to complete what sometimes seems like endless preparations - we can sit quietly and allow our souls to respond to the timeless, comforting truth: God sent his Son into the world for the salvation of humankind. He is the indescribable gift!

Please join us for one of our Christmas Eve services:

Family Service, 4:00pm - Children are welcome! A joyful time to gather as families sing, interact and celebrate the One born as the Light of the world! Those of you with children will want to know that at this service, we will conclude with a visit from a friend from far up north - to remind us of the best Gift of all. The Contemporary Ensemble will provide the music. Childcare will be provided.

Carols, Candlelight & Drama, 7:00pm - Join us for this beautiful, candlelight service of carol singing, featuring a lively drama and a message about the Miracle we most need entering our stage. Christmas carols, Sanctuary Choir, drama and candle lighting highlight this service. Childcare will be provided.

Candlelight Service of Lessons & Carols

Music for Organ and Instruments, 10:30pm - The pre-service presentation of Christmas music for organ and other instruments is a time to decompress, let the music enter your souls, and contemplate the miracle of God's indescribable gift to his earthly family: his Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Choir Processional, 11:00pm - A service of hushed reverence and beauty, celebrating the Light of the World being born into our lives. The formal start of the service begins with the choir's singing of the traditional processional carol, *Once in Royal David's City*. The scriptures, music, homily and candlelight in our lovely sanctuary create an aura of quiet expectation for meeting the Savior.



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY 2010 - SIGN UP TODAY!

We need you to make our new family album complete! Help us put faces with names in our 2010 Pictorial Directory. Our Directory Committee has chosen Lifetouch to help us connect our members and tell our story. There is no cost or obligation to participate and each individual or family who takes part will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and one pictorial directory. Portrait sessions will take place in January and February. Schedule your session online at www.npctucson.org (click on "Portrait Sign-Up") or come to the **Computer Lab** in Room 10 of the Christian Ed building, **on January 10, 2010** between all morning services of worship. For more information, contact Sheila Yamanaka at 327-7121 or syamanaka@npctucson.org.

SR HIGH & YOUNG ADULT SKI/SNOWBOARD ADVENTURE

February 25 - 28, 2010, Taos, New Mexico

Sr High students and young adults are you ready for a down hill adventure?

Ski Trip 2010 includes: Roundtrip transportation, 4 days/3 nights lodging, Basic Ski / Snowboard Package, 2 day lift ticket, Dinner on Friday & Saturday, Breakfast Fri., Sat. & Sun., More fun, food & faith stuff than is legal in the state of New Mexico.

Costs vary by age and package.

Registration forms are available in the Youth Room and at Fusion.

For additional information please contact Sheila Yamanaka at 327-7121 or syamanaka@npctucson.org.

SENIOR SNEAK TO THE ARIZONA OPRY

Get on board the Senior Sneak to Barleens Arizona Opry Dinner Theater in Apache Junction, Arizona, **Tuesday, January 19**. This is a wonderful evening of musical entertainment, with a chicken and dressing dinner to boot! This year's show is entirely new and sure to get yer toes tappin'. The cost is \$58 and includes dinner, chocolate cake, the show, and transportation. Sign up in the Church Office during the week, in the Rowley Courtyard on Sunday mornings, or at any Seniors' Event.

SENIOR LUNCH

Our next Senior Lunch will be **Wednesday, January 27 at 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall**. Our featured presenter will be Dr. Ingolf Wallow to inform us about critical bioethical issues from a Bible perspective.

SOUP LUNCH

Wednesday, January 6, 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to join us for wonderful soup, sides and a yummy dessert. We also enjoy a devotion and great fellowship. The cost is only \$2, so come and have lunch with us!

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S DAY

Please note the Church Office hours for the Christmas and New Year holidays:

Thursday, December 24 8:00am - 12:00pm	Thursday, December 31 8:00am - 12:00pm
Friday, December 25 Closed	Friday, January 1 Closed
Monday, December 28 Closed	

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Children age 3-grade 5 are invited to celebrate Jesus' birthday at our annual Christmas party **Sunday, December 27**. Kids will hear the story of Jesus' birth while they enjoy games, snacks and crafts. Children age 3-Kindergarten will meet in **Room 5**, and grades 1-5 will meet in **Rooms 8/9**. For more information, please contact Sheila Yamanaka at 327-7121 or syamanaka@npctucson.org.

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULES

Son Life Mid High Youth Group, for students in grades 6-8, meets **every Wednesday, 6:00-8:00pm in the Multipurpose Building.**

December 23 and 30 No meetings (Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!)

Cornerstone Senior High Youth Group is for students in grades 9-12, and meets **every Sunday, 4:00-5:30pm in the Multipurpose Building.** *Remember to support Roger, please bring \$3.*

December 20

Regular meeting

December 27

No meeting (Happy New Year!)

ROCKY POINT MISSION TRIP 2010

Northminster's Rocky Point mission trip is a short-term mission trip based on touching the lives of families in Puerto Peñasco, Mexico at the point of their greatest need. As we partner with Amor Ministries on this mission trip you will have the chance to understand the conditions of poverty through immersion. You will get dirty. You will build a home for a family. You will experience community. You will discover the profound simplicity of how to "love your neighbor". Trip dates February 12-14, 2010.

Come and be a part of this amazing ministry! Sign up in the Church Office if you'd like to participate. Save the date: planning meeting January 12, 2010 at 6:00pm.

THE DEACONS CLOSET

Did you know? The Deacons Closet is available to Northminster members in need. You are very much welcome to come on Tuesdays from 9:00-11:00am. Or you may simply call the Church Office at 327-7121 to make arrangements.

The Deacons sincerely thank everyone who continues to donate week after week. This week, we need peanut butter, jam, jello, cereal, individual-serving-sized juice, spaghetti pasta, spaghetti sauce. As always, regular-sized cans and jars are better than institutional-sized ones. Please make sure products are not expired.

JOIN THE PARISH CARE TEAM!

There are times when we haven't seen a member's face or heard their voice, and we want to check in with them to make sure everything is okay and if there is anything they might need. A call or card from a member of our Parish Care Team is just the right family-to-family connection! There's room now for you to be a part of this valuable team. Stop by or call the Church Office to let us know you want to be a part of this ministry.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

For nearly 70 years, Presbyterians have given generously at Christmas to support unmet needs of families who have given their lives to the mission of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The Christmas Joy Offering meets the needs of students who are working to develop their gifts, supports racial/ethnic education, and has expanded to help families of active and retired church workers meet unexpected needs. This Christmas let's open our hearts to others through the Christmas Joy Offering, which will be received on **Today** at all worship services. Envelopes are available in the Narthex, or you may use a pew envelope marked "Christmas Joy Offering." If you would like to receive credit on your giving statement, please place your name and giving number (if known) on the envelope.

TAX CREDIT FOR KINDERGARTEN - AND FIRST GRADE!

Please consider helping us provide scholarships for children to attend our school here at Northminster. The State of Arizona allows individuals to donate up to \$500 and married couples up to \$1,000 to private schools to be used for scholarships. The amount donated is a tax credit and will either increase your refund or reduce the amount you have to pay dollar for dollar.

To participate, obtain forms in the Church Office or the Preschool Office. You can pay in one lump sum or over the year, but need to make your contribution **before December 31**. You may pay by check or credit card. Please indicate Northminster or a designated child on the form.

CRAGIN SCHOOL CONNECTIONS

The deadline for State Tax Credit donations is **December 31**. You can donate to Northminster Christian Kindergarten and still donate \$200 per individual or \$400 per couple to a public school. Won't you consider helping Cragin Elementary School? Cragin forms are in the Church Office. For questions, call the Cragin principal at 232-6700.

WORKSHOP LEADERS NEEDED

Men and women of all ages are invited to share their gifts and talents with the children of Northminster by becoming a Workshop Leader! Our Bible BLAST Workshop Rotation Model teaches major concepts and Bible stories through kid-friendly, multi-intelligence workshops, such as art, cooking, science, storytelling, music and movement, games, drama and multimedia. As a Workshop Leader, you commit to only one five-week rotation on Sunday at 9:30am, teaching the same lesson each week to the different grade levels coming in. You can always commit to more if you want. For information, please contact Sheila Yamanaka at 327-7121 or syamanaka@npctucson.org.

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS JANUARY 3

9:30-10:30am in the Grundstrom Room. "On Earth As It Is In Heaven. . ." Jesus prayed these words, but how do they translate here today, in our world, in our lives?

These questions and much more will be explored in a seven-week series starting January 3. Paul Wilson will be our guide as we explore this important and very relevant topic. Come and grow as disciples in Christ . . . you won't regret it.

MEN'S COACH TALK BREAKFAST: GUEST SPEAKER DICK LEON

Guys of all ages are invited to gather together for a discussion on "How the Gospel Moves from the Locker Room to Real Life," real-life issues for men from a Biblical perspective, **Saturday, January 9, 8:30-10:00am in the Grundstrom Room.**

Breakfast burritos will be served. This is a great opportunity to invite a friend! The cost is only \$6. Please let us know you are coming. Sign up in the Church Office no later than Sunday, January 3. For more information, contact Sheila Yamanaka at 327-7121 or syamanaka@npctucson.org.

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MID HIGH BROOMBALL ON ICE - OVERNIGHTER!

Students in grades 6-8 are invited for an overnight getaway to Phoenix, **January 29-30!** Invite your friends and plan to bundle up for some fast fun, playing broomball on ice. Cost of \$25 includes broomball, ice skating, lodging, transportation and food. Students will leave from NPC at 4:00pm Friday and return by 9:00am on Saturday. Registration forms are available in the Youth Room. For more information, contact Sheila at 327-7121 or syamanaka@npctucson.org.

CHILDREN'S MIDWEEK FRIENDS RESUMES JANUARY 13

Midweek Friends at Northminster is "fun with a purpose" for children age 4 - grade 5. We resume meeting **January 13**. The evening begins with fun and laughs followed by dinner. Then we take a look into the Bible through games, projects and other surprises. Midweek Friends is just that - a time to make new friends with God, kids and caring adults. Packed with fun times and great Bible learning, Midweek Friends is a great place for kids to bring a friend! Children must have turned four years old by August 31, 2009 to participate. For those not yet attending, registration forms for the spring session can be found in children's classrooms, or contact Peter at 327-7121 or pearhart@npctucson.org.

PRAISEFEST

Mark **January 31, 2010 at 5:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall for PraiseFest: Northminster's first contemporary music worship concert! Join Northminster's combined contemporary music teams, led by Julia Higgins, as we joyfully sing a concert of worship to God! All ages are invited to come, worship, and stick around afterwards for a simple meal together.

THE ALPHA COURSE

An opportunity to explore the meaning of life...

Wednesday nights, January 6 - February 10 6:00—8:00pm Grundstrom Room

ALPHA is a simple, dynamic and effective introduction to the essentials of living out the Christian life in our everyday world. The course is for individuals who have questions about the Christian faith as well as for those who want to reaffirm or clarify what they believe.

ALPHA is a great chance for teens, adults and families to grow in faith together and a wonderful opportunity to invite friends to join you—friends who may not have a church home or who are asking questions about God.

The ALPHA evening begins with a light meal, followed by a short video and discussion.

During the six weeks we'll discuss these big topics:

Who is Jesus?

Why did Jesus die?

Why and how do I pray?

Why and how should I read the Bible?

Does God heal today?

Why and how should we tell others?

Then, on Saturday, February 6, 9:00am-1:00pm, on our Holy Spirit Day, we will seek answers to the questions: Who is the Holy Spirit? What does the Holy Spirit do? How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?

Are you ready to explore the meaning of life? To attend, please register in the church office or call 327-7121. Please let us know if you need childcare. **INVITE A FRIEND!**

BAND ANGELS

The Preschool and Kindergarten are selling bandages that have cute angel characters and Bible verses on them. The cost is \$3.50 for a box of 30, or three boxes for \$10. They will make great stocking stuffers! Stop by the Church Office and pick up several for the little angels in your life!

NEEDED PARKING SPACES

Northminster has a delightful problem during the winter! But it can be a challenge to find a parking space on Sunday mornings. We have permission from Catalina Terrace, Dent Busters and The Fountains to use their lots. You can park at the basketball court or along Hedrick (south of the church property). Thank you for your consideration.

HOSPITAL VISITATION

Northminster Compassion Ministries has developed a program dedicated to bringing the love and grace of Jesus Christ to those who have been hospitalized. Those involved will be readily available for hospital visitation needs. This ministry will greatly increase the level of visitation to those in hospitals, rehab, hospice, etc. Please pray for this effort. For more information, contact Sam Adkins at samkadkins@aol.com, Pastor Cheek at jcheek@npctucson.org, or contact the Church Office at 327-7121.



MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS

We gratefully acknowledge the Memorial Poinsettias, which add so much beauty to our decorations this Advent season, contributed by the following members and friends of Northminster Presbyterian Church.

Liz & Ron Adams
Barbara Arvold
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Bernice Dunbar
Mildred Dunn
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June First
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Gail Franklin

Bill & Sonia Gaddis
Bill & Sonia Gaddis
Mairi M. Gray

George & Eden Hackney

In Memory Of:

our son, Dean Adams
In loving memory of Bob
Robert Babbitt and Robert Forrester
our parents and loved ones
loved ones
Leona & Ed Bambauer and Mary & Floyd Lyons
Loved ones
our parents, John & Dorothy Brobeck and Bill
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our parents
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A.V. & Bernice Gibson
Courtney Page Zillman and Mona Overstreet
our parents
J. Franklin Dow, husband
my husband, Harry Dunbar
J. Lamar Dunn and Stan & Kathleen McArthur
Wray A. Findlay
my husband, Ronald C. First
LeRoy and Danny Foss
Richard Franklin, husband, Edith Beatty, mother
and Vincent Ciminera, brother-in-law
our parents and grandparents
Mary Baumgartner
Alec, Ian & Clayton Sorbie, Mairi's grandsons,
Christopher MacDonald MacDermid, Mairi's
younger brother
our loved ones

Art & Marian Hargrove	Our parents, Mary Birkholz and Julian Claverie
Peter & Lillian Heerschap	our parents
Ron & Judy Heiligenstein	our parents
Harry & Diane Heimann	Elsie & Harry Heimann and Dolores & Charles Pflugfelder
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Linda Voorhies & Gerald Hughes	Randall & Louise Legler, Gerald & Retta Hughes, David Norell
Jean Jacobs	my husband, George P. Jacobs
Stardust Johnson	Roy Johnson, Roy & Florence Johnson, Richard & Harriet Kreamsner and Ronald Carter
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Sandra Kientz	Betty J. Bradley and Steve Kientz
Steve & Kathy King	Marion & Ken King and Harvey Oolman
Kathy Lee	Sonja Crist and Alice Christenson
Charles & Diane Lemley	Fred & Eleanor Lemley
Howard & Helen Lindberg	Cynthia Gregory and Bill Feisley
Terry & Vicki Lutrick	Ray Stanton, Vicki's father and Sandy Lutrick, Terry's mother
Bill & Mitzi McCrady	family
Lily Meijer	my husband, Henry P. Meijer
Walt & Judy Morgan	our parents
Roy McNeil and Marty & Cindy Neuens	Anne F McNeil, beloved wife of Roy McNeil and mother of Cindy Neuens
Richard & Naomi Nonn	loved ones
The John O'Brien Family	Henrietta "Nana" O'Brien
The Palin Family	Loved ones
Joan Lackie & Mona L. Patterson	Parents and friends
Jim & Sylvia Pfersdorf	Richard Carl Pfersdorf
Henrietta & Victor Pisano	Parents, Ruth & Henry Franklin and Jean & Victor Pisano, my brother, Richard Franklin and cousin, Michael Geiss
Larlane Pritts	David Scott Kettunen
Wally & Patsy Rickards	Jim Morisey and Joe & Alvena Rickards
John & Jean Riley	our loving parents
Fred Rogers	my wife, Florence Rogers
Andrew & Michele Ross	Kay W. Ross and Valerie Tate

Marty & Sarah Ryan
Phyllis W. Schneck

Tami Schultz and Joyce Schultz
Peter & Lori Seiferth
Paula Shaulis
John, David, Patty & Shayla Sliffe
Norman Spindler
Cliff & Gladys Stadem
Paula and Katie Strohmeyer

Arlene Sturm
Jesse Swafford
Barry Tucker
Fred & Nancy Utter

Ken Vanderleest
Rae & Randie Vermeal
John & Barbara Walker
Glen Jarnigan, Loretta McKenzie

Sally Wiger
Gracie Wiggins
Paul & Ellen Wilson
Marshall Worden
Harold & Wilma Wright

Jane Adkins
Mark Adams and Melanie Hunsberger
Jennifer Hager
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Arlene Sturm
Martha Dow

best friend and husband, Ernest J. Schneck and
good friend, Leroy Foss
father and loving husband
Lori's grandmother, Katisue Harmon
Royden Shaulis
Esther "Tex" Sliffe
Theresa Spindler
Karl Stadem
Haiden Michael Strohmeyer, John Strohmeyer,
Betty Strohmeyer and Paul & Dorothy Kesler
Loved ones
Nina Ruth Swafford, mother
Jody Tucker
our parents, Fred & Helen Utter and Edwin
& Ruth Hogueland
my father and brother
Lib Oldemeyer, Rae's mom
our parents
loved ones - George Jacobs, Kelsey & Ann
Jarnigan and Tony Webb and Wm. Webb
Mother, Mae Garrie
my parents and grandparents
Peyton & Anna Marie Jacobson and Bill Wilson
my parents, Ray & Virginia Worden
Loved ones

In Honor of:

Sam & Jeri Adkins
Sam & Jeri Adkins
my parents, Don & June Hager
Eulyn Oolman
Service men and women
Katie Morisey
The Northminster Steeple Bells
Lillian & Ernest Harris, parents

We apologize if any memorial was inadvertently omitted. Please contact the Church Office at 327-7121 to inform us of any needed corrections. All changes will be printed in next week's bulletin. Your poinsettias will be available to take home after the 11:00pm service on December 27.

NORTHMINSTER PRAYER MINISTRIES

Each prayer ministry is individual. Listed below are the contact numbers for the various prayer ministries here at Northminster.

Prayer Chain

Annie Bahnson 323-0646; Delores Ray 325-4958; Helen Reynolds 296-9531 or call the Church Office at 327-7121 and ask that the prayer request be forwarded to a prayer chain or published on the Prayer List printed in the weekly bulletin.

Bulletin Prayer Page

Call 327-7121 and ask for Pastor John Cheek. The person to be prayed for or an immediate family member must make the request. Names will remain on the list for three weeks unless otherwise requested by the person or his/her immediate family.

Prayer Categories

Celebrations of Joy (births, anniversaries, etc.)

Prayers for Members and Friends

Prayers for Military Family and Friends

NOTE: When submitting names, please include rank and branch of service.

Example: Sgt. John Q. Public, USMC

Prayers for the Sick and/or Hospitalized

Prayers of Sympathy (death of a loved one)

Prayer Request Cards

Use the yellow Northminster Communication Card to make a prayer request and drop it in the collection boxes at the Sanctuary entrances or deliver it to the Church Office. Please use the check boxes on the back of the card to indicate the nature of your prayer request.

PRAYER MINISTERS ARE AVAILABLE

Are you in need of someone to pray with? Our trained prayer ministers are waiting to see you. Prayer ministers can be found each Sunday after all morning services in the Prayer Garden, located on the North side of the campus. *Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.* -Luke 18:1

CELEBRATIONS OF JOY

- † For the Children's Christmas program.
- † For the special Christmas music presentations last week.
- † For all the new members joining the church.

PRAYERS OF SYMPATHY

We offer our Christian sympathy to the family and friends of:

- † **Eunice Bagley**, Bruce Bagley's mother, who died on December 11, 2009.
- † **David S. Hodge**, Nancy Skodiak's father, who died on December 15, 2009.
- † **Dorothy Gualberti**, Lisa Grenier's aunt, who died on December 15, 2009.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND/OR HOSPITALIZED

Tom Bailey	Steven Cook	Jason Hiscock	Brian Perrill	Beth Thompson
Jean Barber	Bradford Eicher	Francis Joseph	Emily Peterson	Arthur VanCleave
Ted Belwish	Suedell Frazelle	Brendan Linaker	Osie Peterson	Piper Whiteman
Ned Bennett	Georgia Halloran	Bill McGrew	Verlyn Peterson	Mary Yazzie
Dick Boston	Ally Hanks	Eli Medvescek	Russ Reed	
Mary Burnett	Bonnie Hawkinson	Robert Mummé	Jen Schmidt	
Judith Cesner	Christine Hawley	Elsie Olson	Jennifer Sooter	

PRAYERS FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Sunday, December 13 Brenda Lee Howard & Karen Lee and Dillon	Tuesday, December 15 Robert Lee Robert & Elizabeth Lee	Thursday, December 17 William & Cheryl Lemaux Charles & Diane Lemley	Saturday, December 19 Richard & Janice Liebe Howard & Helen Lindberg
Monday, December 14 Kathy Lee Michael & Brandy Lee and family	Wednesday, December 16 Terry & Lorrie LeFevers Bill & Bonnie LeMarr	Friday, December 18 Dick & Carolyn Leon Larry Leslie	

PRAYERS FOR MILITARY FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Spc Joel T. Adams, USA PO3 Christopher Allen, USN <i>Martha Allen's grandson</i> O'ryan Hewey Begay, USMC Sgt Stephen Bohn, USA Sgt Joseph Colwell, USAirNG Pfc Marco Deleon, USA <i>Jim & Julie Crane's son-in-law</i> Sgt Leander Denetso, USMC <i>Lisa Bolton's brother</i> Cdr Lori English, USN <i>Bud & Barbara English's daughter-in-law</i> Capts James & Rachel (Ott) Fagan, USAF SSgt Sean Ferguson, USA AB Laura Grainger, USAF <i>Bonnie Thompson's niece</i> Maj Mick Harper, USAF Scott Irish, USAF <i>Vic & Henrietta Pisano's friend</i> MSgt Marnie Jewell, USAirNG Lt Katie Jones, USN <i>Brad & Carol Bacon's granddaughter</i> E3 Maxwell Wetzel Kerry, USN <i>Charlie Wetzel's grandson</i> Christal Kimmel, USAF E3 Alexander Kohlhepp, USN Capt Bill Kostan, USAF Pvt Brent LeFevers, USA <i>Terry & Lorrie LeFevers' son</i> Sgt Jared Moxley, USA <i>Terri Soukup's nephew</i>	LtCol Glen McFarland, USA <i>Art & David Hargrove's brother</i> Pvt Benjamin Mussack <i>Juanita Mussack's grandson</i> MSgt David Neve USAirNG Maj Adin Pfeuffer, USMC <i>Elmer & Lorraine Pfeuffer's grandson</i> SSgt John D. Phillips, Jr, USAF <i>John & Kathy Bayer's son</i> Lt Mike Polk, USA <i>Jamie & Kristin Lynch's friend</i> LCpl Paul Reimund, USMC <i>Michele Ross's cousin</i> E3 Greg Reinhart, USN ETC Kenneth Schmidt, USN Col Ken Sersun, USAF <i>Patty Tidy's brother</i> Capt Eunice Sorrell, USA <i>Chong Mayfield's niece</i> Recruit Graydon Staring, USMC Lt Marc Stirton, USN <i>Jane Ray's grandson</i> HT1 Michael Strohmeier, USN TSgt Anne Marie Taylor, USAF <i>Fred & Nancy Utter's granddaughter</i> Jacob Thoman, USAirNG Capt Barry Tucker, USAF Cadet Samuel Wharton, USMA <i>Dick & Polly Wharton's grandson</i> Alex Yazzie, Special Forces
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	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20		
7:45am	Nursery - CE Rm 2		
8:00am	Contemporary Worship Service - Sanctuary Worship & Wonder (age 4 - grade 2) - CE Rm 7		
8:30am	Sanctuary Choir Warm Up - Fellowship Hall		
9:00am	Advent Music - Rowley Courtyard		
9:30am	Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary <i>Adult Education Classes</i> A Savior is Born - Grundstrom Rm Study of Revelation - Parlor <i>Bible BLAST Classes</i> Two Year Olds - CE Rm 2 Three and Four Year Olds - CE Rm 4 Kindergarten - CE Rm 5 Grade 1 - CE Rm 6 Grade 2 - CE Rm 7 Grade 3 - CE Rm 8 Grade 4 - CE Rm 9 Grade 5 - CE Rm 10 <i>Youth Sunday School Classes</i> Mid High - Mid High Rm Senior High - Senior High Rm		
10:30am	Advent Music - Rowley Courtyard Choraliers Christmas Party - Music Rehearsal Rm		
11:00am	Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary Worship & Wonder (age 4 - grade 2) - CE Rm7		
12:15pm	Christmas Drama Rehearsal-Sanctuary		
3:00	Arabic Presbyterian Ministry—Grundstrom Rm		
6:00pm	Fusion Worship Service - Fellowship Hall Radio Broadcast on KGMS 940AM		
	MONDAY, DECEMBER 21		
6:30am	Radio Broadcast on KGMS 940AM		
9:30am	Sanctuary Guild Decorating— Sanctuary		
9:30am	Library Workers - Library		
	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22		
6:30am	Radio Broadcast on KGMS 940AM		
			Women's Morning Bible Study - Parlor
		8:00am	Aerobics - CE Rms 8 & 9
		9:00am	Deacons' Food Distribution - Mid High Rm
		4:15pm	Pilates - CE Rms 8 & 9
		6:30pm	Decker Bible Study - Senior High Rm
		7:30pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
			WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23
		6:00am	Grounds Maintenance—Whole Campus
		6:30am	Radio Broadcast on KGMS 940AM
		8:30am	Youth Outreach to Gospel Rescue Mission—South Parking Lot
		10:00am	Organ Rehearsal—Sanctuary Women of the Word (WOW) - Grundstrom Room
		7:00pm	Steeple Bell Rehearsal—Multipurpose Rm
		7:00	Contemporary Praise Team Rehearsal—Sanctuary
			THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24
			CHRISTMAS EVE
		6:30am	Radio Broadcast on KGMS 940AM
		8:00am	Aerobics - CE Rms 8 & 9
		9:00am	Drama Rehearsal—Sanctuary
		9:30am	Campana del Rio Bible Study—Off Campus
		4:00pm	Christmas Eve Family Service
		7:00pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Celebration
		10:30pm	Christmas Organ Recital
		11:00pm	Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols
			FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25
			Christmas Day Office Closed
		6:30am	Radio Broadcast on KGMS 940AM
		5:00pm	Arabic Presbyterian Ministry - Grundstrom Rm
			SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26
		8:00am	Organ Rehearsal - Sanctuary

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