

Northminster Presbyterian Church

"Caring for all with
God's love and grace."

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**Inter-Church
Celebration
Worship & BBQ**

**Sunday, October 5, 10:00 am
El Dorado Park**

Details inside!!

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Dear friends,

Happy October! I love the season of Autumn. I love the warm days and the cool nights. High school football games are played on Friday nights (be sure to check out the North Salinas High School Marching Band at one of their home games... several of our youth play in that band!).

In October, we celebrate a couple of special days on the church calendar: World Communion Sunday is always the first Sunday in October (the 5th this year), and we are continuing our tradition of gathering the Salinas Valley Presbyterian Churches together for a joint worship service and picnic in the park. Last year, we gathered in Gonzales, and this year we are here in Salinas, at El Dorado Park. If you come to the church on October 5, we won't be there! Join us at the park

at 10:00! Bring your own chair if you want to be comfortable, and bring a side dish to accompany our ribs and brisket.

The other October date we celebrate as a church is the National Observance of Children's Sabbath, this year on October 19. This year's inspiration comes from Ephesians 2:10: "For we are God's masterpiece, created anew in Jesus Christ, to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Please join us for this special worship service (and since it's the third Sunday, followed by our potluck lunch!).

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CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

Weekly Events

Sundays

9:00 am Adult Sunday School - Room 11
 10:00 am Worship Service - Sanctuary/Onlin
 11:00 am Coffee Fellowship - Ministry Center
 5:30 pm Youth Connection - Room 24

Returns

Mondays

12:30 pm Senior Singers Rehearsal - Geneva Rm

Tuesdays

7:00 pm Women's Online Bible Study - Zoom

Wednesdays

3:30 pm F.L.O.C.K. - Ministry Center

Thursdays

8:00 am Men's Breakfast - First Awakenings
 10:00 am Knitting Club - Library

Other Events

October

5 10:00 am Worship in the Park - El Dorado Park
 12 6:30 pm SHARE Center Meal - 845 E. Laurel Dr.
 15 Newsletter Deadline
 18 11:00 am Liz Hibbard Memorial Service, Reception
 19 10:00 am Children's Sabbath Worship
 19 11:00 am Fellowship Potluck
 26 6:30 pm SHARE Center Meal - 845 E. Laurel Dr.



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Do we have your email address?

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8 Ryan Bangs
 11 Rhonda Baird
 16 Connor Bangs
 18 Autumn Thornton
 23 Debbie Palmer
 29 Jean Monarque
 31 Jessica Montero



November Early Birds

3 Juliette Loder
 8 Venita Miltz

Anniversaries



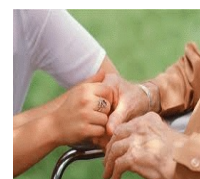
6 **Jeff & Felisa Hoogendyk** 57th
 8 Jessica & Tino Montero. 21st
 13 Carolyn & Robbie Bohn. 17th
 21 **Don & Vee Thomas** 74th
 23 **Ken & Pat Tunstall** 54th

November Early Birds

No early birds this month!

* If your name is missing from this list and you would like to add it, please contact the church office.

Our Homebound Friends



Emma Price - Vista Harden Ranch (Brookdale)

Ted Selvester - Texas

Joy Lohuis - Ivy Park (Villa Serra)

Jean Monarque - Ivy Park

Dorothy Walker - home



Inter-Church Celebration Worship & BBQ

**Sunday, October 5, 10:00 am
El Dorado Park**

World Communion Sunday is October 5, and we will be joining St. Philip's Presbyterian Church and Gonzales Community Presbyterian Church for a combined worship service and picnic!

This year, we will gather at El Dorado Park (lots of parking off Calaveras Dr.!) at 10:00 for communion worship in the park, followed by a picnic lunch. Ribs and brisket will be provided by Cocina 1932, desserts by Gonzales CPC, and **Northminster and St. Philip's members will bring side dishes to share!**

Remembering Faithfulness

On Saturday, October 18th, at 11:00 am we will gather to remember the life and legacy of Elizabeth "Liz" Hibbard, who entered into glory on July 28, 2025.



Liz was the last living charter member of Northminster, one of 150 members of First Presbyterian Church who answered the call to leave that congregation and found a new church on September 27, 1959, in the burgeoning north end of Salinas.

From that time 66 years ago, Liz faithfully served the church in many areas of ministry: as an elder, deacon, long-time member of our Chancel Choir, Worship & Arts committee and Priscilla Circle (women's group) until her relocation to Fresno several years ago. Even then Liz didn't let the distance dampen her commitment and faithfully watched Sunday services online, along with her daughter and son-in-law, Carole and Jon Smoot, as well as continuing to support the ministry financially.

We hope you will join us on Saturday, October 18 at 11:00 am, for this celebration of Liz's faithful life. A reception will follow in the Ministry Center.

Serving Christ—in the Homeless

Northminster partners with the SHARE (Salinas Housing Advancement Resources

Education) Center to meet the needs of the homeless by providing and serving dinner for our brothers and sisters on the **second and fourth Sundays, October 12 and 26.**



You can help by providing gifts of food for the meal and/or by helping to serve it. **Please bring items to the church by 5:00 pm or by 6:30 pm (new time!) if bringing to/serving at the Center, 845 E. Laurel Drive**



Fellowship Potluck

Join us after worship **Sunday, October 19** for our monthly gathering. Bring your favorite potluck dish for great, around-the-table greetin' and eatin', just the way Jesus

did! If you can't bring a dish to share, still please join us; we love your cooking, but we love YOU more!!

Women's Online Bible Study

Our new study on Growing Older and Wiser continues! We invite the women of our church to join us Tuesdays, 7:00 pm on Zoom. If you need a study guide, please contact Terry Heffington.

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**JIMMY'S GUARDIAN ANGEL REALLY
CASHED IN AT HALLOWEEN**

From the Pastor

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In Ecclesiastes 3 we read some very familiar words:

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born and a time to die;
a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill and a time to heal;
a time to break down and a time to build up;
a time to weep and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek and a time to lose;
a time to keep and a time to throw away;
a time to tear and a time to sew;
a time to keep silent and a time to speak;
a time to love and a time to hate;
a time for war and a time for peace.

(Its hard to read these words without breaking into song, isn't it!)

As our seasons change in the calendar year and in the church calendar, we remember that God has appointed a season for everything. On October 18, at 11am, we will be remembering our last charter member, Liz Hibbard, and the life she lived so well. We welcome new members into our fellowship, and we say goodbye to others. But whatever the seasons bring, remember that we are God's beloved children, and that God is always with us through these times.

See you in church (and at the park!)

Andy

Church Staff / Participants

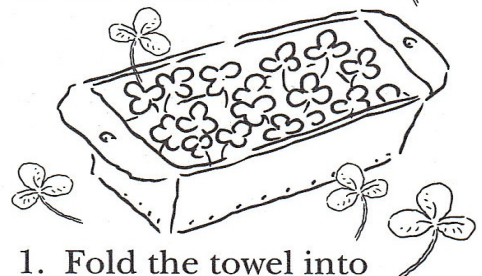
Pastor Andy Rausch
Organist/Choir Accompanist Claire Vincent
Parish Associate Bill Lane
Daycare Jerrianna, Sue, Ale, Emely, Elizabeth,
..... Cecilia, Berenice, Yesenia, Erica, Jasmine
Executive Assistant Jackie Gash
Treasurer Sue Brockett
Preschool Amanda Robles
Custodian Jesse Perez
Set Up Tech Tom Folliard
Grounds Terry Heffington
Church Secretary Micki Brown

Have your own HARVEST!

Plant the seeds... Watch them grow... Enjoy your crop!

What you need:

- * a loaf pan
- * a piece of terry cloth towel (16" x 8")
- * mustard seeds (from your spice rack!)
- * aluminum foil



1. Fold the towel into quarters—it should be about 8" long by 4" wide.
2. Put it into the loaf pan.
3. Pour water on it.
4. Sprinkle seeds on top in one layer.
5. Cover pan with foil and leave overnight.
6. Remove foil. Put planter in a warm, sunny place. Keep towel wet but not covered with water.
7. Harvest your crop in 10-12 days. Snip at bottom of stems with scissors.
8. Enjoy on salad or in sandwiches!