

Northminster Presbyterian Church

“Caring for all with

God’s love and grace.”

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**HOLY WEEK
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE**

Details inside!!

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There’s light at the end of the tunnel...

Dear friends,

As I write this letter, Monterey County has moved from the purple to the red tier. And the Monterey County Weekly is predicting that we might be headed to the orange tier in a couple of weeks. So after a long, dark journey, we may be headed toward the light at the end of the tunnel!

Worship this last year has been different, but rich. We have worshipped in the parking lot, and we have worshipped online. Through generous gifts from congregation members and grants from the Presbytery of San Jose, we have purchased new cameras, computers and a sound board (to replace our ancient relic of a board!) to make the online streaming experience good as it could be. And some people have still gathered in the parking lot.

Last Easter, we were hoping to be in church again, but we saw how that turned out! This Easter, however, April 4, we ARE going to gather together inside. We will

convert the gym into worship space, bringing all our chancel furnishings down, and setting up chairs at safe distances. On Easter, we will celebrate Christ’s resurrection, the sacrament of communion AND a baptism of Adriana and Adam Noggle’s little one. We will still be livestreaming the service online, and we will still have radio and sound in the parking lot for those who are uncomfortable coming inside. While we are inside, masks will be worn to keep us safe and we will practice social distancing.

Perhaps by September, or Christmas, we will be able to safely return to our lovely sanctuary. In the meantime, we will worship together in the gym and online!

If you haven’t yet, be sure to get your vaccination! The more people vaccinated, the sooner life will return to “normal”, here at Northminster and beyond!

See you in church!

Andy

CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

Events online, except where noted.

* - Email andy@northminster.org for Zoom links

Regular Events

Sundays

10:00 am Streaming Worship - Parking Lot/Online

Tuesdays

10:00 am Women's Bible Study - Geneva Rm/Zoom

Wednesdays

12:00 pm Scripture Chat with Andy & Bill (video)
 3:30 pm F.L.O.C.K. - Live & Zoom (starting 4/7)
 5:30 pm Youth Connection - 1st/3rd Wed - Zoom*
 5:30 pm Youth Connection - 2nd/4th Wed - Geneva Rm

Thursdays

9:30 am Pastor's Bible Study - Zoom*
 10:00 am Knitting Club - Geneva Rm (social distancing)

Other Events

April

1 7:00 pm+ Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service
 4 10:00 am Easter Worship Service (see article)
 4 5:30 pm Warming Shelter Meal (Bring to church)
 5 Church Office//Daycare Closed (Easter)
 5 6:30 pm Board of Deacons - Zoom*
 15 Newsletter Deadline
 25 5:30 pm Warming Shelter Meal (Bring to church)
 26 6:30 pm Session - Zoom*
 28 6:00 pm Preschool Open House (3's)
 29 6:00 pm Preschool Open House (4's)
 30 6:00 pm KinderPrep Open House, Raffle Drawing



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 Contact micki@northminster.org



- 3 Norton Strand
- 4 Pat Tunstall
- 8 Paul Riggs
- 10 Scott Moore
- 11 Patti Bangs
- Kayley Flanagan
- 12 Sue Brockett
- Tom McKey
- 19 Jan Dominguez
- 24 Jenna Emerson
- Lonnie Heffington
- Roman Montero
- Adrienne Noggle
- 25 Brooks Smith

May Early Birds

- 8 Andy Rausch



April

- 17 Jeff & Aimee Cuda 17th

May Early Birds

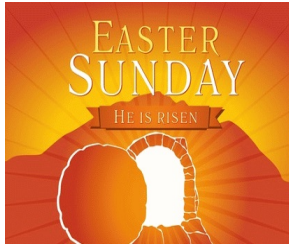
No early birds this month!

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



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday, April 1
6:30 pm + Tenebrae Service - Online



April 4

10:00 am Worship Service
Gym/Parking Lot/Online

11:00 ish Egg Hunt
Socially distanced, masked

The Gift of FOOD!

These days, the need for assisting the homeless is greater than ever! And our Northminster family is on top of it, providing meals for the Salinas Warming Shelter on our regular days, and special dates as needed.



We will provide meals for our shelter friends this month on **Sundays, April 4 (Easter) and April 25**. Due to Covid safe practices, **please bring your gifts of food to the church by 5:30 pm**. We will transport the items to the shelter.

God bless you for your compassionate care for our homeless neighbors, the "least of these".

Our Homebound Friends



Gerda Van Meter - Now home!!
Emma Price - Brookdale
Ted Selvester - Windsor Skyline
Grace Bryan - Chicago

Special & Returning Events

Maundy Thursday Service of the Tenebrae
livestreamed Thursday, April 1, 6:30pm

Easter Worship in the gym, parking lot and
livestreamed April 4, 10:00am

Easter Egg Hunt, socially distanced, after
worship!

FLOCK will return to a live-online hybrid
beginning April 7

Youth Group will return to in-person
gatherings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of
the month, on Zoom on the 1st and 3rd
Wednesdays

Rocky Railway Vacation Bible School
tentatively scheduled for June 14-18

Women's Bible Study, Tuesdays 10:00 in
Geneva and on Google Meet—talk to Terry
Hefington if any questions.

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(See John 19:17-37)

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"I, JESUS, HEREBY BEQUEATH MY
CARPENTRY STUFF TO ZED, MY GOOD TUNIC
TO ROB, AND I'LL BE BACK TO PICK UP
THE REST. TO EVERYONE IN THE
UNIVERSE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE
... I LEAVE LIFE."

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To start...

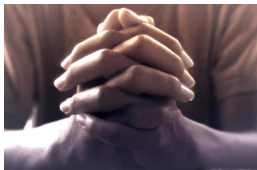
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3 - Turn on AmazonSmile (on the app). Open the app and find "Setting"s in the main menu. Tap on "AmazonSmile" and follow the on-screen instructions to turn on AmazonSmile on your phone.

Church Staff / Participants

- Pastor Andy Rausch
Organist/Choir Accompanist Claire Vincent
Director of Music Dana Vivit
Parish Associate Bill Lane
Daycare Laura Hunter-Michels, Tasha, Susan, Jerrianna, Claire, Teresita, Esmerelda, Camila, Yvonne, Allie, Jennifer, Anais
Executive Assistant Jackie Gash
Preschool/KinderPrep Laura, Amanda Robles
Custodian Jesse Perez
Set Up Techs. Tom Folliard, Bob Hynes
Groundskeepers Tom McKey, Jim Vincent, Bob Hynes
Church Secretary Micki Brown



Prayer Partners Wanted!

Do you have a little spare time and are looking to fill it? When you hear about the suffering of friends or around the world are you moved to talk to God about it?

Then we need you on our prayer team!

When we receive a request for prayer, we call the prayer team to mobilize our spiritual army. We issue regular updates for those requests, and pass along answered prayer with praise reports.

If you would like to join the team, please call Micki in the church office at 831-449-2717, option 3.

Northminster Preschool/KinderPrep Open House - April 28-30 Raffle Drawing - April 30

Covid has necessitated many changes in how we live "normal" life, including our Open House/Raffle/Pizza Dinner. This year, the families in each class will meet on their designated night (see church calendar page), and view their children's projects in the classroom.

While there won't be public participation, the popular raffle will again be offered, for a chance to win a great selection of prizes - gift baskets, gift cards, services and more - and the Grand Prize, \$1500 CASH!!! This is their major fund raiser for the year, so be sure to get a ticket (or more!) and support our fabulous school! Prizes will be drawn April 27 and posted April 28; Grand prize will be drawn Friday, April 30th. Need not be present to win!

Tickets \$1 each, available in the church office.