

Northfield Presbyterian Church

The Good News April 2025

The Lord's Prayer:
Maori & Polynesia

Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trial too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever.

Amen.

Originally published in 1989, The New Zealand Prayer Book (created by the Anglican Church in Aotearoa) was re-published in a new version by Harper Collins in 1997. This prayer book was celebrated by clergy and lay people alike for the way it combined the traditional Anglican prayers and forms of worship with the rich earth-based spirituality of the Maori and other Pacific Island cultures. It is eloquent in its wonderful simplicity and diversity, and is worthy addition to anyone's book of prayers.

An alternate version of the Lord's Prayer is included within The New Zealand Book of Prayer, which demonstrates the unique character of the New Zealand Anglican Church and the impact that Polynesian culture has had upon it (for example, take note of how God is referred to as both masculine and feminine).

Holy Week Services:

April 13 Palm Sunday 10:15 Worship

April 17 Maundy Thursday 7 pm Communion Service

April 20 Easter Worship 10:15 (Breakfast 8:45 -9:45 am)

FROM THE SESSION

Summary of the Minutes of the Session Meeting on March 16th, 2025:

1. The Easter breakfast will be held before church on April 20th in the living area.
A sign-up sheet is outside the sanctuary. Please let us know how many are coming.
2. A special Daycare Children's Sunday service will be held on April 27th. Rev. Anita Stuart-Steva will be leading the worship with special music from the daycare children.
3. Session approved participation in the Community Christmas Connection. More information about how to support this event will be coming. Stay tuned!
4. Renell Noack presented a special moment for mission about our support for North Church.
Any donations earmarked for North church will be collected & sent to North church as a cash donation. We currently have budgeted to provide meals on 3 different Sundays this year.

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Williamson

GOOD FRIDAY Blues & Lamentations

Featuring

Jennifer Cochran & Gateway Band
FRIDAY, April 18th - 7 PM

Good Shepherd Christian Church
9571 Shepard Rd. Macedonia 44056
330-467-5644

Free Will Offering



SCHOLARSHIPS

The NPC Scholarship Committee are accepting applications for awards for tuition assistance.

Criteria for candidates includes those students pursuing graduate degrees.

In addition, student loan assistance will also be considered for those who have graduated within the last six years and have not previously been awarded an NPC scholarship. Contact the church office for an application form and information.

Completed applications are due April 30, 2025.

REPAIRING
THE BREACH



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

March 5 - April 20

Serve the "least of these" among us: each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assis-

COMFORTING WORDS - Christian Women's Book Club

Circle Tuesday, April 15, 5:30, to meet with us at NPC to discuss "What Alice Forgot" by Liane Moriarty. As Alice recovers from a 10 year loss of memory, she must also decide who she wants her future self to be — a real dilemma!

After April 15, we'll move on to reading The Husband List by Janet Evanovich and Dorien Kelly. It's a novel of romantic and life choices set in the hope-filled and lavish setting of 1894 New York City. Our discussion is set for June 3. Please plan to join us!



NOTEWORTHY NEWS

from March Deacons Meeting
from Co-Moderators Barb and Stacy

The congregation acknowledged the efforts of our college students and active military members with care packages sent out in March.

Easter flowers that will decorate our sanctuary on Easter Sunday have been ordered. Please pick up your ordered flowers after the service. Deacons will be delivering a plant to each of our shut-ins after the Easter service.

Coffee Hours are being well attended. Thanks to all in the congregation who have signed up to provide the pastries the second Sunday each month. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board with a few Sundays still available. If you have any questions about what is involved you can talk with Stacy or Barb.

Special Events that are upcoming include:
Easter Breakfast (April 20) will be provided by the Session and Deacons prior to the service. A sign up sheet has been placed on the tables in the narthex. Please sign up and indicate how many will be attending.

On Mother's Day (May 11) and on Father's Day (June 15) deacons will be providing a remembrance to all mothers and fathers in attendance.

Outdoor church service/picnic will take place on June 22, 2025 at 11:00AM at Sagamore Hills Park.

Transportation is being provided to one congregation member. Please contact Pauline Enczur if you are willing to be a substitute driver.

EASTER BREAKFAST
APRIL 20th 8:45-9:45 am
Easter morning before worship.
Breakfast provided by the
Elders and Deacons.
There is a sign-up sheet on
the table in the narthex.



April
Birthdays!

Cindy Maxhimer	1st
Richard Enczur	1st
Irene Peters	5th
Gail Burdis	5th
Tom Hall	13th
Ron Buddie	15th
Chriss Burdis	15th
Marcia Alcorn	16th
Renell Noack	17th
Chris Louis	18th
Jim Anderson	30th



April 2025

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		1	2	3 7pm Choir 8pm AA	4	5
6 Communion 10:15 Worship 12:30 VBC Worship	7	8	9	10 7pm Choir 8pm AA	11	12
13 Palm Sunday 10:15 Worship Joint Session & Deacons meeting 12:30 VBC Worship	14 10am Women's Association	15 5:30 pm Women's Book Club	16	17 Maundy Thursday 7 pm Communion Service	18	19
20 EASTER 8:45 - 9:45 am Easter Breakfast 10:15 Worship 12:30 VBC Worship	21	22	23	24 7pm Choir 8pm AA	25	26
27 10:15 Worship 11:30 Property & Finance meeting 12:30 VBC Worship	28	29	30			

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS FOR APRIL 2025

Another Busy/Fulfilling Month

- **One Great Hour of Sharing** - currently in the first “4 of 4”, Special Offerings
 - Serve the “least of these” among us by providing relief to those affected by catastrophic events, giving sustainable food resources to the hungry and support for the poor and oppressed.
 - % for NPC church is: \$0
- **Christmas Community Connection**
 - Session is moving forward with this project that will happen on December 6 @ MUMC
 - Looking for monetary and gift collections/more info will follow
 - Possibly looking at Christmas in July – to spearhead our involvement
 - Churches currently involved: St Barnabas, Guadalupe, MUMC, St Vincent dePaul, NPC and Young Faith Fellowship Church. Will reach out to Victory and see if they would like to get involved, as well.
- **North Church**
 - Reaching out for financial assistance – as they have no membership / tithing set up. NPC budgeted \$1K for food/clothing necessities / but not for financial assistance. It has been decided to continue our current budget and when we have another Special Offering (4 for 4) the churches % of tithing will go to North Church. Will regroup on how budget will be for 2026, later in the year
- **Day Care**
 - Rev. Anita Stuart-Steva has been volunteering her time for over a year, for Chapel Day. Mark your calendar for April 27th – the day care will be doing the whole service for us.;
 - As a way to reach out to the children and families – Session has approved to provide a water bottle/logo sticker with NPC on it for a total of 50 children with expenses not going over \$450.
 - With all that Rev. Anita has provided, the DayCare has offered her a stipend of \$100 per month and session has agreed to provide \$50, of that, per month

Respectfully provided by Renell Noack and John Gallagher (co-chairs)

THE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION:

Is collecting a new item category each month throughout 2025 to help supply items not covered by SNAP benefits to TEAC.

The items being collected for APRIL are Personal Hygiene products: Shampoo, Body Wash, Soap

Calendar copies are available on the Narthex table.

You can help the men, women and children in need by donating the items highlighted each month.

Put donations in the blue tub in the Narthex.

April
Personal Hygiene
Shampoo, Body Wash, Soap



12 MONTHS OF CARING - 2025

The Women's Association will be collecting the items below each month

We plan to buy in bulk, if possible, so if you would prefer to donate cash, we will take those funds and purchase the items each month at Sam's or Costco. Please feel free to donate smaller packages and place your donated items in the blue bin in the Narthex.

Any cash donations should be marked "Women's Association" and may be placed in separate envelopes in the Collection Plates or the Mailbox on the wall outside the church entrance.

A member of the Women's Association will deliver the collected items to TEAC throughout the month.

January Hats, gloves and scarves For men, women and children	July Pet Food and Supplies Canned or Bags (large bags will be divided up)
February Incontinence Underwear Men's XXL Women's Medium	August Diapers (all sizes) and Wipes Pull-Ups for Toddler size 4T-5T
March Paper Goods: Toilet Paper Paper Towels, Kleenex	September Home Cleaning Products Sprays, Liquids Brooms, Brushes
April Personal Hygiene Shampoo, Body Wash, Soap	October Deodorants, Shaving Products for Men and Women
May Denture Tabs, Floss Toothbrushes, Toothpaste	November Kitchen Disposables: Foil, Cling Wrap, Baggies, Paper Plates & Napkins, Leftover Containers
June Feminine Hygiene Pads and Tampons	December Socks! For Men, Women and Children

Thanks for helping!



At the DAYCARE: In Chapel we're Learning about Lent

ASH WEDNESDAY

Pastor Anita told about Ash Wednesday and why some churches put ashes on their congregations foreheads (to remind them of their sins, and when they wash them off, it reminds us how Jesus washed our sins away). Miss Misty and Pastor Anita put on ashes and some of the kids chose to receive ashes on the way back to their classrooms. (With their parent's permission, in case you were wondering).



PRACTICE FOR THE APRIL 27TH WORSHIP SERVICE AT NPC

In chapel, Pastor Anita has been teaching the kids their songs and even knock-knock jokes in preparation to lead the worship service for the congregation and parents. It's fun to watch them in Chapel. There's so much energy and we hear the songs they've learned in the hallways later in the week!

A NEW FUNDRAISER - PANDA EXPRESS APRIL 11

Northfield Presbyterian Daycare

20% of event sales will be donated

Our organization will use any proceeds from the fundraiser for student engagement activities.

Friday, April 11 - 10am to 10 pm
Macedonia Panda Express

Flyers available on the Narthex table.
Order online with code: 3837559

