

Announcements

WORSHIP

Welcome to North Fresno Church! In the 1st Service, Pastor Milt and choir lead worship and music. Pastor Steve and the worship team lead worship and music in the 2nd Service. The Scripture for reading and reflection is Genesis 15:1-8. Reverend Terry H, Mennonite Brethren North Carolina District Minister, preaches. We celebrate communion.

Next week, Pastor James preaches in both services. The children lead us in worship and celebration of Jesus' birth in the 2nd Service.

If you are a guest with us today, we're so glad you're here! Please complete a Connecting Card and drop it in the offering bag.

CONNECT

Join in the Advent Conspiracy with others at NFC as we 1) worship fully, 2) spend less, 3) give more, and 4) love all. By giving one less gift this Christmas, we can use the money we save to love others who have less. **Come, 3rd graders to adults, to the Advent Conspiracy Sunday School class at 10:00 a.m. TODAY and the next 3 weeks in Room 309 (ROCK Room).**

TODAY, December 3 during the Sunday School time at 10:00 a.m. **the Sharing on Reconciliation Class meets in Room 208 C.**

Our W.O.W (Women of Worth) small group event for December is TODAY, December 3 at 12:45 p.m. We will be hosting a Christmas Tea for the Micah Project interns. Please call Jenny A for details.

Grief Share, TODAY, December 3 is from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. so we may attend the FPU hand bell choir concert. Next Sunday's, December 10, Grief Share starts at 4:00 p.m. also to allow for attendance at the *Soup, Sweets, and Socks* event. Anyone can join at any time.

Everyone is invited to join the NFC Primetime as they host the Fresno Pacific Bell Choir THIS EVENING, December 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. There will be a freewill offering.

Tagua Fair Trade has opened a pop-up store in Fig Garden (just north of the CVS) with a big selection of hand-made Christmas ornaments and nativities as well as home and garden accents and is open daily. **NFC Women are invited to an open house tomorrow, December 4 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

The children (3 years to 6th grade) will lead the Christmas worship Service next Sunday, December 10 at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome. A part of the Christmas worship service will be 3rd – 6th graders taking part in a 10 minute drama. Practices for the drama are **TODAY, December 3** at 12:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to *Soup, Sweets, and Socks* next Sunday, December 10 at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Center. Enjoy warm soup and bring socks for women and children at the Light-House Recovery Center. **Contact Kristina N** if you would like to help serve, set up and or clean up.

Everyone is invited to Festival of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 24 at 10:00 a.m. here at NFC. NFC Christmas choir and worship team will lead us in worship. We will have one combined worship service in the morning on December 24 and then the Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Service in the evening at 6:00 p.m.

The Winter 2017 FACE (Fresno Area Community Enterprises) Newsletter is available in the Lobby.

Coming Events:

Next Sunday, December 10, 11:00 a.m.: Children Lead Christmas Worship Service

Next Sunday, December 10, 5:30 p.m.: Soup, Sweets, and Socks
Sunday, December 24, 10:00 a.m.: Festival of Lessons and Carols with NFC Choir and Worship Team

Sunday, December 24, 6:00 p.m.: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

SERVE

United States Mennonite Brethren Conference invites everyone to come to a leadership training event *Addressing Racism in the Church and Community.* The LEAD One training event is here at NFC this Thursday, December 7 starting at 8:30 a.m. through 2:30 p.m. RSVP to Lori@usmb.org.

Rejoice! Devotionals are in the Lobby for the quarter starting in December. The cost is \$5.75. The box for donations is above the devotionals.

Parking Lot Reminder – As you arrive at NFC anytime please respect the parking stalls reserved for handicapped parking. If you do not have a handicap placard on your vehicle, do not park or idle in a handicap parking stall.

If you shop on Amazon.com, you can go to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-1728463> and a percentage of your purchase will be donated to North Fresno Church by Amazon.

Everence (a Mennonite provider of insurance and financial information) provides a service that provides counseling in basic budgeting, consumer debt consolidation, and credit score education at no cost. Call (877) 809-0039 and for Spanish language counselors, call (800) 388-2227. Contact Jim W, our NFC Everence representative, for more information.

Financial Update – As we near the end of 2017, please consider how you can give financially to Kingdom ministry here at North Fresno Church. For contributions to be tax deductible in 2017, the IRS requires that gifts be received in the church office or postmarked by December 31. You may also give online by going to our website www.northfresnochurch.org.

Attendance for November 26, 2017: 321

Offering for General Budget for November 26, 2017: \$8,629

A Place For YOU To Connect!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS SCHEDULE

All classes are in the Education Building.

NURSERY, 8:30 a.m.-12:20 p.m.

Ages 0-35 months

CHILDREN, 10:00 – 10:50 a.m.

3rd-6th Grade: Room 309

CHILDREN, 10:00 – 10:50 a.m.

Ages 3-5 years: Room 103
Kind.-2nd Grade: Room 102

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

10:00-10:50 a.m.
Room 309

3RD GRADERS THROUGH ADULTS, 10:00-10:50 a.m.

Advent Conspiracy: Room 309 (ROCK Room)

ADULTS, 10:00-10:50 a.m.

Book of Jeremiah: Room 207

THIS WEEK AT NFC: DECEMBER 3 - 9

TODAY

Grief Share, 4:00 p.m.

FPU Bronze Bell Choir & Carol Sing, 6:00 p.m.

Monday

NFC Women at Tagua Store, 5:00 p.m.

Young Men's Basketball, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Bread & Basketball, 5:30 a.m.

NFC Pastors & Staff Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

Learning Quest Tutoring Club, 2:15 p.m.

Worship Team Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

A.A. Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Quilting, 9:00 a.m.

Explore for Children (ages 4 to 6th grade),
EDGE (Junior High), ROCK (High School),

Men's & Women's Bible Studies, Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday

All day Lead Training, 8:30 a.m.

Learning Quest Tutoring Club, 2:15 p.m.

Women's A.A. Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Friday

Bread & Basketball, 5:30 a.m.

Men's Prayer Meeting, 6:00 a.m.

Prayer Connection

NFC FAMILY

Pray for the following people: **Allison E; Mary Jane E; Glen and Fran E; Steve and Lois E; Florence E; Ruben F; Bob and Elaine F; Christian and Cathryn F, Seth; and Reva F.**

Pray for **Jonas H**, member of NFC, who is in hospice care.

Pray for **Rick and Kim T** as **Rick's father, Rocky**, passed away on **November 23**. The memorial service was Thursday, November 30 at Bethany Mennonite Brethren Church.

Pray for those who are homebound and cannot attend Sunday worship services: **Ethel R** and **Garth S**.

NFC MINISTRIES

Pray for **Pastor Milt and Bendta** as Milt gives leadership at NFC in the areas of worship, music, and choir. Pray that God will give him wisdom, love, and energy.

The pastors and the Congregational Care Team host a time of healing prayer in the Conference Room at 9:45 a.m. on the last Sunday of every month. If you want to join in this prayer time, just come or talk with Pastor James.

COMMUNITY AND WORLDWIDE MINISTRIES

Pray for other churches in our neighborhood, **Church of the Living Water** (at Bullard Ave and Angus) and **Iglesia Primitiva**, a sister Mennonite Brethren church that meets in the Fresno/Clovis area. Pray that God would bless and use both these churches for effective Kingdom work and to help meet the needs of the community.

Pray for **Doris G**, our partner missionary with **MB (Mennonite Brethren) Mission in Japan** as she teaches English and helps in the leading of the Amagasaki Mennonite Brethren Church. Pray for many outreach events that happen around Christmas including a Christmas tea that Doris puts on for her English students.

Prayer requests written on NFC Connecting cards and put in the offering bag are prayed for by the staff each week. If you wish to put a prayer request on the NFC prayer chain, please call Thea D, or the e-prayer chain by emailing the office, or post on NFC's Facebook page.

First Service

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

8:30 A.M.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017

Everyone is invited to use the Connecting Cards to share your prayer requests, or give other information. **Guests** are also invited to use the Connecting Cards and place them in the offering bag. Thank you.

PRELUDE Evelyn K

"The Advent of Our God" Hymn #120

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: Hope

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Hymn #123

WELCOME & GREETING Pastor Milt

"Advent Trilogy" Choir

PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Loren

OFFERING: *"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"* Larry W

*Children, 3 years through 2nd grade, are invited to Children's Church.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 15:1-8

"While We Are Waiting, Come" Hymn #242

MESSAGE: *"Lord God, How Shall I Know?"* Reverend Terry H

COMMUNION

"Joy to the World" Hymn #125, vs. 1 & 4

POSTLUDE Evelyn K

Infants and toddlers through age 35 months are cared for in the nursery on the 1st floor of the Education Building. Pagers are provided to parents in case their child has a need. *Children from 3 years through 2nd grade are invited to Children's Church in Room 101 on the 1st floor of the Education Building.

Second Service

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

11:00 A.M.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017

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WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team

"Praise Awaits You"

CALL TO WORSHIP

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

OFFERING

WELCOME & GREETING

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PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Loren

WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team

"Reason to Sing"

"Beautiful, Scandalous Night"

Genesis 15:1-8

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WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team

"Come As You Are"

"Hear the Call of the Kingdom"

SENDING

+ Prayer team members are available after 2nd Service to pray with you at the front left of the Sanctuary.

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