

Announcements

WORSHIP

Welcome to North Fresno Church! In the 1st Service, Pastor Milt and the choir lead worship and music. Pastor Steve and worship team lead worship and music in the 2nd Service. Pastor James preaches. The Bible passages for reading and reflection are Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 51:1-12, Hebrews 5:5-10, and John 12:20-33.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and the start of Passion Week. Pastor James preaches. The Bible passages for reading and reflection are Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Mark 14-15.

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

Today the four Adult Sunday School Classes at 10:00 a.m. include **The Book of Jeremiah**, facilitated by Donn R in Room 207, **Discovering Christ and the Church (Baptism and Membership Class)** facilitated by Pastor Loren in Room 301, **Bridges – Befriending Muslims** facilitated by Eric and Krista M in Room 309, and **The Book of Ephesians** facilitated by James C in Room 202.

The annual Easter Eggstravaganza is Friday, March 30 at 2:00 p.m. at Robinson Park (south of North Fresno Church, on E. Browning). Come enjoy music, games, activities, and a children's egg hunt. Bring your family, friends and neighbors. Please bring individually wrapped non-chocolate candy to the Lobby or the Office for our children's egg hunt. Contact Kelly K or Pastor Connie to volunteer for the Eggstravaganza or sign up in the Lobby TODAY.

NFC's Primetime invites everyone to hear Cindy W, who is part of NFC, share about quilting this Friday, March 23 at 6:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary. See insert for more information.

Women of Worth (Widow's Small Group) will not meet Sunday, April 1 due to Easter. They will meet next on Sunday, May 6. Contact Jenny A if you have questions.

Godspell, a musical based on the gospel of Matthew, is on March 29-31 and April 6-8 at Cornerstone Church. Emily (A) B, NFC member and Chelsea W (former NFC youth ministry intern) are in the show. Tickets are FREE! For more information and to reserve tickets, visit www.ctc-fresno.com or contact Emily.

Missionary letters from Doris G and from Greg and Sara A are in the Lobby.

Podcasts of past NFC sermons are available at podbean.com (search 'North Fresno Church') and iTunes. Our worship services are digitally recorded every week.

Coming Events:

Sunday, April 1, 6:45 a.m.: Easter Sunrise Service at John and Karen W's Residence (takes about 25 minutes from church)

Sunday, April 1, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.: Easter Worship Services and Baptisms in 2nd Service

SERVE

A big thank you to all who served, gave and helped with the Portugal Missions Luncheon last Sunday. A little over \$6,000 was raised. Pray for the Portugal Missions Team as they prepare – Pastor Marques and his wife Celma (and their baby daughter, Eliana), Edi, Felipe, Sara, and Tatiana.

Pastor Steve recently resigned as Associate Pastor of Worship and Music. He will continue to serve as Pastor until April 27. NFC leadership invites the congregation to prayer and fasting for discernment and guidance as we transition and appoint a search team. If you have any questions, contact Sue K, Chair of Spiritual Ministries Committee, or Pastor James.

Vision for Mission Dessert Night is THIS EVENING at 6:30 p.m. at Butler Ave. Mennonite Brethren Church (4884 E. Butler, Fresno). Come hear Randy Friesen, General Director of MB (Mennonite Brethren) Mission.

Come this Tuesday, March 20 to the US Mennonite Brethren Conference's **LEAD One Event at Butler Mennonite Brethren Church** (4884 E. Butler in Fresno). The subject is One Mission: Local, National, and Global. Register at www.usmb.org/lead-one-events.

West Coast Mennonite Relief Sale is Friday and Saturday, April 6 and 7 at Fresno Pacific University. You can eat different ethnic foods and buy quilts, baked goods, art, and plants among many other things at the Sale. See brochure in the bulletin for more information.

Pat U is recruiting volunteers to make zwieback on April 6-7 at the West Coast Mennonite Relief Sale at Fresno Pacific University. If you can help, call, text, or email Pat U.

West Coast Mennonite Men's 150 Voice Chorus is performing THIS EVENING at Laurelglenn Bible Church in Bakersfield, Saturday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. at Riverpark Bible Church in Fresno and Sunday, April 8 at 6:00 p.m. at Reedley Mennonite Brethren Church.

The flowers in the Sanctuary TODAY are in commemoration of Ron and Joann Fast's 50th wedding anniversary.

Attendance for March 11, 2018: 271

Offering for General Budget for March 11, 2018: \$9,734

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.

5th-6th Grade: Room 208

CHILDREN, 10:00 – 10:50 a.m.

Ages 3-5 years: Room 103

Kind.-2nd Grade: Room 102

3rd-4th Grade: Room 203

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

10:00-10:50 a.m.

Room 302

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

Book of Jeremiah: Room 207

Discovering Christ & the Church (Baptism & Membership): Room 301

Bridges – Befriending Muslims: Room 309

Book of Ephesians: Room 202

THIS WEEK AT NFC: MARCH 18 – 24

Monday

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

Tuesday

Bread & Basketball, 5:30 a.m.

NFC Pastor & 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 up to 6th grade, EDGE (Jr. High),
ROCK (High School), Men's and Women's Bible Studies,
Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday

Missions Team, 6:30 p.m.

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

Basketball, 8:00 p.m.

Friday

Bread & Basketball, 5:30 a.m.

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

Primetime with Cindy Wiens, 6:45 p.m.

Saturday

Saturday Sports at Robinson Elementary, 9:00 a.m.

Prayer Connection

NFC FAMILY

Pray for the following people: **Brett and Michelle M, Mitchell; Larry and Kathleen M; Marsha M; Steve and Angela M; John and Rossetta M, James and Matthew; Brian and Teresa McC, Caleb and Joshua; Alyssa McN; and Connie McN.**

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

NFC MINISTRIES

Pray for **Pastor James and Marcy and family** as he gives leadership at NFC. Pray that God will give Pastor James 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. next Sunday and on the last Sunday of every month. If you want to join in this prayer time, just come or contact Pastor James.

COMMUNITY AND WORLDWIDE MINISTRIES

Pray for other churches in our neighborhood, **New Heights Church** (at the corner of Sierra Ave. & N. Fresno St.) and **Iglesia Primitiva**, a sister Mennonite Brethren church that meets in Fresno. 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 Goertz, NFC partner missionary with MB (Mennonite Brethren) Mission in Japan.** Pray for Ako, a member of **Amagasaki MB** (Mennonite Brethren) church in Japan as she has chemotherapy because she has pancreatic cancer. Pray for Doris as she prepares to do ministry in North America starting in April.

Pray for **Erma M and family as they grieve the death of Wilfred Martens, professor emeritus of English at Fresno Pacific University.** The memorial service was yesterday, March 17 at College Community Church Mennonite Brethren in Clovis.

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

Second Service

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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8:30 A.M. SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2018

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PRELUDE

"Come, We that Love the Lord" Hymn #18

WELCOME AND GREETING Pastor Milt

"Take the Name of Jesus with You" Hymn #116

"Most Blessed, Most Glorious" Choir

BIBLE READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 51

PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Vanna

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *"Amazing Grace"* Larry W

BIBLE READING: John 12:20-33

"Grace Greater than Our Sin" Hymn #201

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

MESSAGE: *"We Want to See Jesus"* Pastor James

"All For Jesus" Hymn #368 vs. 1, 2

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team

"Shout of the King"

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"
Psalm 51

OFFERING

"My Lighthouse"

WELCOME AND GREETING

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WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team

Hebrews 5:5-10
"Hallelujah"
"Come, Let Us Return"
"Form Us"

CHILDREN, 3RD – 6TH GRADE, ARE DISMISSED TO THE LOBBY
PRIOR TO THE MESSAGE FOR BLAST.**

Jeremiah 31
John 12:20-33

MESSAGE: *"We Want to See Jesus"* Pastor James

WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team

"Shine"

SENDING

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

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.

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