

Welcome to Norcross Presbyterian Church

Come as you are. You won't be a stranger long.

*Celebration of Worship
April 19, 2015—The Third Sunday of Easter*

GATHERING

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

† Passing of the Peace

Prelude

Call to Worship - *(responsively)*

One:	We gather around the Holy Mystery
All:	Wanting to be in touch with something greater than
ourselves	
One:	We find others along for a similar journey
All:	And thankfulness washes over us.
One:	Holy Spirit, come connect us to you
All:	And to each other.
	Let us worship God.

† Hymn #200 *(Glory To God Hymnal)*

A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd

(† All those able are invited to stand.)

† **Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

Forgive us, O God, if our material possessions have played havoc with our character; if they have made us smug or anxious. Forgive us, O God of all good things, if we have lied or cheated to obtain these good things, or if we have neglected those who love us when we are striving to achieve them. Above all, set us straight if we have come to believe that what we have is more important than what we are; if we are trading our eternal souls for a basket of trinkets.

(a time for silent, personal confession)

† **Declaration of Forgiveness**

† **Response to Forgiveness #582** (*Glory to God Hymnal*)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

World without end, without end. Amen.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light. Send out your light and truth, great LORD, and let them lead us. Amen.

First Reading

Acts 3.12-19

Seeing this, Peter addressed the people: “You Israelites, why are you amazed at this? Why are you staring at us as if we made him walk by our own power or piety? ¹³ The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—the God of our ancestors—has glorified his servant Jesus. This is the one you handed over and denied in Pilate’s presence, even though he had already decided to release him. ¹⁴ You rejected the holy and righteous one, and asked that a murderer be released to you instead. ¹⁵ You killed the author of life, the very one whom God raised from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶ His name itself has made this man strong. That is, because of faith in Jesus’ name, God has strengthened this man whom you see and know. The faith that comes through Jesus gave him complete health right before your eyes.

¹⁷ “Brothers and sisters, I know you acted in ignorance. So did your rulers. ¹⁸ But this is how God fulfilled what he foretold through all the prophets: that his Christ would suffer. ¹⁹ Change your hearts and lives! Turn back to God so that your sins may be wiped away.

Second Reading

I John 3.1-7

See what kind of love the Father has given to us in that we should be called God's children, and that is what we are! Because the world didn't recognize him, it doesn't recognize us.

² Dear friends, now we are God's children, and it hasn't yet appeared what we will be. We know that when he appears we will be like him because we'll see him as he is. ³ And everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself even as he is pure. ⁴ Every person who practices sin commits an act of rebellion, and sin is rebellion. ⁵ You know that he appeared to take away sins, and there is no sin in him. ⁶ Every person who remains in relationship to him does not sin. Any person who sins has not seen him or known him.

⁷ Little children, make sure no one deceives you. The person who practices righteousness is righteous, in the same way that Jesus is righteous.

Choral Anthem

Earth and All Stars!

(congregation invited to sing verses 1 & 4 hymn # 26)

Children's Sermon

Third Reading

John 19.38-42

After this Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate if he could take away the body of Jesus. Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but a secret one because he feared the Jewish authorities. Pilate gave him permission, so he came and took the body away. ³⁹ Nicodemus, the one who at first had come to Jesus at night, was there too. He brought a mixture of myrrh and aloe, nearly seventy-five pounds in all. ⁴⁰ Following Jewish burial customs, they took Jesus' body and wrapped it, with the spices, in linen cloths. ⁴¹ There was a garden in the place where Jesus was crucified, and in the garden was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. ⁴² Because it was the Jewish Preparation Day and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus in it.

Sermon

Something to Preach

Rev. Dr. Brian Wyatt

† Hymn #726 (*Glory To God Hymnal*)

Will You Come and Follow Me

† Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our LORD ; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended

into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

Pastoral Prayers

Silent Prayer

Corporate Prayer

The LORD's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offering

Offertory

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Register, then pass it back down the aisle so that we may match names with faces. Please include your address, email address, and telephone number. Prayer request cards are located in the back of the chair in front of you; please fill them out if need be and place them in the offering plate.)

† Doxology #605 *(Glory to God Hymnal)*

**Praise to God the Father; praise to God the Son;
Praise to God the Spirit; praise to the Three-in-One.**

**Sing praise, sing praise to the LORD on high.
Praise to God Almighty; praise to the Holy One.**

† Prayer of Thanksgiving *(responsively) - I John 3.16-18*

Leader: Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

People: Christ is risen indeed!

O resurrected Christ, we celebrate this day the promise for all time of your unending love! Accept these gifts of celebration—make them be celebrations for others in the world. We praise your holy name! *Amen.*

SENDING

† Hymn #745 (*Glory To God Hymnal*)

Now Go in Joy

† Charge and Blessing

† Postlude

This Week at NPC

Sunday, April 19, 2015

- 9:30 A.M. **NPC Contemporary Worship Service**
 10:30 A.M. **NPC Fellowship**
 11:00 A.M. **NPC Celebration of Worship, Sanctuary**
 12:00-1 P.M. *Kwang-Ya Bible Study, Covenant Room*
 1-2:30 P.M. *Kwang-Ya Worship, Sanctuary*
 2:30-3:30 P.M. *Kwang-Ya Fellowship, Covenant Room*
 7:00 P.M. **GOSPELITES CONCERT!**

Monday, April 20, 2015

- 6:30 P.M. **Boy Scouts**

Tuesday, April 21, 2015

- 7:00 P.M. *Kwang Ya Counseling, Richardson Room*

Wednesday, April 22, 2015

- 10:00 A.M. *Kwang Ya Counseling, Richardson Room*
 6:00 P.M. **NPC Wednesday Night Dinner (Team Steele)
 & Bible Discussion**
 7:30 P.M. **NPC Choir Rehearsal**
 8:00 P.M. *Kwang Ya Prayer Meeting*

Thursday, April 23, 2015

Friday, April 17, 2015

- 8:30-10:30P.M. *Kwang-Ya Prayer Meeting, Sanctuary*

Saturday, April 25, 2015

- 1:30 P.M. *Kwang-Ya Bible Study*
 2:00-5:00P.M. *Shrek – Forefront Arts Play Rehearsal*



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Serving in the Church *This Sunday, April 19th*

Counters

Diane Lewis
 Cynthia Correa

Ushers

Beth Miller
 Brian Smith
 Bob Norman
 Kayla Fry

Acolyte

Murphy Fry

Lay Readers

Kayla Fry
 (Acts 3.12-19)
 Bob Peterson
 (I John 3.1-7)

Sunday School Teachers: Janel/Kate

Serving in the Church *Next Sunday, April 26th*

Counters

Ken Birmingham
 Cave Caldwell

Ushers

Kerrie Bernardo
 Jason Bernardo
 Carli Bernardo
 Calvin Bernardo

Acolyte

Calvin Bernardo

Lay Readers

Carli Bernardo
 (I John 3.16-24)
 Bob Peterson
 (Acts 4.5-12)

Announcements

Please welcome **Dr. Brian Wyatt** as our guest preacher. One of the few to make good on a fortune cookie's prediction, "Your talents will be suitably rewarded." A graduate of the Cake Boss school of Divinity.

A huge **THANK YOU to BJ Steele** for the wonderful talk on the Holy Land during this morning's Contemporary Service!



An evening with **the Gospelites** is **TONIGHT** at 7:00PM This is a free **CONCERT AND CUPCAKES EVENT!**

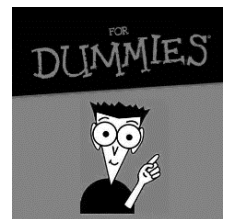
Donations of cupcakes and cookies are greatly appreciated. Bring them by the

church today before 5:00

Wednesday Night Dinner and Bible Discussion will continue this Wednesday, April 22. BJ Steele is cooking up something delicious. After dinner we will continue our discussion of the History Channel's series "The Bible".

Mark your calendar! After a 2 year hiatus, the **Outdoor Worship Service** is returning to Jones Bridge Park next Sunday, April 26. Join us for this unique service in a wonderful setting.

Adult Sunday School Class is starting a new session. We will be reading and discussing the book, "**The Bible For Dummies.**" It's actually a very smart overview with lots of fun facts thrown in. Check it out! The next Sunday School Class will meet May 3rd.



The next Contemporary Worship Service will be Next Sunday, May 17 at 9:30 AM. There is lots of singing as the NPC Praise Team leads us in modern Christian praise music.

The 2nd Quarter **JOY Connection Event** will be on Saturday, June 27. We will be going to see "As You Like It" at The New American Shakespeare Tavern. All the information is on the bulletin board across

from Matt's office. Please sign up before the end of April. See Pam with any questions.