

Sunday, August 24

9:30 am - Worship Service
10:30 am - Coffee Hour

Monday, August 25

Newsletter Info Due
10:00 am - Food Pantry
5:30 pm - TOPS

Tuesday, August 26

8:45 am - Yoga
1:15 pm - Staff Mtg
1:30-3:00 pm - Pastor's open door
office hours
3:30 pm - Woodbrook Svc.
7:00 pm - Joint Choir Practice

Wednesday, August 27

Bulletin Info Due
10:00 am - Food Pantry
1:30-4:00 pm - Pastor's open door
office hours
7:00 pm - Praise Band Practice
7:30 pm - Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, August 28

8:45 am - Yoga

Friday, August 29

10:00 am - Food Pantry
5:15 pm - AA Meeting

Saturday, August 30

Sunday, August 31

9:30 am - Joint Worship Service w/
Elmira, Hhds, and Big Flats
10:30 am - Ice Cream Social

Music Ministry

Sundays:

The Good New Singers' Practice will
resume on September 7 at 10:45 am.

Wednesdays:

Bell Choir rehearsals 6:15 pm
Praise Band rehearsals 7:00 pm
Chancel Choir rehearsals 7:30 pm



Second Place East, Inc.

Our August donation request for
Second Place East, Inc. is
Toilet Paper.

Please see the information
regarding this important mission
in the narthex.

**If you would like to donate Chancel flowers
(suggested donation of \$45), please contact
Lori Lee at 607-739-3176. Available
Sundays in August and September 2025
are: August 24 and
September 7 & 14.**

*Please take the flowers home to
enjoy after the service.*

If you are not in the sanctuary on
your chosen date, we will be in touch
with you to make a plan.



Please join us for
Coffee Hour
weekly, after worship.



The special
offering for the
month of
August is:

Memorial Fund

**The NPC Food Pantry is
in need of the
following
donation
items:**



Canned Pineapple
Cereal
Condiments (plastic jars)
Reusable Shopping bags

In addition, if your dentist
gives you toothbrushes, floss,
or toothpaste and you don't
need it, the pantry does!

**Monetary donations are
always welcome and
appreciated!**

 **Sunday School and
Bible Study**

Sunday School
Sunday school classes
will resume on
September 7.

Men's Bible Study
will resume in
September.

**Wednesday Noon
Bible Study** will
resume on September 3.
For more information,
please contact Wendy
Swatling.



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***Making Disciples -
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**August 24, 2025, 9:30 am
11th Sunday after Pentecost
www.northpres.church
607-734-2977**

“...if you pour yourself out for the
hungry and satisfy the desire of
the afflicted, then shall your light
rise in the darkness and your
gloom be as the noonday”.

-Isaiah 58:10

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*Almighty and eternal God,
so draw our hearts to you,
so guide our minds,
so fill our imaginations,
so control our wills,
that we may be wholly yours,
utterly dedicated to you;
and then use us, we pray, as you will,
but always to your glory
and the welfare of your people,
through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.*
Archbishop William Temple (1881 – 1944)

↑Please stand, as you are able. ↓Please be seated.

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUIETING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

Let us quiet our hearts and our minds as we gather to worship the Lord.

PRELUDE *Teach Us, O Lord*

GATHERING AS THE BODY OF CHRIST— (Psalm 103:1-8)

*Bless the LORD, O my soul,
And all that is within me, bless his holy name.*

*Bless the LORD, O my soul,
And do not forget all his benefits—*

*Who forgives all your iniquity,
Who heals all your diseases,*



*Blessing
of the
Backpacks*
Please bring your
backpacks,
Sunday,
September 7.

Praise Band (7:00 pm) and
Chancel Choir (7:30 pm)
rehearsals will begin this
Wednesday, August 27.

There will be a choir rehearsal
for the joint choirs from North
Pres., First Pres., Elmira, First
Pres., Hhds., and First Pres.,
Big Flats on Tuesday, August
26, at 7:00 pm.



The Wednesday Noon Bible Study will be starting up again on Wednesday, September 3rd at noon. We will be working through Never Beyond Hope from the LifeGuide Biblestudy series. If interested, contact Wendy Swatling (session@northpres.church) or the church office. We look forward to another year of growing together with Christ.



JOIN US FOR AN

Sunday, August 31
Directly following worship

*Ice
Cream
Social*



August 24 worship volunteers:		August 31 worship volunteers:	
Please let the office know of any changes to this schedule			
Tech Booth:	Steve Allison	Tech Booth:	Bill Furnas
Ushers:	Wendy Swatling, Barb Duryea	Ushers:	Amanda Korfinann, Joe Rolls
Wee Worship:	Karen Wilson, Barb Duryea	Wee Worship:	Liz Wilson, Wally Ferriter
Worship Assistant:	Cherie Michalko	Worship Assistant:	Lori Lee
Counters:	Phil Carpentier, Jeff Richards	Counters:	Kurt & Cindy Kalweit
Greeters:	Tim Allison	Greeter:	Nancy Isaacs
		Coffee Hour:	Melanie Fitzpatrick, Wendy Swatling

FROM THE DEACON'S LIST
PLEASE SEND A CARD TO:

Wilma Padgett
3015 Lake St
Elmira Heights, NY 14903



Please remember in your prayers the following individuals who are part of the NPC Family:

Geoffrey Rolls

↓PRAYER DEDICATING OUR GIFTS TO GOD’S WORK

PRAYING FOR GOD’S MERCY

We especially pray for ...

We give you thanks for all that is good in our lives and all that you have given to us. May we have wisdom and strength to follow and do your will.

We thank you especially for ...

We pray all these prayers and the prayers deep within our hearts as we pray the prayer your Son taught us, and we are bold to pray:

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory now and forever. Amen.

BEING SENT FORTH TO LOVE AS CHRIST LOVES US

↑GIVING THANKS TO GOD IN SONG

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

GTG #839

CHARGE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

THE HOUR OF WORSHIP HAS ENDED;
NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS

Who redeems your life from the Pit,
Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

Who satisfies you with good as long as you live,
So that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

The LORD is merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Thanks be to God!

↑GIVING PRAISE TO GOD IN SONG

The Light of Christ

↓CALL TO ADMIT OUR SINS AND TURN TO GOD

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But when we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sins against God and neighbor.

ADMITTING OUR SINS AND TURNING TO GOD IN PRAYER *(Unison)*

O Lord our God, you call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied with injustice and discord. You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on freedom for all.

Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your justice and peace through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD’S GRACE AND FORGIVENESS *(Responsive)*

Hear the good news! If we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. Therefore, consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. In

the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

↑GIVING GLORY TO GOD

Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri) GTG #581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST *(Responsive)*

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Let us live by and be guided by the Holy Spirit in all things, including how we treat one another.

The peace of the Lord be with you all.
And also with you.

Please exchange the peace of our Lord with one another in the way you are comfortable.

↑GIVING PRAISE TO GOD IN SONG

You Have Called Us *vs 1-3*

↓SPECIAL MUSIC

Save Us, O Lord Paul Holland
Bridget Hagan

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED

↓PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE AND WISDOM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Lord, by the power of your Spirit, open our hearts and minds so that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

The Gospel According to Luke 13:10-17

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GATHERING OF CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

The Book of Isaiah 58:9-14

This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

↑RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD IN SONG

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky GTG #69

PROCLAIMING WHAT WE BELIEVE WITH 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 Spirit, 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 is seated 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

↓GIVING OF OURSELVES TO GOD IN THANKSGIVING

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

↑DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow GTG #606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.