

Announcements

WORSHIP

Welcome to North Fresno Church. Today we celebrate Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. Pastor Milt leads worship and music in 1st Service. In the 2nd Service Pastor Steve and worship team lead worship and music. Pastor James preaches. The Scriptures for reading and reflection are Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, and Mark 15:1-39. Our children will lead us as we praise God with palm branches in 2nd Service.

Next week, we celebrate Easter and the resurrection of Jesus. There is a special sunrise service off-campus at 6:45 a.m. (See below for details.) The Scriptures for reading and reflection are Isaiah 2:6-9, Psalm 118:1-2, Acts 10:34-43, Mark 16:1-8. Pastor James preaches. We will celebrate communion in both services. Rachel J and Kristine K will be baptized 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

Except for Choir practice, no other Wednesday evening ministries will be happening this Wednesday, March 28.

ROCK (High School) guys – Come stuff your face with tacos this Tuesday, March 27 at 5:30 p.m. in the ROCK Room (Room 309 in Ed. Building). Bring a drink or dessert to share. Contact Mike K if you have questions.

Easter Eggstravaganza is this 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. This event is for all but geared especially toward kids up to 6th grade. Bring your family, friends and neighbors. Please bring individually wrapped non-chocolate candy to 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. See insert for more information.

The Easter Sunrise Service next Sunday, April 1 is at 6:45 a.m. at the home of John and Karen W. It takes about 25 minutes by car from NFC. Directions are on a table in the Lobby.

Next Sunday, April 1 (and on the first Sunday of every month) Sharing on Reconciliation Adult Sunday School class meets in Room 208 C at 10:00 a.m. For more information, contact Grant J-W or Susan G.

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.

All women are invited to the Wednesday evening Women's Bible Study as they will be starting an in-depth study of Ephesians using the manuscript Bible study method on April 4 at 6:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Cathryn F or Reva F.

Coming Events:

Sunday, April 1, 6:45 a.m.: Easter Sunrise Service at John and Karen W's Residence (5667 Amber, Clovis; takes about 25 minutes from church)

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

Sunday, April 22, 5:30 p.m.: Life Group Taco Dinner and farewell to Pastor Steve and Anne and family

SERVE

Please sign up today in the Lobby to help with the Easter Eggstravaganza this Friday, March 30.

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

West Coast Mennonite Relief Sale is Friday and Saturday, April 6 and 7 at Fresno Pacific University. A quilt auction, furniture, country store, outside auction, silent auction, 5k run, and activities for children. Enjoy some ethnic Mennonite, Mexican, Filipino food, a pancake breakfast, and more. All proceeds support the ongoing work of Mennonite Central Committee (an organization in support of peace and justice in the name of Christ).

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 on 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.

Godspell, a musical based on the gospel of Matthew, is on March 29-31 and April 6-8 at Cornerstone Church. Emily 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.

Building Leaders 4 Peace camp is here in Fresno from June 27 through July 3 for young adults (18 and older). Registration is until June 13. For more information, contact Thomas A at 638-6911 or at thomasadlard@mcc.org.

Attendance for March 18, 2018: 298

Offering for General Budget for March 18, 2018: \$11,563

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 25 – 31

Sunday

Healing Prayer, 9:45 a.m.

Monday

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

Tuesday

Bread & Basketball, 5:30 a.m.

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

Worship Team Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

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

Wednesday

Quilting, 9:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday

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.

Easter Eggstravaganza at Robinson Park, 2:00 p.m.

Saturday

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

Prayer Connection

NFC FAMILY

Pray for the following people: **Rod and Julie McN, Lindsey; David and Monica McS; Haley M; Otto M-H; Cheryl M; Loretta M; Justin M; and Peggy M and Howard S.**

Pray for healing for those dealing with illness and medical treatments: **Steve E, Carrie K, Jonathan N, Nalynn N, Sandy O, Tammy S, Lizzie T and Richard U.**

NFC MINISTRIES

Pray for **Pastor Loren and Tonia and family** as Pastor Loren leads North Fresno Church in the areas of outreach and discipleship. Pray also for him as he is the executive director of FACE (Fresno Area Community Enterprises). Pray that God would give him wisdom, love, and energy.

Pray for the **Easter Eggstravaganza and the Easter services this week that they would be a powerful time of experiencing and sharing the Good News of Jesus.**

The **pastors and the Congregational Care Team** host a time of healing prayer in the Conference Room at **9:45 a.m. TODAY** 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, **Friends Community Church** (on N. First St., just south of Bullard) and **Mountain View Centro Cristiano**, 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 **Otto and Marjorie E, our partner missionaries with MB (Mennonite Brethren) Mission in Lisbon, Portugal.** Thank God for those who have come to the Lord and become pillars of faith in their churches through the church clothing bazaar that helps about 100 people monthly. Pray for Otto and Marjorie as they mentor pastors and national leaders from 5 different churches.

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, MARCH 25, 2018

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

"All Glory, Laud and Honor" Hymn #173

WELCOME AND GREETING Pastor Milt

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" Hymn #174

BIBLE READING: Isaiah 50:4-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 31

PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Connie

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *"Marching to Zion"* Larry W

BIBLE READING: Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 15:1-39

"Eyes of Heaven" Pastor Milt & Bendta F

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

MESSAGE: *"Reminders from the Darkness"* Pastor James

"What Wondrous Love Is This" Hymn #117

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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, MARCH 25, 2018

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.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team

"There Is a Kingdom"

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Hosanna"
Psalm 51

OFFERING

WELCOME AND GREETING

PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Connie

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

WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team

"Grace that Is Greater"
"Come and See"
"You Were on the Cross"
"Doxology"

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

MESSAGE: *"Reminders from the Darkness"* Pastor James

WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team

"You Never Let Go"

SENDING

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

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