

# June 2021 Innovator



We are excited to welcome you back to Sunday worship! Beginning **June 6**, we are offering three worship opportunities as we begin to reopen our church. If you feel well and have read and agree to follow the recommendations of the *Safe Gatherings*, we invite you to return to in person worship.

**Outside Worship:** Masks are optional, Singing is encouraged, and Physical Distancing is optional

**Sanctuary Worship:** Masks are required, Singing is not allowed, Physical Distancing of 6 feet between households is required, Ushers and Greeters will wear masks

**Meisenheimer Hall Worship:** Masks are optional, Singing is encouraged, and Physical Distancing is optional

**All worship options will begin at 9:00am and will also be livestreamed on Youtube.** You can find the links via our webpage [northchurch-mn.org](http://northchurch-mn.org). Click on the red YouTube icon in the upper right corner.

## June-August Worship Schedule 2021

**June 6 Ordination/Installation/Graduation/Lord's Supper:**

Pastor James preaching and Roderick leading prayers

**June 13 \*\*10am\*\* Worship Youth Local Mission Camp Commissioning:**

Pastors Riz, April, and James leading worship

*Worship live at Trinity Presbyterian, Woodbury & livestreamed to North (Meisenheimer Hall, Sanctuary, Outside)*

**June 20:** Pastor James preaching and leading prayers.

**June 27 \*\*10am\*\* Worship Led by Youth Local Mission Participants:** Worship lead by participants in Youth Local Mission Camp.

**July 4 Lord's Supper:** Pastor James preaching and Roderick leading prayers.

**July 11:** Roderick preaching and Pastor James leading prayers.

**July 18:** Pastor James preaching and Roderick leading prayers.

**July 25:** Pastor James preaching and leading prayers.

**August 1 Lord's Supper:** Pastor James preaching and Roderick leading prayers.

**August 8:** Elder Ann Bearth preaching and Roderick leading prayers.

**August 15:** Roderick preaching and leading prayers.

**August 22:** Pastor James preaching and leading prayers.

**August 29:** Pastor James preaching and Roderick leading prayers.

## Worship Time Change to 10am on June 13 and 27

We will have joint 10am worship with Trinity Presbyterian and New Life Presbyterian on June 13 and 27. On June 13, the participants in the Local Mission Youth Day Camp will be commissioned at Trinity. On June 27, the participants will be sharing about their mission experience and sharing God sightings. On June 13, you are invited to worship via the livestream in any of our worship locations at North (Meisenheimer Hall, Sanctuary or Outside) or live worship at Trinity Presbyterian, Woodbury. On June 27, worship will be live at North and streamed to Trinity and New Life. We are expecting several worshipers from the other congregations to be joining us in person on June 27.



### Praise Band Director

Please help us recruit our next Praise Band Director who will begin serving in September. Please contact Karen Pepin at [kbpmusic@msn.com](mailto:kbpmusic@msn.com) or Pastor James at [pastorjames@northchurch-mn.org](mailto:pastorjames@northchurch-mn.org) for more information.

Our Annual Meeting will be postponed until Sunday, **September 12**, following the 9am worship service. Copies of the **2020-2021 Annual Report** are available in the church narthex or you can contact the church office at 651-777-4044 to have a copy mailed to you.



### STATEMENT 2021 Year-to-Date Activity (Detailed report available in the church office)

Total Income	\$106,186
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 93,846</u>
Overall Total Surplus (Deficit)	<u><u>\$12,340</u></u>

*\*We need a surplus going into summer when our giving subsides.*

2021

**Cassidy Rangel** is graduating from North High School and plans on studying marketing and theater at Century College. While in high school, Cassidy received the 916 Student of the Month Award, was on the student council for 3 years, and started a dance club as well as a cultural pop club. She was also the Honored Queen for Bethel 76 in White Bear Lake and danced at Triple L Dance Studio. Cassidy remembers one workcamp where she got the chance to be on a double crew. She had the great opportunity to meet a very kind adult leader who helped everyone the best he could and always checked in on them. At the beginning of the week, he promised them ice cream. Even though their double crew separated to finish other projects, he found her crew and brought them ice cream at the end of the week. She will never forget his kindness.



**Abigail York** is graduating from North High School and intends on studying art education with a minor in photography at Concordia University – St. Paul and also plans on competing on their Division 2 track team. She plans of one day becoming a high school art teacher, photographer, and climbing/pole vault coach. While in high school, she received the AAA Award, ExCEL Award, 6 Golden Keys for her photography portfolio, was twice named Student of the Month, and was the team captain for Track and Climbing. Abigail always struggled with friendships which at times made her question her self-worth, sometimes believing that there must be something wrong with her to have so few friends. Her first workcamp was the summer between middle school and high school which was an anxious time for her. The theme of one of the worship days was *doubt to hope* and they were encouraged to share their experiences with those around them. She remembers being nervous but was brave enough to talk about her own self-doubt surrounding her inability to make friendships last. The members of the youth group immediately reassured her and helped her realize that she is a beautiful person and that her struggle to make friends was due to bad luck and not a shortcoming of her own. Abigail left that work camp confident in herself and thankful to have such an amazing church family. She is endlessly thankful for this amazing congregation that has always celebrated her successes and been there when she needed them.

***We will be celebrating our high school graduates during the worship service on June 6.***

## ABIGAIL YORK'S GRADUATION PARTY

Saturday, June 12

11:00am to 3:00pm

North Church ~ Meisenheimer Hall



The York family invites you to Abigail's high school graduation party. There will be food plus indoor and outdoor games. There is no need to RSVP. Please contact James at 651-230-8816 or Leslie at 651-707-3043 if you have questions. We hope you are able to celebrate with us.

### LOOKING FOR SINGERS

Remember singing?!? This summer we will return to in-person singing in Meisenheimer Hall.

If you like to sing hymns or anthems and are fully vaccinated, we would love to have you as part of the music ministry this summer. There are two options available.

Summertime Singers: will sing an anthem once a month as part of the 'special music' offered during worship. The first date is June 20. July and August dates are yet to be determined.

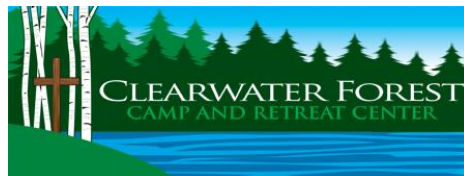
Hymn Leaders: Hymn Leaders would sing the 4-part hymns using microphones to capture the sound for livestream. We hope to have enough people to have a quartet or octet. Depending on how many people are willing to do this, we can set up a schedule so you wouldn't have to do it every Sunday.

If you are interested in either of these opportunities, contact Mary at [mary.livingstonmusic@gmail.com](mailto:mary.livingstonmusic@gmail.com) or call/text 651-331-1089.



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We will be partnering with Trinity Presbyterian and offering a virtual VBS this summer. Dates and more information coming soon.



#### Join us for this summer's theme: *This is our Prayer*

Deepening our spiritual connection and realizing blessings through prayer. From Bible studies to creative worship, to community building games, to creative arts projects, *This is our Prayer* will educate and empower your camper to find their own style of prayer and face the challenges as well as realize blessings in their everyday lives. Please contact the church office if your camper needs a scholarship.

## CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

Church Office Hours

**(Monday-Thursday 8:30am-12:00pm)**

north@northchurch-mn.org

651-777-4044

(Voicemail is not checked Friday or Saturday)

The fastest way to reach Pastor James after hours is to send an email to [4theyorks@gmail.com](mailto:4theyorks@gmail.com) with a call back number.

Please respect Renee's family time by not calling her cell phone. For an emergency, please send an email to [rlkristensen@gmail.com](mailto:rlkristensen@gmail.com).

### Emergency Pastoral Care

In the absence of the pastor or when contact with the session is desired, the elder on call for the month of June is Edward Cheng, 240-714-7493.

### Custodian

Nelson Portillo

Nelson has limited English, therefore we contact him through his son at 651-278-1831 or Pastor Arcenio's son, Christian, at 651-428-8107 from 3pm-9pm Monday-Friday.

### Emergency Building Contacts

Thor Sellie (Home: 651-770-5943 or Cell: 612-840-0144)

Mike Gerhardson (Cell: 651-808-0307)

## June Birthdays!



Gail Zoya	June 2	Pat Sim	June 18
Nate Holle	June 3	Stan Meyer	June 20
Emily Marah	June 3	Morgan Langer	June 21
Jan Warner	June 5	Cindy Carlson	June 22
David Seely	June 7	Mary Ellen Meisenheimer	June 23
Kate Roth	June 8	Elsie Gunther	June 23
Karissa Pepin	June 11	Lucita Zoya	June 24
Barb Williams	June 12	John McGehee	June 24
Calvin Atud Ndi	June 13	Barb Walker	June 25
Ron Javner	June 13	Dafney Sagnweu	June 26
Ann Purrington	June 13	Ed Jones	June 27
Phyllis Volkman	June 17	Dillon Bergmann	June 28
Gary Havran	June 18		





#### **Tuesday, June 1**

6:00pm Martial Arts  
7:00pm 12-Step Meeting  
7:00pm Deacons

#### **Thursday, June 3**

6:00pm El Shadai  
6:00pm Life Commission  
6:30pm Faith Commission  
7:00pm Stewardship Commission  
7:15pm Nurture Commission

#### **Friday, June 4**

5:00pm El Shadai Anniversary Set-Up

#### **Saturday, June 5**

10:00am El Shadai Bible Study  
3:00pm El Shadai Anniversary

#### **Sunday, June 6**

9:00am Livestream Worship  
12:30pm El Shadai  
1:30pm El Shadai

#### **Monday, June 7**

1:00pm Martial Arts  
6:00pm Boy Scouts

#### **Tuesday, June 8**

6:00pm Martial Arts  
7:00pm 12-Step Meeting

#### **Thursday, June 10**

6:00pm El Shadai  
6:30pm Cub Scouts

#### **Friday, June 11**

12:00pm York Graduation Set-Up

#### **Saturday, June 12**

11:00am York Graduation Party  
5:00pm El Shadai

#### **Sunday, June 13**

10:00am Livestream Worship  
12:30pm El Shadai  
1:30pm El Shadai

#### **Monday, June 14**

1:00pm Martial Arts  
7:00pm Personnel  
7:00pm Boy Scouts

#### **Tuesday, June 15**

6:00pm Martial Arts  
7:00pm 12-Step Meeting

#### **Thursday, June 17**

4:30pm Quinceañera Set-Up  
7:00pm Session

#### **Friday, June 18**

9:30am Quinceañera

#### **Saturday, June 19**

10:00am El Shadai Bible Study  
3:00pm El Shadai

#### **Sunday, June 20**

8:00am Summertime Singers  
9:00am Livestream Worship  
12:30pm El Shadai  
1:30pm El Shadai

#### **Monday, June 21**

1:00pm Martial Arts  
6:00pm Quilt Guild  
7:00pm Boy Scouts

#### **Tuesday, June 22**

6:00pm Martial Arts  
7:00pm 12-Step Meeting

#### **Thursday, June 24**

6:00pm El Shadai

#### **Friday, June 25**

12:00pm Rangel Graduation Set-up

#### **Saturday, June 26**

11:00am Rangel Graduation Party  
5:00pm El Shadai

#### **Sunday, June 27**

10:00am Livestream Worship  
12:30pm El Shadai  
1:30pm El Shadai

#### **Monday, June 28**

##### **Innovator Articles Due**

1:00pm Martial Arts  
7:00pm Boy Scouts

#### **Tuesday, June 29**

6:00pm Martial Arts  
7:00pm 12-Step Meeting

# Safe Gatherings

North Presbyterian Church  
North Saint Paul, MN  
May 20, 2021

*“All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, fellowship, sharing in the Lord’s Supper and to prayer. A deep sense of awe came over them all. They worshiped together each day with great joy and generosity, all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people.” Acts 2:Select Phrases*

North Presbyterian Church has hosted weekly Sunday worship since 1887 to give all praise honor and glory to God and to be nourished by God’s grace, peace, and joy inspiring us to serve the world. We are honored to continue our worship tradition with weekly Sunday on-site worship that is convenient to access from anywhere.

## **Personal Responsibility**

By presenting this plan, we seek to empower you with options and the information necessary to make your own decisions. We support each of you as you process and decide what is best for you. We understand that the perspectives on the best course of action are wide, various, and constantly evolving. Please journey with us with grace, flexibility, patience, and understanding.

## **COVID-19 Acknowledgement of Risk**

COVID-19 has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious. An individual can be infected with COVID-19 without knowing and be asymptomatic; a person may feel well and spread COVID-19. If you choose to enter North Presbyterian Church’s facilities, you assume personal responsibility for the risks of being exposed to COVID-19 and you may become infected with COVID-19.

## **Fluid Plan**

Due to the fluid nature of these uncertain times this plan for “Safe Gatherings” at North Presbyterian Church is subject to possible future alteration. Based on current information and reasonable expectation, the following plan has been deemed as our best course of action. This plan is also subject to additional state orders, restrictions, and recommendations.

## **Masks**

-Masks are not required, however they are strongly encouraged for anyone who is not vaccinated. If you are not vaccinated, please be caring and considerate for children who are not able to be vaccinated by wearing a mask. Anyone is welcome to wear a mask.

## **Please Stay Home when not feeling well**

Please partners with us in being good stewards of everyone's health. **Please if you have symptoms, STAY HOME. If you are not vaccinated and have been exposed to Covid-19, Please STAY HOME for 10 days after the exposure.** Currently children are unable to be vaccinated. Please care for our children by staying home if you are not feeling well or have been exposed.

## **Sunday Worship—Livestream & Mail**

The Holy Spirit unites us all across time and space.

### **Worship Via Internet**

We are dedicated to providing a quality livestream at 9am on Sunday mornings. You can watch the worship live or a recording of any previous worship service online. For most participants YouTube provides the highest quality. You can find the links via our webpage northchurch-mn.org. Click on the red YouTube icon in the upper right corner. Or follow this link: ([https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFxRhCSCfSL8Ru5T3aV1Asw?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFxRhCSCfSL8Ru5T3aV1Asw?view_as=subscriber)) to access North Church's YouTube Channel. Once in YouTube click on past Sunday worship services or if accessing the YouTube Channel at 8:55 on Sunday Mornings, you will see the "Live" Worship offered and click on that. If you are having any issues accessing the YouTube Channel, please contact Paul Colton at 651-242-1668 or Greg Hickman at 651-206-4438 for assistance.

### **Worship Via Phone**

Anyone can use any type of phone, even a landline phone, to access live Sunday, 9am worship. Dial 1-312-626-6799. Enter 889 4327 9643 for meeting ID. You can listen to any previously livestreamed worship service by calling anyone with internet and having them play the worship service while they put their phone on speaker.

### **Worship Via Print**

Call the church office and leave a message requesting to be added to our "mailed sermon list". You will receive the sermon via mail.

## **Self-Health Check-up**

### **Self-Health Check-up before entering the building or being present on grounds.**

Please you must stay home if:

You have any of the following symptoms:

- Fever greater than 100 degrees
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Persistent cough
- Persistent pain or pressure in your chest
- New loss of taste or smell
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Sore throat
- Persistent headache
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea

If you have not been vaccinated and you have reasonable suspicion that you:

- Have been around someone who has tested positive for COVID-19
- Have been around someone suspected of having COVID-19



## **Sunday Worship--Physical in-person**

### **Outside, Meisenheimer Hall or Sanctuary**

#### **9am Outside (Weather Permitting) (Singing Encouraged) (Masks Optional) (Distancing Optional)**

When conditions are dry, we will livestream worship to a 65-inch television and a robust speaker outside. The outside worship area is under the large shade tree in the labyrinth area. The television is mounted on the east wall of Meisenheimer Hall. Access this area by walking around the east end of the sanctuary or through the building exiting the door adjacent to the Fireside Room. Masks optional. Singing encouraged. Physical distancing optional. You may bring your own chair or blanket or use the provided folding chairs. There will be a basket outside for your offering. No Child Care. Single use crayons, coloring and activity sheets will be available in the Gathering space for children.

#### **9am Meisenheimer Hall (Singing Encouraged) (Masks Optional) (Distancing Optional)**

You are welcome to join us for worship in Meisenheimer Hall where the music, liturgy and sermon is live and in person. Please do not stand between the camera on the corner of the media booth and the stage. Masks optional. Singing encouraged. Physical distancing optional. There will be a basket by the door for your offering. No Child Care. Single use crayons, coloring and activity sheets will be available in the Gathering space for children.

#### **9am Sanctuary (No Singing) (Masks Required) (Distancing Required)**

We will livestream worship into the sanctuary through the sound system and project on a large screen. *The screen will be removed on September 19 when we anticipate resuming live 9 am Traditional and 10:45 Praise worship.* Please sit every other pew to maintain 6 feet of physical distance between households. There will be a plate by the Sanctuary door for your offering. No Child Care. Single use crayons, coloring and activity sheets will be available in the Gathering space for children.

## **The Lord's Supper, Baptism, Weddings & Funerals**

### **The Lord's Supper**

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated during 9am worship the first Sunday of the month. The Lord's Supper is a visible sign of what scripture proclaims as God's redeeming grace offered to all people. The Holy Spirit makes the Lord's Supper a nourishing, holy mystery. You are welcome to celebrate the Lord's Supper anytime at home with any type of food or beverage. Please celebrate the Lord's Supper as part of your worship experience. Worship speaks of God's grace through prayer, song, scripture, sermon, confession, and forgiveness. Most Presbyterians believe there is a synergy in celebrating the Lord's Supper as part of a worship service. On a Lord's Supper Sunday in-person worshipers will be given a sealed disposable cup of juice with a wafer upon entering the worship area.

### **Baptism, Weddings & Funerals**

The family will choose the location and safety protocols.

## **Prayer & Care, Giving, Contact Information, Office Hours**

### **Prayer & Care**

The staff, session, commissions, and deacons are praying for you. If you would like to share conversation and or prayer, please call, text, or email a deacon, Pastor James, or Roderick. Pastor James email is [pastorjames@northchurch-mn.org](mailto:pastorjames@northchurch-mn.org). Pastor James' cell phone is 651-230-8816. Roderick's email is [dericky65@hotmail.com](mailto:dericky65@hotmail.com). Roderick's cell phone is 612-229-7745.

### **Giving**

Financial gifts are greatly appreciated and needed. For your convenience you can give online, mail a check to church, or place your offering in a basket before or after worship. Your faithful and generous giving is helping us continue to be good news at a time when it is so needed.

### **Office hours**

Currently office hours vary, however voicemail, email and mail are checked regularly. Leave a message and we will be in touch. In an emergency, contact Pastor James' cell 651-230-8816.

## **El Shadai New Hope Ministries & Groups**

- You are responsible to keep up to date and follow all MN Stay Safe requirements.