SERMON NOTES

WELCOME!

Visiting?
Please fill out a connect card and drop it in the offering plate when it comes by, or visit **nscbc.org/connect**

Need a Bible?
See an usher to receive a gift Bible. Large print and children's Bibles are available for use during the service.

Have Questions?
Find someone with a name badge or visit our Welcome Desk by the parking lot.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- **Nursery (Birth–2.5 yrs):** Drop off before service in **Room 208**
- **Preschool Worship (2.5–4.5 yrs):** Drop off before service in **Room 205**
- **Children's Worship (4.5 yrs–2nd grade):** Children begin the service with their families, then will be invited partway through to the **sanctuary foyer,** where leaders will bring them downstairs to **Room LL1 in the new Children's Wing.**

GIVING UPDATE

General Fund Update For July 2026 & Budget Comparison

	Actuals	*Budget thru July 31*
General Fund Income	$ 650,920.83	$ 616,497.69
Less Expenses	$ 672,265.65	$ 684,910.88
Net Difference	($21,344.82)	

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NORTH SHORE
COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
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Christ Is Our Utmost Aim

Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

–Philippians 3:13-14

REFLECTION FOR WORSHIP

"My question – which at the age of 50 brought me to the brink of suicide – was the simplest of questions, lying in the soul of every man...a question without an answer to which one cannot live...It was: 'What will come of what I am doing today or shall do tomorrow? What will come of my whole life?...Is there any meaning in my life that the inevitable death awaiting me does not destroy?'"

– Leo Tolstoy, *A Confession*

"When we shall come home and enter to the possession of our Brother's fair kingdom, and when our heads shall find the weight of the eternal crown of glory...then we shall see life and sorrow to be less than one step or stride from a prison to glory; and that our little inch of suffering is not worthy of our first night's welcome home to heaven."

– Samuel Rutherford, *The Loveliness of Christ*

"So it is that we need and seek God, not His help nor His gifts - even of sanctity, but Himself. His great object with us is not our sinlessness but our communion. 'Give me thy heart.' He does not offer us communion to make us holy; He makes us holy for the sake of communion."

–P.T. Forsyth, *Christian Perfection*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Service Schedule Changes Next Sunday!

Next Sunday, August 23rd, we'll return to a two-service worship schedule, 9:15am and 11:00am, to welcome our returning college students and make room for visitors and newcomers.

PLEASE NOTE: Through Sept. 7, we'll continue our summer children's ministry schedule during the **first service only.** Regular Children's Sunday School (age 2.5–5th grade, 2nd service) will resume **Sept. 13.**

Congregational Building Design Review Meetings

We are making progress on our building renovation project and have updated designs to share with the church. We've planned two identical public meetings to review the latest designs. We want to hear your reactions, see if we've missed anything, and make sure we're listening to you. Join us for either meeting!

Meeting 1: Sunday, August 23 at 12:30pm after second service
Meeting 2: Thursday, September 10 at 7:00pm
(virtual link will be provided)

NOTE: Childcare and lunch only offered for the August 23 meeting.
Please register on Church Center.

Celebrating Julie Funderburk

Thursday, August 20 | 7:00pm | Robinson's House (2 Shannon Lane in Beverly)
Julie is moving on to her next chapter, and it's time to celebrate all she's meant to NSCBC and our youth! Join us for appetizers, desserts, and memories. RSVP at nscbc.org/julie, and let us know if you can bring a dish to share!

World Partner Visit: Tom & Megan

Sunday, August 23 | 11:00am | Family Room
Next Sunday, our World Partners Tom and Megan will be visiting and giving an update on their ministry in East Africa. We will gather in the Family Room at 11:00am during the second service for a presentation and a time for Q+A.

Worship Night

Thursday, August 27 | 7:00-8:00pm | NSCBC Sanctuary
Join for an intentional hour of worship and slowing down. Come as you are and rest in the Lord with us.

Picnic on the Lawn

Sunday, August 30 | 4:00-7:00pm | NSCBC
Join your NSCBC family for a relaxed end of summer picnic on the church lawn, with lawn games, live music, and good food. We'll provide the main course and beverages; please bring a side or dessert to share. **Register today** on **Church Center** or at **nscbc.org/picnic.**

CHURCH CENTER

Join our online community portal for events and more.

This icon indicates a sign up or more information on Church Center. Join us at **nscbc.churchcenter.com** or download the Church Center app to get started.

SERVICE ORDER

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Prelude	Renuévame *Arely F., Tenor Saxophone*	Marcos Witt

God Gathers Us to Himself

*Gathering Hymn	A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (465)	Ein Feste Burg
Call to Worship		Annalise Kraines
*Praise	King of Kings	Hillsong (2018)
	Build My Life	Younker (2016)
Confession & Assurance		Annalise Kraines
Prayer for Children		
*Passing the Peace		

Children ages 4.5 - 2nd grade are invited to children's worship

Life of the Church: Offering and Announcements	Adam Kurihara
New Member Welcome	Nate & Heather Williams Ken Sawyer
Kingdom-Centered Prayer	Annalise Kraines

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Scripture Reading	Philippians 3:12-21	Care Oakes Tuck
Sermon	The Christian's Aim	Bobby Warrenburg

God Moves Us to Respond

Prayer of Response		Bobby Warrenburg
*Praise	Beautiful Things	Gungor (2010)

God Sends Us Out to Serve

Member Sending	Ken & Melissa Sawyer
*Benediction	Bobby Warrenburg
Postlude	

Our prayer team is located in the back of the sanctuary to pray for you after the service

**Congregation stands as able | All songs used by permission. CCLI License #329436.*
Captions and translation available at nscbc.org/captions.
The sermon and service recordings are available at nscbc.org.

CALENDAR

Today (8/16)	**Worship Service** | Sanctuary	10:00am
	Ministry Leader Building Design Review | Family Room	11:30pm
	Shine On Worship Supper | Family Room	5:30pm
Wednesday	**Mid-Day Prayer** | Living Room (Room 211)	11:30am
Sunday (8/23)	**First Worship Service** | Sanctuary	9:15am
	Second Worship Service | Sanctuary	11:00am
	Tom & Megan Presentation and Q+A | Family Room	11:00am
	Congregational Building Design Review | Family Room	12:30pm

***NSCBC is hosting our friends from Pilgrim Church** as they rebuild after a fire that severely damaged their building this past fall. They will be holding their Sunday services at 11:00am in Friendship Hall.*

Please keep the Pilgrim Church congregation in your prayers during this season of rebuilding, and extend a warm welcome when you see them on Sunday mornings!

PRAYER

Community Focus:

We lift up our **Haitian brothers and sisters** in our community who face the deep uncertainty and fear surrounding the loss of their Temporary Protected Status (TPS). Comfort families navigating anxiety over their future, protect workers and children, and grant strength to all who feel vulnerable in this time of transition. We pray for the committed work of our friends at the **Everett Haitian Community Center** ministering to and walking alongside so many in uncertainty.

Congregation Focus:

We pray for the **students** that are starting or returning to school in the coming weeks. We ask for safety for those that are traveling, and that the Lord would sustain them as they begin a new semester.

World Focus:

We lift up our World Partner **Roger D.** as he travels to Nicaragua from August 24 through September 16 to serve in remote communities along the Rio Grande de Matagalpa. Pray for safe travel and a fruitful time of ministry. Roger has just completed a water, sanitation, and hygiene curriculum for village primary schools and will be training local staff to implement it. Pray that all instructional materials arrive safely upriver. Pray also for his work equipping community church leaders to reach out to their communities holistically, and for wisdom as he explores the possibility of future agricultural projects in the area.

Sign up for our **Prayer Newsletter** at nscbc.org/weeklyprayer
Submit a **prayer request** at nscbc.org/pray

Support the mission of our church through giving online at nscbc.org/giving or leave a donation in our offering boxes located by the sanctuary doors.