



NOROTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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I want you woven into a tapestry of love, in touch with everything there is to know of God. Then you will have minds confident and at rest, focused on Christ, God's great mystery.
~ Colossians 2:2-4 (MSG)

Brothers and Sisters,

Over the course of this past year, we have been reminded again and again of God's faithfulness. In big moments and small ones alike, Christ has been present among us. He has been guiding, strengthening, and drawing us closer to Him and to one another.

As we look back on the life of Noroton Presbyterian Church, we do so with deep gratitude. Through times of worship, opportunities to serve, care shared within our community, and a growing hunger for God's Word, we have witnessed the ways Christ continues to move in and through His people. It is a joy to be part of a church that seeks to reflect His love both within our walls and beyond them.

With a new year before us, we step forward with trust. The same God who has led us this far will continue to guide our path. Christ calls us to remain attentive, to respond with faith, and to participate in the work He is already doing around us. Our prayer is that we would continue to be shaped by His grace and used for His purposes.

We are thankful for all that has been, and we look ahead with hope for all that will be.

Fondly in Him,
Greg, Brandi and Gary

Worshipping, Growing, Serving, and Caring in the Name of Jesus Christ

Worship Jesus Christ:

- 9 and 10:30am Sunday worship, summer worship at the beach (well attended by NPC and the community), Wednesday 7pm worship service is popular for all ages
- Livestream available at 10:30am service. Viewing numbers continue to grow
- Pastoral support of church community; 18 baptisms, 15 weddings, 8 memorial services for members
- Support of the wider community, 10 funerals/memorial services held at NPC with NPC Pastors
- Intentionally and deeply working through the Sermon on the Mount together as a church body

Grow in faith through study:

- 95 joined the NPC community of faith as official church members (includes 28 Confirmation students who professed their faith in Jesus Christ)
- 7 new Community Groups added, providing more than 110 new opportunities to join
- 3 new, 10 continuing men's and women's bible studies meet virtually and in person
- Adult class meet Sundays at 9am, "Deeper in Discipleship"
- Women's retreat off site at the Wisdom House; Men's retreat off site at the Incarnation Center; Youth retreat "Winter Weekend" with 4 other churches from Fairfield County
- Children's Ministry meet regularly; Sunday school, Kids Club, summer activities, Worship Night, and Open SHAC. Vacation Bible school held with 170 participating
- PEP (People Encouraging People) meet during the year with lunches and events
- Youth small groups and SHAC groups for middle, high school, and college students meet regularly; retreats; mission experiences; and more. Youth began serving biannually with Building One Community and Feed My Starving Children. The youth team offers a student Mentorship Program
- We're diving deeper into the Sermon on the Mount, on Sundays and into the rhythms of our week.

Care for our neighbors as ourselves:

- NPC Childcare continued to serve the community with strength and stability, established new leadership, deepening its connection to NPC, and thoughtfully integrating faith-based principles into the program.
- The nursery school reached full capacity and is thriving.
- Host Community Bible Study, Moms of Littles, Sun. Mornings with Young Moms, Moms of Teens, and the Korean Church, weekly in the Chapel
- Stephen Ministers continue to care for and come alongside those hurting in our church family
- Pastoral care provides visits to those in hospitals, care facilities and at home (as we are able)
- AA and Al Anon groups meet weekly in the SHAC
- NPC participated in Night to Shine - prom centered on God's love for people with special needs
- Youth annual "Table of Grace" dinner with mission partner, Pivot Ministries men
- CrossLit youth program for all DHS students to give support, fellowship, and encouragement
- 71 Christmas gifts given to children: Angel Tree (prison fellowship), Open Door Shelter, and Pivot Ministries
- Partnered with 6 missionaries and 11 ministries, through prayer, funds, gifts in kind, and volunteers
- Served/visited mission partners in Gaza (Jordan), Croatia and Bosnia, 6 East Africa partners, and planned 2026 mission trip.

Special Events:

- Annual Fall Kick off celebration, Easter Eggstravaganza, and Harvest Fest
- JAM presented the musical "Back to the Beginning"
- Music Ministry - Vespers was phenomenal with a full house
- Longtime church member, Reverend Stacy Arevalo was ordained

2025 Clerk's Report

In 2025, there were 10 (ten) Stated Meetings, 2 (two) Special Meetings of the Session, and 6 (six) Commission of Session Meetings. There was 1 (one) Called Meeting of the Congregation and 0 (zero) Special Meetings of the Congregation.

I. Church Membership:

Active Membership as of 12/31/24...**1,715**

Additions during 2025:

Profession of Faith	28
Certificate of Transfer	9
Reactivate	0
Reaffirmation of Faith	58
Other	0

TOTAL: 95

Active Membership as of 12/31/25...**1,453**

Losses during 2025:

Certificate of Transfer	1
Death	8
Remove	0
Other (made inactive)	348
TOTAL:	357

II. Marriages:

Marriages performed: 15

III. Baptisms:

Child Baptism (under 17): 18

Adult (Confirmation): 4

IV. Funerals/Memorials:

Members: 8

Non-Members: 10

V. Session Membership:

Racial/Ethnic: White, 96% (**1,401**), Asian 1% (**16**), Middle Eastern, Black, 1% (**12**)

Hispanic .5% (**7**), Unk., 1% (**17**)

Age Groups: 17 and under, 7% (**103**) 18-25 Years, 14% (**205**) 26-40 Years, 19% (**270**)

41-55 Years, 22% (**318**) 56-70 Years, 20% (**292**) 71 and over, 11% (**154**)

Unknown, 8% (**111**)

VI. The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Combined total of in person first Sunday at all services and first Wednesday at 7pm service.

January 5, 2025	541	July 6, 2025	313
February 2, 2025	445	August 3, 2025	322
March 2, 2025	522	September 7, 2025	525
April 6, 2025	464	October 5, 2025	440
April 17, 2025	120 (Maundy Thurs)	November 5, 2025	453
May 4, 2025	421	December 3, 2025	423
June 1, 2025	303		

Moderator of Session: Rev. Gregory M. Doll, **Clerk of Session:** Fred Wilms

Pastors: Rev. Gregory M. Doll, Rev. Brandi W. Drake, Rev. Gary M. Morello

Elders Currently Serving on Session:

Class of 2026		Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Cathy Butcher	Rod Rahe	Bill Donzeizer	Kristine Braden
Hank Outhbertson	Heather Stramandinoli	Alison Emel	Shepard Halsch
Evelyn Knight	Mike Turner	David Hazelton	Stefanie Jones
Jed Lawrence	Fred Wilms	Brandi Maniscalco	Michael King
Amy Maccarrone	Patrick Wind	John Marr	David Travers
		David Norman	
		Elizabeth Shelton	
		Ginna Yerrall	

	2026 BUDGET			
	2026 Budget	2025 Actual	Y-o-Y Change	% Change
OPERATING INCOME				
Pledged Contributions	3,410,000	3,353,032	56,968	2%
Unpledged Contributions	330,000	337,018	(7,018)	-2%
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	3,740,000	3,690,050	49,950	1%
NPNS Contributions	243,320	182,589	60,731	33%
Child Care Income	1,201,433	1,018,758	182,675	18%
Other Income	55,700	69,386	(13,686)	-20%
Designated Gift [Worship]	30,000	87,524	(57,524)	-66%
TOTAL INCOME	5,270,453	5,048,306	222,147	4%
TOTAL EXPENSE: By Expense Type				
Staff Salary & Related	3,476,358	3,307,753	(168,605)	5%
Ministry Expense	451,020	435,878	(15,142)	3%
Mission Sponsorship	454,850	427,081	(27,769)	7%
Church & Building Management	693,235	675,381	(17,854)	3%
Building Capital Improvements	130,000	70,000	(60,000)	86%
Loan Repayment	64,990	64,990	-	0%
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,270,453	4,981,083	(289,369)	6%
NET OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	0	67,223	(67,222)	-100%

	2026 BUDGET			
	2026 Budget	2025 Actual	Y-o-Y Change	% Change
TOTAL EXPENSE: BY MINISTRY				
Executive Leadership	523,755	518,456	(5,299)	1%
Music & Worship Ministry	517,181	528,417	11,235	-2%
Childrens Ministry	195,081	190,739	(4,343)	2%
Youth Ministry	278,282	278,377	95	0%
Child Care (NPCC)	1,045,083	986,195	(58,888)	6%
Adult Spiritual Formation	118,507	112,892	(5,614)	5%
Adult & Caring Ministry	310,518	305,996	(4,522)	1%
Missions	561,000	527,091	(33,909)	6%
Church Relations	91,150	84,208	(6,942)	8%
Communications	132,243	125,583	(6,661)	5%
Leadership Development	24,000	20,042	(3,958)	20%
Office Services	193,450	190,365	(3,085)	2%
Building Services	919,315	934,852	15,537	-2%
Capital & Debt	204,990	146,871	(58,120)	40%
Reserve: Salary Increase & 403B Match	155,897	31,000	(124,897)	n/a
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,270,453	4,981,083	(289,369)	6%