



NORTH PARK CHURCH

WORSHIP • CONNECT • IMPACT

January 1, 2023

For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners,
so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Romans 5:19

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

CHILDCARE AVAILABLE

Visit our Welcome Counter for info on the nursery and kids' options

E-GIVING - northparkepc.org/give

WIFI AVAILABLE - Our NPC Guest password is **Welcome!**

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 18

MUSICAL PRAISE

Great Is Thy Faithfulness | Christ Our Hope | All Glory Be to Christ

PRAYER

CONFESSION OF FAITH | Apostles' Creed

OFFERING | **ANNOUNCEMENTS** | **MEMORY VERSE**

No Kids' Worship today. Please welcome the children around you.

PRAYER

SONG | Doxology

GREETING

MESSAGE | Will 2023 be 2020x3?

PRAYER

SONG OF RESPONSE | How Firm a Foundation

THE LORD'S SUPPER | Living Hope

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WILL 2023 BE 2020x3?

BEN BURKHOLDER | DANIEL 3

DANIEL 3:1-2 NIV

¹King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold, sixty cubits high and six cubits wide, and set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. ²He then summoned the satraps, prefects, governors, advisers, treasurers, judges, magistrates and all the other provincial officials to come to the dedication of the image he had set up.

DANIEL 3:4-7 NIV

⁴Then the herald loudly proclaimed, “Nations and peoples of every language, this is what you are commanded to do: ⁵As soon as you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music, you must fall down and worship the image of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. ⁶Whoever does not fall down and worship will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace.” ⁷Therefore, as soon as they heard the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp and all kinds of music, all the nations and peoples of every language fell down and worshiped the image of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

DANIEL 3:8-20 NIV

⁸At this time some astrologers came forward and denounced the Jews. ⁹They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, “May the king live forever! ¹⁰Your Majesty has issued a decree that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music must fall down and worship the image of gold, ¹¹and that whoever does not fall down and worship will be thrown into a blazing furnace. ¹²But there are some Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon—Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego—who pay no attention to you, Your Majesty. They neither serve your gods nor worship the image of gold you have set up.” ¹³Furious with rage, Nebuchadnezzar summoned Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. So these men were brought before the king, ¹⁴and Nebuchadnezzar said to them, “Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the image of gold I have set up? ¹⁵Now when you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music, if you are ready to fall down and worship the image I made, very good. But if you do not worship it, you will be thrown immediately into a blazing furnace. Then what god will be able to rescue you from my hand?”

¹⁶Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, “King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. ¹⁷If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and He will deliver us from Your Majesty’s hand. ¹⁸But even if He does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.”

¹⁹Then Nebuchadnezzar was furious with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and his attitude toward them changed. He ordered the furnace heated seven times hotter than usual ²⁰and commanded some of the strongest soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace.

DANIEL 3:24-26 NIV

²⁴Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, “Weren’t there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?” They replied, “Certainly, Your Majesty.” ²⁵He said, “Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods.”

²⁶Nebuchadnezzar then approached the opening of the blazing furnace and shouted, “Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!”

DANIEL 3:28-30 NIV

²⁸Then Nebuchadnezzar said, “Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent His angel and rescued His servants! They trusted in Him and defied the king’s command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God. ²⁹Therefore I decree that the people of any nation or language who say anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego be cut into pieces and their houses be turned into piles of rubble, for no other god can save in this way.” ³⁰Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

OUTLINE

I. The T_____ Ground

- a. Exiles in a Foreign Land
- b. Idolatry Enforced

II. The A_____ against and P_____ of the Exiles

- a. They don't worship the king's gods or image
- b. Faith that God can deliver regardless of the outcome

III. God **S**_____ Himself **A**_____

- a. 4th person in the fire: like a son of the gods
- b. Nebuchadnezzar's new understanding of God
- c. The promotion of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NORTH PARK ENCOUNTER

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 | 5:00 - 8:00 P.M. | ROOM 107

The next opportunity to get a crash course on our church and begin the membership process will be Sunday evening, January 15, as Pastor Hendley offers another North Park ENCOUNTER with a free meal provided. A fast-moving, enjoyable evening is our guarantee. The class is designed for adults 16 and over, but all ages may come. Childcare is provided. For more info or to sign up speak to Pastor Dan or email him at danhendley@northparkepc.org.

WINTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAYS, JANUARY 8 - FEBRUARY 26, 2023 | 9:00 A.M.

Jonah | Jim Yoder | Room 109

Gentle & Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers

Matt Bender, Andy & Amber Stites, and Clint Van't Land | Room 111

Why Christians Need to Talk about Virtues in Church and Home

Ben Burkholder | Room 112

See the FYI or visit our website (northparkepc.org/sunday-school) for details.

COMPASS: BIBLE TRIVIA NIGHT

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17 | 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. | BLUE ROOM

Bring a dish to share: A-G: Salads; H-O: Sides; P-Z: Desserts. Email Pastor Ben (benburkholder@northparkepc.org) or sign up in the lobby. See the website for details.

LADIES' CRAFT NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4 | 7:00 - 8:30 A.M. | ROOM 111

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5 | 6:30 - 7:30 A.M. | ROOM 106

Plan to enjoy a time of fellowship reading *A Shepherd Looks at the 23rd Psalm*. Contact Mark (marksharpnack@northparkepc.org).