

EASTER



SUNDAY

APRIL 9, 2023
+ EASTER SUNDAY +

PRELUDE

Christ Hath Burst His Prison
arr. Gilbert M. Martin
Brian Ward, Organ

INTROIT

Now the Green Blade Rises (244, verse 1)
Chancel Choir, Dominic German Director

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 258

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Libby Piotrowski and Jeff Hunter

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

The darkness is banished!

The brightness of God's love floods in on us!

Christ is risen from the dead!

Christ is alive forevermore!

Hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Amen!

* INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER 887 (Using *sins*)

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

CHORAL ANTHEM

This Joyful Eastertide (250)
Royce Eckhardt

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Reading

Epistle Reading

* Gospel Reading

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

* Sung Response 246, verses 1 and 3

Mattelin Zander, Reader

Jeremiah 31:1-6

Colossians 3:1-4

Matthew 28:1-10

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

* HYMN 243

Thine Is the Glory!

MESSAGE

Jeff Hunter and Libby Piotrowski

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Christ Is Risen

Matt Maher, Mia Fieldes

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

The Blessed Christ Is Risen Today

J.S. Bach

He Lives

* Responsive Hymn 253, verse 1

* Prayer of Dedication

* CLOSING HYMN 257

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

Those wishing to sing the Hallelujah chorus with the choir may make their way forward during the hymn to stand in the choir loft and on the front platform.

* BENEDICTION

“I am the resurrection and the life,” says the Lord.

May Christ’s rising lift your spirits and gladden your hearts.

Alleluia! Amen!

All those who believe in Christ will never perish.

May you pass with Christ from death to life.

Alleluia! Amen!

Christ has gone to prepare a place for us.

May his resurrection bring you all joy and peace in believing
so that you may abound in hope.

Alleluia! Amen!

Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—bless you now and forever.

Alleluia! Amen!


POSTLUDE

Hallelujah
from *Messiah*
G.F. Handel

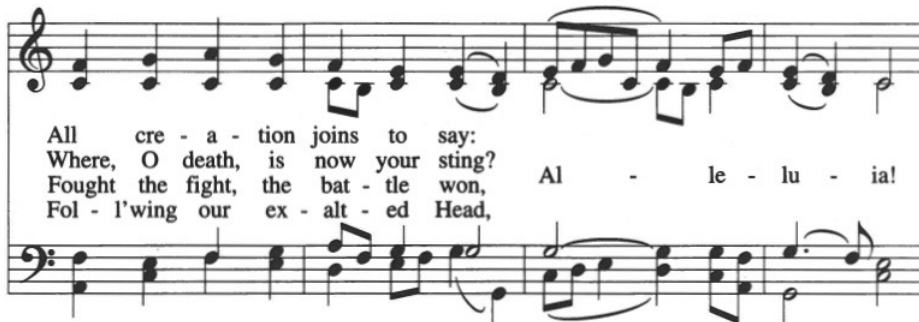
** Please rise, in body or in spirit.*

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

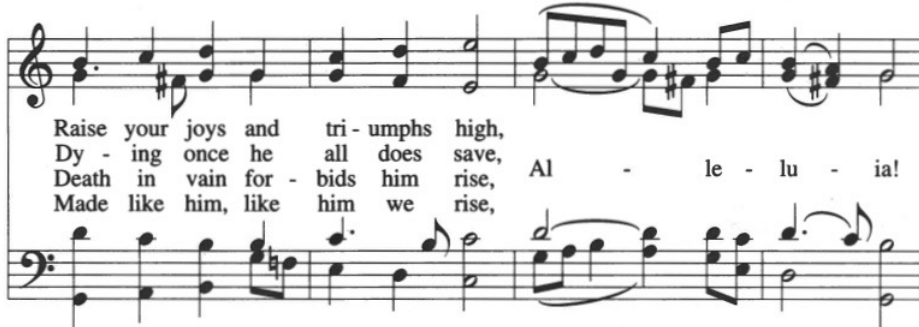
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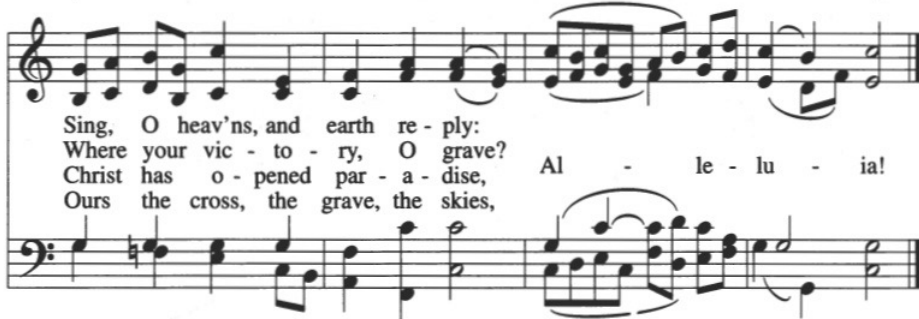
1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day,
 2 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Love's re - deem - ing work is done,
 4 Soar we now where Christ has led,



All cre - a - tion joins to say:
 Where, O death, is now your sting?
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head,



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
 Dy - ing once he all does save,
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like him, like him we rise,



Sing, O heav'ns, and earth re - ply:
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

887

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Traditional

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

246

Refrain (in unison) F Dm Gm C

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le -

F Dm Gm C ⊕ *Last time*

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his name.

F/A Stanzas F Dm B♭ C F

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth; he is the
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Je - sus has
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ; now we shall
 4 God has pro - claimed the just re - ward: life for all
 5 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God, joy - ful - ly

Dm Gm7 C D.C. ⊕ F *Last time*

King of cre - a - tion. name.
 died and has ris - en.
 live for - ev - er.
 peo - ple, al - le - lu - ia.
 sing to our Sav - ior.

Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en con - qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is nought with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom. Let his church with glad - ness
 out thee: aid us in our strife. Make us more than con - qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for her Lord now liv - eth:
 through thy death - less love: bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son;
 to thy home a - bove.

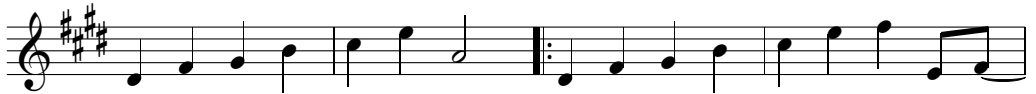
EASTER: RESURRECTION

end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won.

The image shows a musical score for a piece titled "Easter: Resurrection". It consists of two staves. The upper staff is a vocal line in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time, with lyrics: "end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won." The lower staff is a piano accompaniment in the same key and time, featuring a steady bass line and chords. The piece concludes with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

Christ Is Risen

Matt Maher and Mia Fieldes



Let no
Be - neath



one caught in sin re - main in - side the lie of in - ward shame; we fix
the weight of all our sin; You bowed to none but heav - en's will. No scheme



oureyes u - pon the cross andrun to Him who showed great love andbled
of hell, no scof - fer'scrown. No bur - den great can hold You down. In strength



for us. Free - ly You've bled for us. Christ is
You reign. For - e - ver let Your church pro - claim.



ris - en from the dead, tramp - ling o - ver death by death. Come a - wake, come a - wake. Come and



rise up from the grave. Christ is ris - en from the dead. We are one with Him a - gain. Come a -



wake, come a - wake. Come and rise up from the grave.

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rise up from the grave. O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your vic - to-ry?

32



O church, come stand in the light. The glo - ry of God has de - feat - ed the night.

36




O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your vic - to-ry?

40



O church, come stand in the light. Our God is not dead, He's a - live! He's a-live! Christ is

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ris - en from the dead. Tramp - ling o - ver death by death. Come a - wake, come a-wake. Come and

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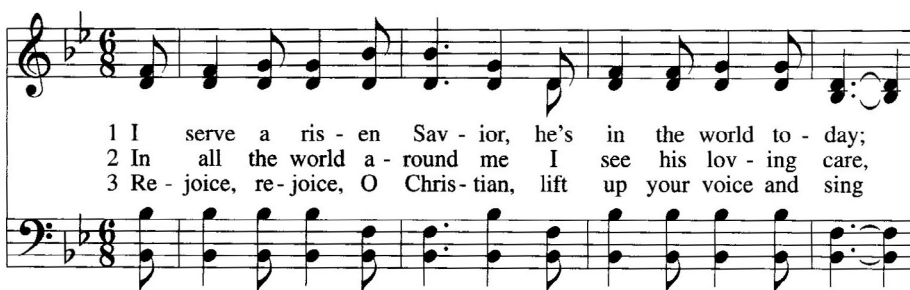
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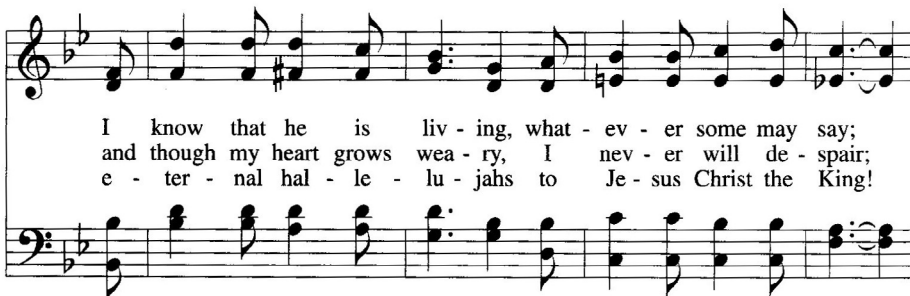


wake, come a - wake. Come and rise up from the grave.

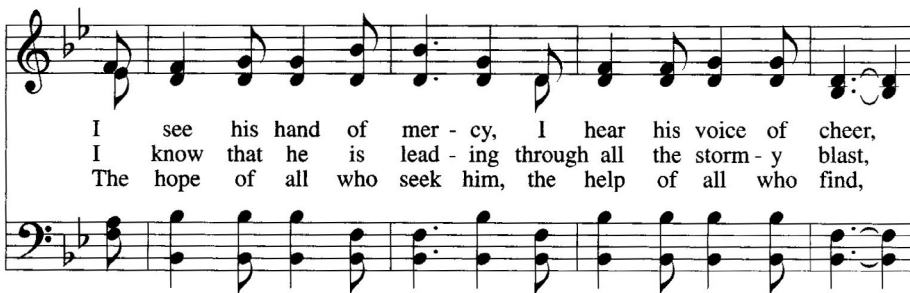
He Lives



1 I serve a ris - en Sav - ior, he's in the world to - day;
 2 In all the world a - round me I see his lov - ing care,
 3 Re - joice, re - joice, O Chris - tian, lift up your voice and sing



I know that he is liv - ing, what - ev - er some may say;
 and though my heart grows wea - ry, I nev - er will de - spair;
 e - ter - nal hal - le - lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ the King!



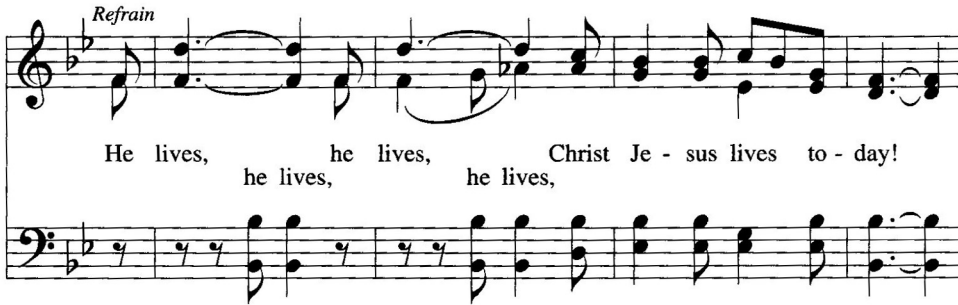
I see his hand of mer - cy, I hear his voice of cheer,
 I know that he is lead - ing through all the storm - y blast,
 The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find,



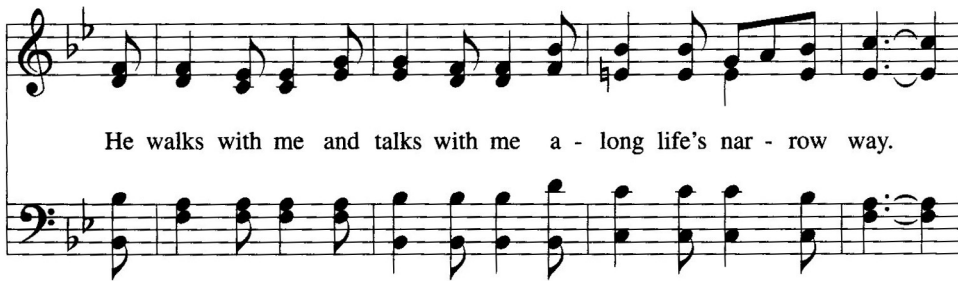
and just the time I need him he's al - ways near.
 the day of his ap - pear - ing will come at last.
 none oth - er is so lov - ing, so good and kind.

EASTER: RESURRECTION

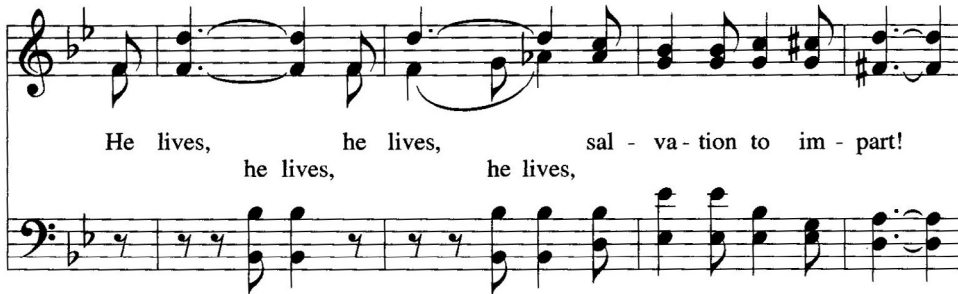
Refrain



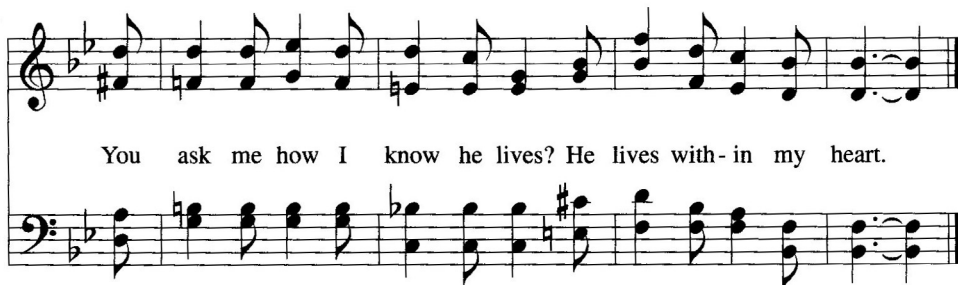
He lives, he lives, Christ Je - sus lives to - day!
he lives, he lives,



He walks with me and talks with me a - long life's nar - row way.



He lives, he lives, sal - va - tion to im - part!
he lives, he lives,



You ask me how I know he lives? He lives with - in my heart.

257 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

Refrain (before stanza 1 and after stanza 4)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, now is the
 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst, and Je - sus
 3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es
 4 He broke the age - bound chains of hell, the bars from

vic - tor's tri - umph won; O let the
 has his foes dis - persed: let shouts of
 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry
 heav'n's high por - tals fell; let hymns of

To refrain after stanza 4

song of praise be sung. Al - le - lu - ia!
 ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!

2023 Easter Memorials
& Honoraria



We Remember
We Honor

The members and friends listed here have chosen to memorialize or honor their loved ones either with the purchase of a beautiful flowering plant you see at the front of the sanctuary today and/or by giving a donation to camping scholarships.

Given by Mary Ann Ahlgren
in memory of Betty Nelson

Given by David Frisk
in honor of my NPCC family

Given by Sue & Kevin Anderson
in memory of June & Delmond Borg
in memory of Lois & Bill Anderson

Given by Barb & John Goode
in memory of our parents
in honor of Jeff, Clare, and Theo

Given by Lisa, Scott, Maja, and Linnea
Applequist

Given by Louise W. Hedstrom
in memory of Herbert Hedstrom

Given by Cheryl Borgeson & Les Carlstrom
in memory of our parents

Given by Sarah Hillabrant
in memory of Linda Hillabrant

Given by Nancy & Will Bromley
in memory of loved ones

Given by Sig Hulburt
in honor of Corky & Paul Larson

Given by Mary & Keith Chase-Ziolek
in memory of Zoey Hope Chase-Ziolek
in memory of Helen & Jim Chase
in memory of Roman & Margaret Ziolek

Given by Barbara & Francis Hunt
in memory of Myrna & Milton Giertz
in honor of Francis & Witte Hunt
in honor of Judith Giertz

Given by Karen Darelus
in memory of Helen & Charles Darelus
in honor of my brothers, Peter & Joel,
and their families

Given by the Hunter family
in memory of Shirley & Clint Hamrick
in memory of Perry Manley

Given by the Dawson family
in memory of Fran & Zerda Boland
in memory of Jay & Elfrieda Dawson

Given by the Johnson family

Given by Lori Johnson
in memory of Francis Johnson
in honor of Rose Johnson

Given by Sandy Edstrom
in memory of Art Edstrom

Given by the Lucco family
in memory of Richard Lucco

Given by Ann-Marie and Johanna Frisk
in memory of loved ones
in honor of family and friends

Given by Terri Njaa
in memory of Donald Njaa
in memory of Kari Njaa Hutson

Given by Joel & Christine Olfelt
in honor of our parents

Given by Chuck & Jan Olson
*in memory of our parents
in honor of our children & grandchildren*

Given by Don & Kay Olson
in honor of Anders, Axel, Jack, & Dillan

Given by Mark, Krista, Anders, and Axel
Olson-Brady
in memory of David Brady

Given by Jeffrey & Isabel Parker
*in memory of Princess Wynona Parker
in honor of Patricia Tayag*

Given by Joline & Steve Paska
in memory of our parents

Given by Lynn & Pete Pearson
in memory of our parents

Given by Bonnie Pfeiffelman and family
in memory of my dad

Given by the Piotrowski family
in honor of loved ones

Given by the Reese-Clausons
in memory of John Olaf Clauson

Given by Steve, Laurie, and Dillan Rizzo
*in memory of Olson & Larson grand-
parents*

Given by Dave & Carol Schlensker
*in memory of Elizabeth Schlensker
in memory of Bill McLaughlin
in honor of Michael Schlensker
in honor of Vera McLaughlin*

Given by Christian & Paula Schuetz and
family
in honor of Laura LaPorte

Given by the Schukas family
in memory of Schukas family members

Given by Peter & Joanna Sjoblom
*in memory of Sjoblom and Westberg
families*

Given by Janette & Roderick Smith
*in memory of James & Carol Smith
in memory of Peter Muir*

Given by Mel Soderstrom
in memory of Joanne Soderstrom

Given by Bruce & Ann Marie Strom
*in memory of the Shouba and Strom
families*

Given by Eileen Thorpe
in memory of Roger Thorpe

Given by Sue Vandervoort
in memory of my parents and my brother

Given by Bill & Ruthanne Werner
*in memory of Rev. Bertil & Lorraine
Lovain
in memory of Carl & Georgia Werner*



Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!

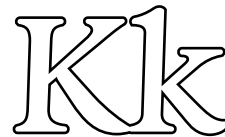
We're glad you're here.

For your prayers this week:

- **Jack and Mary Surridge and family**, mourning the passing of Jack's mother, Claire Cole
- **family and friends of Roger Nelson**, who passed away on March 18
- Terri Njaa's 3-month-old great-grandson, **Daniel**, recuperating after undergoing heart surgery
- **Tracee Lundeen**, Jim and Jan's daughter-in-law, diagnosed with malignant brain tumors
- **Chloe Johnson**, diagnosed with lupus
- **Greg Mesimore**, recuperating well following surgery to remove a tumor on his brain
- Rosemary Slaughter's friend **Barbara**, awaiting word from her doctors about the potential amputation of one of her feet due to diabetes and neuropathy
- Rosemary' Slaughter's friend **Sarah Shockey**, whose father anticipates heart surgery in June
- Barbara Nordlund's parents, **Sue and Dwight Samuelson**, moving forward in their respective medical journeys

Praying for Our Neighborhood in 2023

Join us this week, as we pray for those in our community whose first names begin with...



We will hold the second part of this year's Annual Congregational Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 23, immediately following worship. The NPCC Executive Council and Nominating Committee will bring the ballot of proposed church leaders for 2023 to 2024. Please join us in this important task of choosing our church leaders!

Eat Some Pancakes, Raise Some Funds! Join us on Saturday, April 15, from 8:30 to 11 am in the church parlors for the first pancake breakfast camping fundraiser since 2020! Come for delicious pancakes, fruit, and sausage... Participate in a raffle with fun camp prizes... Sip some coffee and chat with friends... Donate to help send kids to summer camp... Come when you can, leave when you must... No reservations needed!

It's time to buy tickets for our mission trip to Nome this August! To date, there are four confirmed participants. If you want to join the trip, please contact Sue Vandervoort no later than April 15 at 773-769-1963 or suev307@sbcglobal.net.

Wedding Invitation! Elizabeth Bleakley and James White would be honored to have you attend their wedding ceremony here at NPCC on Saturday, April 29, 2023, at 12 pm. Michael Bucci will be walking his mother down the aisle. All three are excited to share this moment with you and hope you can join them. A cake reception will follow in the parlors.

NPCC Artifacts Update: We have enjoyed having a wide variety of church artifacts on display for the first few months of our 125th anniversary year. Thank you to all who have contributed! For the next few weeks, we will need to remove the artifacts from the parlors to make room for other events. If you would like to retrieve your artifacts, please do so the next time you're at church. If you would like us to hold onto them for a second display round later in the year, please reach out to Ann-Marie in the office to let her know. Thank you!

Help the church library celebrate the 125th anniversary of North Park Covenant Church! Let's see if we can raise \$125 (or more) during the month of April to purchase new books for the library. In May, we will distribute a ballot with titles and short descriptions of several books so people can vote on the ones they would like to see added. To [give online](#), use the designation of Special Gifts with "library" typed in the optional memo field. If giving by check, please write "library" on the memo line.

New Neighbor Training Opportunity! Last fall, NPCC began a partnership with Exodus World Service, an organization that works to mobilize the Christian community to welcome and befriend refugees. We began by building a Welcome Pack for a family new to the U.S. That welcome pack has now been delivered, and we're hoping to take the next step in relationship with this family by going through New Neighbor Training. New Neighbor Training is a three-hour Zoom course, offered and led by Exodus World Service, which offers in-depth learning and activities to broaden a volunteer's understanding of who refugees are and how they get to the U.S., as well as what help they receive when they arrive. Learn about different cultures and how to navigate cross-cultural communication and friendship. This training, which prepares volunteers to engage with refugees, is a prerequisite for New Neighbor volunteers but is open to everyone. *A few members and friends of NPCC are already planning to be part of a training on Saturday, April 22, from 9 am to 12 pm. We'd love to have more participants.* If you're interested, please reach out to Pastor Libby, and she will share the information with you!

All are invited to attend a progressive dinner on Sunday, May 7, after worship. We will have a number of homes within walking distance of the church, ready to serve you appetizers, salads, and entrees, and we will all return to church for dessert together. If traveling by foot is difficult for you, we will also serve a meal in the church parlors. Please [fill out this form](#) by Monday, April 17, so we know how many people to prepare for. We look forward to sharing in food and fellowship in this fun and different way!

One of the privileges we share as a part of the Evangelical Covenant Church is representation at our denomination's decision-making meetings. We want to send representatives to the annuals meetings of both our conference and our denomination. We can send up to four delegates, whose primary responsibility is to sit in on the business meetings, ask questions, and vote as representatives of NPCC when called to do so. The church will cover your expenses. This year's meeting dates:

- April 27-29: Central Conference Annual Meeting in Gladstone, MI
- June 28-July 1: "Gather" (Denominational Annual Meeting) in Garden Grove, CA

Please let Pastor Jeff or Pastor Libby know if you are interested in serving as a delegate to either of these meetings!

The Church Calendar This Week

The calendar is available online at www.npcovenant.org/calendar and is updated as changes occur.

Monday, April 10

- 9 am Monday Morning Women's Bible Study (Hybrid)
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting (Staff Conference Room)
- 6:30 pm Geezerball (Gym)
- 7:30 pm Centering Prayer (Staff Conference Room)

Tuesday, April 11

- 8 am Men's Bible Study (Hybrid)
- 4:30 pm Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6 pm Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
- 7 pm Young Adult Gathering (Staff Conference Room)

Wednesday, April 12

- 10 am Women's Bible Study (Hybrid)
- 6 pm *gather* Dinner (Parlors)
- 7 pm Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Side Balcony, Sanctuary)
- 7 pm Middle-school Youth Group (Middle-school Youth Room)

Thursday, April 13

- 4:30 pm Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 8:15 pm Swanson Basketball (Gym)

Friday, April 14

- 1 pm Prayer Gathering (North Room)
- 4 pm Girl Scouts (Gym)

Saturday, April 15

- 8 am Geezerball (Gym)
- 8:30 am Pancake Breakfast Camping Fundraiser (Parlors)
- 10:30 am Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

Sunday, April 16

- 9 am Confirmation (Large Conference Room)
- 9:15 am Sunday School for Preschool - 6th Grade (Junior Chapel)
- 9:15 am Adult Formation (Parlors)
- 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal (Junior Chapel)
- 7 pm High-school Youth Group (The Attic Youth Room)
- 7 pm AA Meeting (Parlors)

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Welcome Statement

We welcome all people to begin or deepen their relationship with Christ through worship and study. We invite all believers to fully participate in the life and ministry of our church as members, leaders, and lay staff. We celebrate the gifts and presence of diverse Christians among us—whether those differences be race, ethnicity, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability, or socioeconomic status. We are blessed by our diversity and are unified in Christ.

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