



NORTH PARK
COVENANT CHURCH

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PRELUDE

My Eternal Desire
Matt Schinske
Brian Ward, Piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Libby Piotrowski and Jeff Hunter

A Moment for Mission

Kristen Engebretson and Jim Meyer for NPCCP

* CALL TO WORSHIP

from Revelation 7

And I looked, and there was a great crowd that no one could number. They were from every nation, tribe, people, and language. They were standing before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out with a loud voice:

“Victory belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And the angels fell face down before the throne and worshiped God, saying:

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen!”

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 767

For All the Saints

* ROLL CALL OF THE SAINTS

Reading of the Names

James S. Nelson, January 29, 2023

Roger J. Nelson, March 18, 2023

Claire M. Cole, March 23, 2023

Fredrick Holmgren, May 24, 2023

Herbert E. Clauson, August 26, 2023

Paul R. Larson, September 20, 2023

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the Peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Psalter Reading

New Testament Reading

* Gospel Reading

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Mary Surridge, Reader

Psalms 34:1-10, 22

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

CHORAL ANTHEM

Locus Iste

Anton Bruckner

Chancel Choir, Dominic German, Director

*Locus iste a Deo factus est
in aestimabile sacramentum;*

irreprehensibilis est.

Locus iste a Deo factus est.

This place was made by God

into a precious sacrament;

He is irreproachable.

This place was made by God.

MESSAGE

Libby Piotrowski

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Communion

Glenn Kaiser

Led by Dominic German, Anders Johnson,

Brian Ward, and Ryan Wendt

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*All who believe in Christ and desire to live a life directed by the Holy Spirit are invited
to participate in this sacrament. Gluten-free bread is available.*

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

Sharing of the Elements

Communion Music

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Glenn Kaiser

Grace Flows Down

David E. Bell, Louie Giglio, Rod Padgett

2000 sixsteps Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

worshiptogether.com songs (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Generosity

The Trustees will come around at this time to receive physical offerings.

Giving online at any time is also an option [here](#).

Offertory

Sonata in D minor
Domenico Scarlatti
Ayden Hunt, Harp

* Doxology 48

* Prayer of Dedication

* CLOSING HYMN 772

We Wait for a Great and Glorious Day

* WORDS OF SENDING

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
John Rutter

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

O Worship the King
arr. Franklin Ritter

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

For All the Saints

In unison, stanzas 1, 2, 5 and 6.

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by
 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might; thou, Lord, their
 5 But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day: the saints tri-
 6 From earth's wide bounds and ocean's farthest coast, through gates of

faith be-fore the world con-fessed, thy name, O Je-sus, be for-
 cap-tain in the well-fought fight; thou in the dark-ness drear, their
 um-phant rise in bright ar-ray; the King of glo-ry pass-es
 pearl streams in the count-less host, sing-ing to Fa-ther, Son, and

ev-er blest.
 one true light.
 on his way. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 Ho-ly Ghost:

In harmony, stanzas 3 and 4.

3 O blest com-mun-ion, fel-low-ship di-vine! We fee-bly strug-gle;
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long, steals on the ear the

COMMUNION OF THE SAINTS

they in glo-ry shine. Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
dis-tant tri-umph song, and hearts are brave a-gain and arms are strong.

Al - le - lu - ia!
D.C. stanza 5,6

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The musical score consists of two systems of two staves each. The first system has a treble clef and a bass clef, both with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the staves. The second system also has a treble clef and a bass clef with the same key signature. It includes the instruction 'D.C. stanza 5,6' above the treble staff. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the staves.

The heavenly citizens are all weak, imperfect, failing, faith-people who ought to have been perfected by appropriating God's grace, who ought to have lived as saints, yet people for whom the thing has gone to pieces so that they are now without any merit or comfort except to hasten to the Comforter and in everything rely on God. Often, indeed, we are ashamed because of what we are and confess that we are poor Christians, but if we rely on the Lord and live the hidden life in God, confessing ourselves to be pilgrims and strangers, he is not ashamed to own us as his own. Well do we know our weaknesses and failures, but if we cannot live without him we are nevertheless blessed, for our life in the faith does not rest on any shifting sand, but on the sure rock which shall not pass away.

Communion

Glenn Kaiser



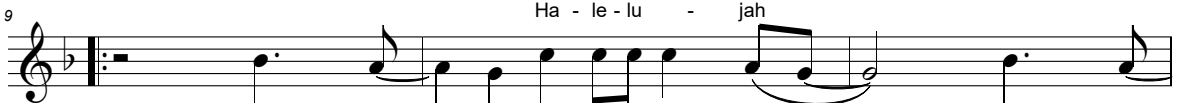
Hear me hear my prayer, O God. Guide me lead me
Break me like the bread that night Fill me with Your



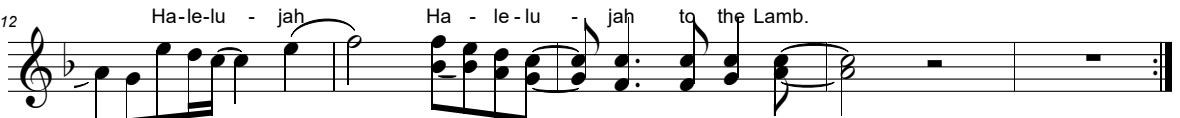
to Your heart. Touch me make these weak bones strong
Ho - ly wine Teach me what it means to die



catch me when You know I'll sure - ly fall
a ho - ly pleas- ing liv - ing sac - ri - fice



Ha - le - lu - jah
Ha - le - lu - jah



Ha-le-lu - jah Ha - le-lu - jah to the Lamb.
- lu Ha - le-lu - jah to the Lamb.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,

O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe.

We praise you for saints and martyrs, for the faithful in every age
who have followed your Son and witnessed to his resurrection.

From every race and tongue, from every people and nation,
you have gathered them into your kingdom.

You have shown them the path of life and filled them with the joy of your presence.

How glorious is your heavenly realm where the multitude of your saints rejoice with Christ.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels,

with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Sent to be our Savior, he took our flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

His words are true. His touch brings healing.

To all who follow him, he gives abundant life.

**When evil sought to destroy him, and he lay in the darkness of death,
you raised him from the grave. He is our risen Lord forever.**

We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus, on the night before he died, took bread,
and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of

me. Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this cup from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and cup, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit, unite us with the living Christ, and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

**Number us among your saints, O God, and join us with the faithful of every age,
that strengthened by their witness and supported by their fellowship,
we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
and may with them receive the unfading crown of glory
when we stand before your throne of grace.**

**Give us strength to serve you faithfully until the promised day of resurrection,
when with the redeemed of all the ages we will feast with you at your table in glory.**

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 48

The image shows a three-system musical score for the hymn 'Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow'. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him all crea-tures
 here be - low; praise him a - bove ye heav'n - ly host;
 praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711
 MUSIC: attrib. Louis Bourgeois, c.1510-c.1561; arr. Geneva Psalter, 1551

L.M.
 OLD 100th (alt. rhythm)

772 We Wait for a Great and Glorious Day

1 We wait for a great and glo - ri - ous day, as man - y as
 2 In glo - ry and pow'r our King shall ap - pear, and call to him -
 3 For cross - es we've borne, then crowns will be giv'n, for tem - pests, e -
 4 We know not the day, we know not the hour, when sounds the last
Snart ran - das en dag så här - lig och stor för al - la, som

love the Lord, when shad - ows shall flee, and clouds pass a - way, and
 self his own; no dis - tance, nor death shall part them as here, nor
 ter - nal calm; for path - way of thorns, rich man - sions in heav'n, for
 trump so clear; but loud rings a cry from truth's loft - y tow'r. "The
äls - ka Gud. Dess sol ald - rig skymr av skug - gor - nas flor, och

Refrain

weep - ing no more be heard. O won - der - ful day
 sin, with its pains, be known. O här - li - ga dag,
 war - fare, the vic - tor's palm. O won - der - ful day
 day of the Lord is near." O här - li - ga dag,
ald - rig hörs kla - gans ljud.

that soon may be here! O beau - ti - ful hope
som ran - das för mig! O här - li - ga mål
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som ran - das för mig! O här - li - ga mål

SECOND ADVENT

the pil-grim to cheer! Thy com-ing we hail
 på pil-gri-mens stig! Min läng-tan och blick

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 på pil-gri-mens stig! Min läng-tan och blick

in tune-ful ac-cord, thou glo-ri-ous day of Christ, our Lord.
 allt mer till dig drag, du här-li-ga Je-su Kri-sti dag!

in tune-ful ac-cord,
 allt mer till dig drag.

Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!

We're glad you're here.

For your prayers this week:

- **Kari Lindholm-Johnson**, feeling encouraged by reports after her first few chemo treatments
- **Huck Johnson**, recuperating after surgery to repair a torn ACL this past Wednesday
- **those who have lost loved ones** to gun violence in recent weeks
- **Sally Johnson**, home again after a brief hospitalization with COVID
- **Lee Horten**, recuperating after breaking his leg
- **for peace** in the conflict in the Middle East
- **Jim Hosek**, still without answers as to the source of the pain he is experiencing
- Janice Finney's brother-in-law, **Tim Rohr**, diagnosed with cancer

Praying for Our Neighborhood in 2023

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

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We have a new church database system! To make the database as accurate as possible, we need all church members and friends to visit www.npcovenant.org/learn-realm, where you can learn more about it and make your online profile. Please reach out to Pastor Jeff, Pastor Libby, or me if you have any questions.

Blankets Needed for Migrants: Many of you are aware that the former Marine base at 3034 W. Foster is now being used to house roughly 550 migrants, primarily from Venezuela. Many thanks to all of you who have already been generous in thinking about ways to be helpful and in giving of time and needed items to these families. One of the things we are hearing is that the building is very cold. It is a large space with high ceilings, and it does not seem well-insulated. In an effort to provide some assistance, we are partnering again with the Hollywood-North Park Community Association to collect blankets for the families living there. Please bring new (preferably) and used (if in good shape and recently washed) twin and/or throw-size blankets to the church anytime between now and November 15 so they can be delivered to the building directly. Thank you!

Would you like offering envelopes for 2024? If you are not currently on our list to receive a box of envelopes but would like to be, please let me know. And if you are currently on our list but would rather not be because you give online, please let me know that, too!

The Peterson School Tutoring Program started up again this past week, but we still need tutors! If you're able to be at church on Mondays from 4 to 5:30 pm and/or from 6:30 to 8 pm, please contact Christine Olfelt at olfelt@sbcglobal.net or 312-914-7712.

Join us for a two-part series on November 8 and 15: Videotaped interviews of some of our very own (former) members who served in World War II. Each night we will enjoy Gather dinner together at 6 pm. The video will start at 6:15 and run for about 45 minutes. Following, there will be time for refreshments and conversation. Feel free to sign up for one night or for both! The usual Gather dinner donation applies. \$6/person for dinner each night or \$20/family. [Please RSVP by November 6.](#)

NPCC presents a Taqueria Las Flores Kitchen Pop-up! Jazmin Flores, owner of Taqueria Las Flores, for which we prayed after they experienced a devastating fire, is going to be cooking in our kitchen, making foods for a menu she calls “CONVIVIR”; a Spanish idiom meaning “to experience life together” [Pre-orders from this menu](#) will be taken until November 8 (or up to 50 orders, whichever comes first!), and then you will be able to come to church to pick up your food between 5:30 and 6:45 pm on November 10. Quantities are limited! Pre-orders only!

Lay Leaders’ Commissioning November 12: We have had a full fall season at NPCC and, with all that has been happening, we have not had time during worship to pray for and commission the lay leaders among us who give so generously and so mindfully to the work of the church. But it’s never too late! So, if you are a lay leader in the church, we hope you will make every effort to be present in Sunday morning worship on November 12 for a prayer of commissioning, blessing, and gratitude as we continue together in Kingdom work.

Town Hall and Congregational Meeting to be Held to Discuss Employee Retention Credit Monies Please mark your calendars for Sunday, November 19, and Sunday, December 3, following worship each of those mornings for time to gather as a church family.

Late last winter, North Park Covenant Church (with North Park Church Cooperative Preschool) applied, at the encouragement of the Central Conference Office, for an Employee Retention Credit; monies granted to organizations that were able to maintain their employee count through the duration of the COVID pandemic. We were granted that credit and received checks this summer in the amount of approximately \$200,000. The Executive Council has had a fair amount of discussion on how this money could be divided between the preschool and the church. Further, we held one town hall last spring to discuss the possibilities. It is time, now, for us to make some decisions.

On November 19, there will be a town hall to further discuss how these monies might be divided. There will be no vote at this meeting.

On December 3, we will gather for a brief congregational meeting to vote on the division of that money.

We will call another gathering at a later date to determine together how the church’s portion might be used for the glory of God and for our neighbors’ good.

You are invited to join us for a Thanksgiving Eve worship service on Wednesday, November 22, at 7 pm, followed by a pie social in the parlors. If you are willing and able to bring a pie or two (store-bought or homemade), or if you can help set up, serve, or clean up, [please sign up here.](#) Thank you!

Please join us for a special Christ the King Sunday all-church breakfast on Sunday, November 26, beginning at 9:15 am in our church parlors. There will be no formal Sunday School this week, so please join us for fellowship, coffee, juice, and a yummy breakfast. After eating, we will gather in the columbarium to burn the palms from last Palm Sunday to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday, and will be done in time for 10:30 am worship. All are welcome!

North Park Church Cooperative Preschool is hosting a Holiday Market on Saturday, December 2, from 9 am - 12 pm in the church parlors. Come peruse unique gifts, kids' crafts, seasonal treats, and participate in a mystery raffle! And, if you're interested in setting up a table at the market to sell your own handmade holiday gifts (soaps, candles, knitted items, ornaments, etc.), [please fill out this form](#). If you have questions, please reach out to Administrative Director Becky Edwards at preschool@npcovenant.org for more information.

Covenant Living of Northbrook invites you to a Festival of Hymns: *Walking with God through the Day* on Sunday, November 5, at 4 pm. This will be an inspirational time of singing great hymns of faith, led by Royce Eckhardt. Covenant Living's Fellowship Center is located at 2625 Techny Road, Northbrook.

North Park Theological Seminary invites you to the book launch of Dean Dennis Edwards' book *Humility Illuminated* on Monday, November 13, in Nyvall Hall on the North Park University campus. Please see attached invitation for additional information.

From the Friendship Center: Our annual November Turkey Distribution is on Saturday, November 18, and we would love your help serving the estimated 350 neighbors we'll see that day—and then putting everything back together for our normal operations. If you would like to volunteer, please [sign up at this link](#). Thank you for all the good work you do and for your continued support of The Friendship Center. We appreciate your partnership!

Give your holiday plans some extra sparkle with [Winter Glow](#), a one-of-a-kind concert that will keep the whole family joyful and warm this winter! The perfect centerpiece for a magical Saturday in festive downtown Chicago, Winter Glow will feature a thrilling repertoire of choral classics, wintry anthems, world music, and original songs at the dazzling Chicago Symphony Center. Join us on Saturday, December 2 for one of two enchanting concerts:

[Morning \(11 am\) performance](#), featuring Voice of Chicago; Dimension; and the Englewood, Gage Park, Humboldt Park, Lincoln Park/DePaul, Pilsen/Little Village, and Rogers Park neighborhood choirs

[Matinee \(2:30 pm\) performance](#), featuring Voice of Chicago; Dimension; and the Albany Park, Austin, Beverly, Hyde Park, and West Town neighborhood choirs

Get your tickets now—don't miss this festive fun!

How Did You Use Your \$20?

If you were in the sanctuary for worship last Sunday, October 29, you were given a crisp \$20 bill to use as you desired. The idea and funding for this came from a member of the church, and we loved it so much we decided to run with it! Now, we'd love to know how you spent the money and why. Would you answer the three questions below? You will remain completely anonymous to us, unless you choose to share your name and contact information! One sheet per person, please.

How did you use the \$20?

Why did you choose to use the money in that particular way?

Would you be willing to share more of the story? If so, please include your name and email here:

If you'd rather fill out a form online, please use this QR code:



The Church Calendar This Week

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

Monday, November 6

- 9:15 am 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, November 7

- 8 am Men's Bible Study (Hybrid)
- 4:30 pm Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6 pm Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, November 8

- 10 am Women's Bible Study (Hybrid)
- 6 pm Gather Dinner/WWII Video - Part 1 (Parlors)
- 6:30 pm Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Side Balcony, Sanctuary)
- 6:30 pm Contemporary Music Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 7 pm Middle-school Youth Group (Youth Room near the Gym)
- 7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 7:30 pm Adult Bible Study (Large Conference Room)

Thursday, November 9

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

Friday, November 10 - Veterans' Day

- 1 pm Prayer Gathering (North Room)
- 5-6:30 pm Taqueria Las Flores Pop-up Pick-up (Location TBD)

Saturday, November 11

- 8 am Geezerball (Gym)
- 10:30 am Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
- 12 pm Interscriptural Readings Group (Large Conference Room)

Sunday, November 12

- 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)
- 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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