



NORTH PARK

COVENANT CHURCH

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PRELUDE

Prelude in F
Johann Krebs
Sam Parnin, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeff Hunter and Libby Piotrowski

CHORAL INTROIT

Take the World, but Give Me Jesus (348, verses 1 and 4)
Chancel Choir, Brian Ward, Director

* CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 19, written by Jeff Shrowder

Come into this sacred space to worship God,

whose teaching is perfect;

whose directions are sure.

Come into this holy place to worship God,

whose standards are right;

whose commandment is clear;

whose judgements are true.

Come with holy fear—

to be given life, and made wise,

to have your heart stirred and your eyes opened wide.

Come—let us worship God.

Let the words of our mouths and the whispering of our hearts

be according to your will, O God. Amen.

* OPENING HYMN 56

For the Beauty of the Earth

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

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

CONSECRATION OF LAY LEADERS

As we begin this new ministry year, we rejoice in the many people who have responded to the invitation of the Spirit to join God in God's mission, and today we consecrate each person who is stepping forward into lay leadership here at North Park Covenant Church. We will invite everyone serving this year to stand and speak words of commitment and receive support and blessing from the church.

CHORAL ANTHEM

I Will Sing with the Spirit
John Rutter

I will sing with the Spirit: alleluia!
And I will sing with the understanding also: alleluia!
I will sing with the Spirit: alleluia!

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Reading
New Testament Reading
* Gospel Reading
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gaius Berg, Reader
Proverbs 1:20-33
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Jeff Hunter

MESSAGE

Libby Piotrowski

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Jesus
Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash
2016 Capitol CMG Paragon (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)
S.D.G. Publishing (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)
sixsteps Songs (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)
Worship Together Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)
Led by Anders Johnson, Kristen Hunter, Sam Parnin,
Brian Ward, Lauren Wargaski, and Ryan Wendt

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Generosity
Offertory

Tranquilly
C. Hubert H. Parry

* Doxology 48
* Prayer of Dedication

* CLOSING HYMN 525

Wonderful Words of Life

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata on *Kirken* (Built on a Rock)
Gordon Young
Brian Ward, Organ

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

For the Beauty of the Earth

56

Descant

5 For your-self, best gift di-vine to the world so free-ly giv'n;

1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the glo-ry of the skies,
 2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the worth of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de-light,
 4 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
 5 For your-self, best gift di-vine to the world so free-ly giv'n;

for your love be-yond all time, peace on earth and joy in heav'n:

for the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies:
 hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
 for the mys-tic har-mo-ny link-ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth and friends a-bove; for all gen-tle thoughts and mild:
 for your love be-yond all time, peace on earth and joy in heav'n:

Refrain

Lord of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise. A-men.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Jesus

Chris Tomlin



There is a truth ol - der than the a - ges. There is a pro - mise of things yet to
There is a light that o - ver - whelms the dark ness. There is a king - dom that for - e - ver
There is a name I call in times of trou - ble. There is a song that com - forts in the



come. There is one born of our sal - va - tion. Je - sus
reigns. There is free - dom from the chains that bind us
night. There is a voice that calms the storm that ra - ges



Je - sus Je - sus Who walks on the wa - ters, who
Je - sus Je - sus You walk on the wa - ters, You



speaks to the sea, who stands in the fi - re be - side me He roars like a li - on, He
speak to the sea. You stand in the fi - re be - side me You roar like a li - on. You



bled as the lamb, He car - ries my heal - ing in his hands. Je - sus
bled as the lamb. You car - ry my heal - ing in Your hands. Je - sus



Mes - si - ah, my Sa - vior, there is pow - er in Your name. You're my rock and my re -



deem - er there is pow - er in your name. Me - name. In your name.

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Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 48

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords that support the vocal melody.

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.

Yupik: *Nanrau mali Agayutvut, Nanrarlitgu pilimalriit
Nanrarlitgu qilagmeInguut, Aata, qetunraq, Anerneqllu.*

Translation by Lucy Daniels and Wassilie Mute

Spanish: *A Dios el Padre celestial, al Hijo nuestro Redentor,
y al eternal Consolador, uni dos todos alabad.*

Lingala: *E Njambe apesi bato nse, mpo mingi na Yosanjola,
Na banje mpe tosambel, tata, Mwana, Molimo mpe.*

Wonderful Words of Life

525

1 Sing them o - ver a - gain to me, won - der - ful words of life;
 2 Christ, the bless - ed One, gives to all won - der - ful words of life;
 3 Sweet - ly ech - o the gos - pel call, won - der - ful words of life;

let me more of their beau - ty see, won - der - ful words of life.
 sin - ner, heed now his lov - ing call, won - der - ful words of life.
 of - fer par - don and peace to all, won - der - ful words of life.

Words of life and beau - ty, teach me faith and du - ty:
 All so free - ly giv - en, woo - ing us to heav - en:
 Je - sus, on - ly Sav - ior, sanc - ti - fy for - ev - er:

Refrain

Beau - ti - ful words, won - der - ful words, won - der - ful words of life. life.

Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online! We're glad you're here.

For your prayers this week:

- **Tim Johnson and family**, mourning the passing of his brother, Darryl, this past Monday
- **Joanna Sjoblom and family**, mourning the passing of her father, Harry Westberg, on September 3 at age 100
- Sally Adams's brother, **Edgar Adams**, facing a major health challenge
- **Elizabeth Johnson**, mourning the passing of her father, Ken Johnson, on August 26
- **Caitlin Hunt Brody**, Barbara and Francis Hunt's daughter, recuperating well after an extensive skin cancer operation
- **Lynn and Pete Pearson**, preparing to move to Covenant Living of Northbrook September 19
- **Terri Njaa**, moved to assisted living in Lake Geneva, WI, after multiple health challenges
- Terri Njaa and Sig Hulburt's sister, **Ingrid "Inky" Newlin**, home again from the hospital
- Marti Hindaileh's godson, **Brandon Baglayan**, recuperating after surgery
- **Craig Johnson**, Pastor Libby's dad, who is not healing in the ways he and his doctors hoped

Welcome to North Park Covenant Church! If



you're new here today, we invite you to scan the QR code at the left to learn more about us and, perhaps, get a little more connected.

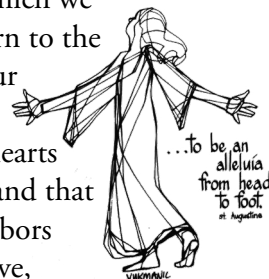
Childcare is available in the toddler room (lower level, off the hallway south of the parlors) for the full duration of the worship service for any wee ones ages 0 through 5 needing a place to wiggle and play. We always happily welcome children in the service but recognize that sometimes parents need a break so they can focus on worship.

Join us in welcoming Sam Parnin! Please join in the parlors following worship today for a special coffee hour to welcome Sam Parnin, our new organist!

Our Wednesday-evening programming has resumed! We invite you to join us for dinner in the parlors at 6 pm each week, followed by activities for a variety of ages and interests!

Neighborhood Prayer in 2024

As we enter the month of September and continue in prayer for the neighborhoods and communities in which we live and work, we return to the idea of praying with our hearts. This month, let us pray that our own hearts would be set to right, and that the hearts of our neighbors would be filled with love, peace, and joy; each heart softened to hear the Good News of Christ at work in their lives, as we long to hear it in our own lives and in the world.



"How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the Lord, my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God." - Psalm 84:1-2

It is soon time for our semiannual virtual prayer vigil, praying in the comfort of your own home for half an hour using provided prayer materials. This has been an exciting year in our church. As prayer is considered foundation-building in any church, all who have participated in the past are strong builders of that foundation on which we lean so heavily! Come join us again on Saturday, September 21. For our spring vigil, every slot was filled! Let's make that happen again this fall by [signing up here](#). You will receive your prayer materials by the end of the day on Friday, September 20. Let's come together boldly in prayer on September 21!

**Lectionary texts for
Sunday, September 22:**

Proverbs 31:10-31

Psalm 1

James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a

Mark 9:30-37

Does your pet need blessing? Our annual pet blessing is open to pets and people of all kinds! Come to the south garden on Saturday, September 21, at 10 am with your favorite non-human friend for this time of blessing and fellowship.

Save the date to save lives! On September 21, from 10 am to 2 pm, we will host a blood drive through Versiti. Appointments are strongly encouraged, so [please click here to sign up](#). Every donation is needed to meet the high demand from hospitals in our community. We hope to see you there!

The North Park Readers are back again for another year! Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 24, at 7 pm at Karen Darelus' apartment (2708 W Balmoral). We will be reading *Beautiful Country: A Memoir* by Qian Julie Wang. In the book, the author reflects on her childhood experiences as an undocumented immigrant after moving with her family from China to New York City. If you have any questions, [please contact Helen Arkema](#).

On Wednesday, October 16, we're heading to Libertyville to eat dinner and pack meals at Feed My Starving Children (FMSC)! We will meet at Culver's (803 E Park Ave) at 6 pm and then head over to the FMSC location (742 E Park Ave) to pack meals from 7:15-8:45 pm. Please [click here to sign up](#) (if prompted, use code 0PV656)! If you have any questions or would like to join us but need a ride, please reach out to Jeanette. Please note that this event is in place of all Wednesday night activities at church. All who would like to participate are welcome!

Save the date, dear and fun women of North Park Covenant Church! On Saturday, October 19, we will gather for our next Women's Brunch at 10 am in the parlors. The agenda is simple: food, fellowship, and fun with a mini project around the tables and a chance to open our hearts to Mary Chase-Ziolek as she leads us in a time of enhancing our faith walk! To register, [please click here](#).

We believe that God has gifted each and every one of us with talents and energies to use for the good of God's kingdom. As we begin this new programmatic year, we invite you to consider ways in which you might share your gifts and talents. Whether you're a member or friend, we welcome you to join us in ministry. Scan the QR code to explore a list of ways you can step into service and join in some study and fellowship. Your name and information will be passed along to the people in charge, and they will reach out to you.



The Church Calendar This Week

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

Monday, September 16

- 9:15 am Women's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting (Staff Conference Room)
- 6:30 pm Geezerball (Gym)
- 7:30 pm Centering Prayer (Staff Conference Room)

Tuesday, September 17

- 8 am Men's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)
- 4:30 pm Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6 pm Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
- 7 pm Adult Bible Study (Art Room)
- Executive Council Meeting (Large Conference Room)

Wednesday, September 18

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

Thursday, September 19

- 8 am East Wall Project Progress Meeting (Large Conference Room)
- 4:30 pm Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Friday, September 20

- 1 pm Prayer Gathering (South Chapel Prayer Corner)

Saturday, September 21

- 7 am Virtual Prayer Vigil
- 8 am Geezerball (Gym)
- 10 am Blood Drive (Parlors)
- Pet Blessing (South Garden)
- 10:30 am Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

Sunday, September 22

- 9 am Confirmation (Staff Conference Room)
- 9:15 am Sunday School for Preschool - 6th Grade (Junior Chapel)
- Adult Formation (Parlors)
- Bible Journaling (Art Room)
- 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal (Junior Chapel)
- 1:30 pm Church Plant Worship (Sanctuary)
- 7 pm High-school Youth Group (The Attic Youth Room)
- AA Meeting (Parlors)

