



NORTH PARK

COVENANT CHURCH

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PRELUDE

Rockingham (670)
Kenneth Leighton
Sam Parnin, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeff Hunter and Libby Piotrowski

CHORAL INTROIT

O Lamb of God, Most Holy (564)
Chancel Choir, Brian Ward, Director

* CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 104

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

O Lord my God, you are very great.

You are clothed with honor and majesty,

You set the earth on its foundations;

it will never be shaken.

You cover it with the deep as with a garment;

the waters stood above the mountains.

At your rebuke they flee;

At the sound of your thunder they take to flight.

You set a boundary that they may not pass,

so that they might not again cover the earth.

O Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all;

the earth is full of your creatures.

Praise the Lord!

* OPENING HYMN 58

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

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

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Reading

New Testament Reading

* Gospel Reading

David Frisk, Reader

Job 38:1-7, 34-41

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

CHORAL ANTHEM

Amazing Grace (341)
arr. Stephan Hatfield

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

MESSAGE

Jeff Hunter

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

This Is Amazing Grace
Jeremy Riddle, Josh Farro, Phil Wickham
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 at www.npcovenant.org/give.*

Offertory

A Thankful Heart
arr. Anna Laura Page
Chancel Handbell Choir, Linnea Olfelt, Director

* Doxology 48

* Prayer of Dedication

* CLOSING HYMN 4

God of Creation, All-Powerful

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

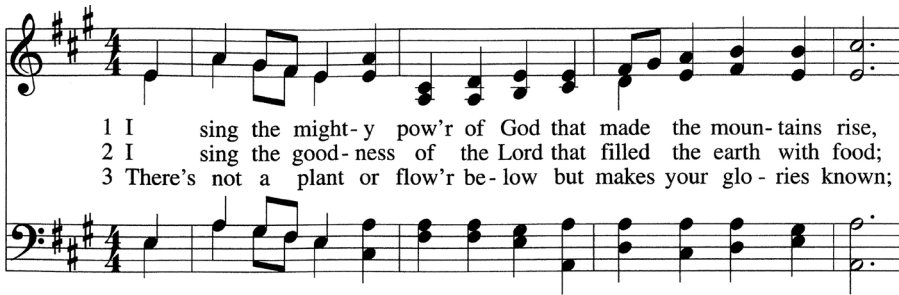
Mache dich, mein Geist, bereit
(Prepare thyself, my soul; watch and pray)
Johann Christian Kittel

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

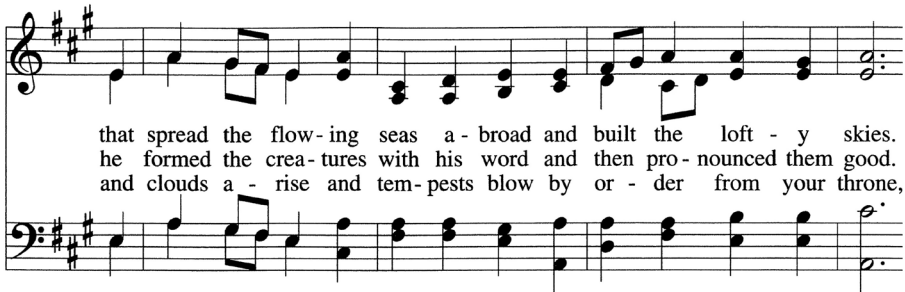
*Prayer is offered in the south chapel after the service.
In addition, if you have prayer requests to be shared confidentially with the pastors,
there is a prayer box located in the narthex, with slips of paper and a pen for your use.*

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

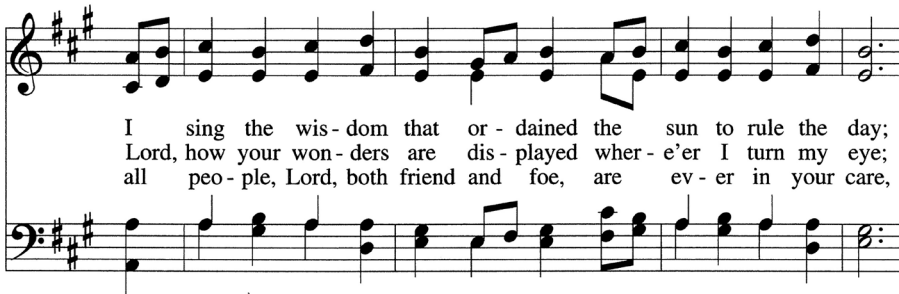
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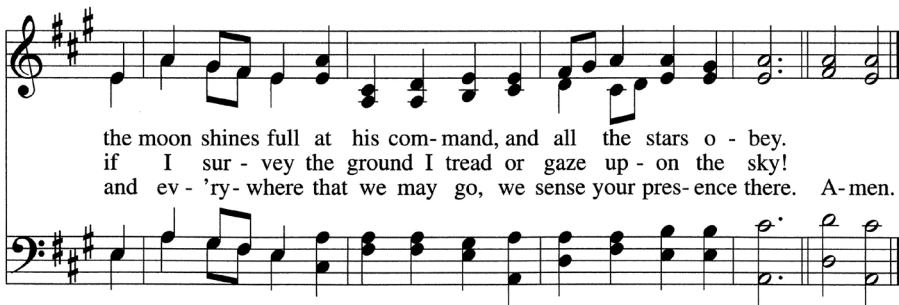
1 I sing the might-y pow'r of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
 3 There's not a plant or flow'r be-low but makes your glo-ries known;



that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y skies.
 he formed the crea-tures with his word and then pro-nounced them good.
 and clouds a-rise and tem-pests blow by or-der from your throne,



I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day;
 Lord, how your won-ders are dis-played wher-e'er I turn my eye;
 all peo-ple, Lord, both friend and foe, are ev-er in your care,



the moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o-bey.
 if I sur-vey the ground I tread or gaze up-on the sky!
 and ev-'ry-where that we may go, we sense your pres-ence there. A-men.

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.
 MUSIC: *Gesangbuch der Herzog*, Württemberg, 1784

C.M.D.
 ELLACOMBE

A lower setting can be found at 228.

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

This Is Amazing Grace

Jeremy Riddle, Josh Farrow, and Phil Wickham

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff (measures 1-6) has a Bb chord above measures 1-3 and an Eb maj7 chord above measures 4-6. The second staff (measures 7-9) has a Bb chord above measure 7 and an Eb maj7 chord above measure 9. The third staff (measures 10-12) has a Gm chord above measure 10 and an F chord above measure 12. The fourth staff (measures 13-14) has a Bb chord above measure 13, a repeat sign above measure 14, and an Eb 9 chord above measure 15. The fifth staff (measures 17-18) has a Gm7 chord above measure 17 and an F chord above measure 18. There are two first endings: the first ending (measures 11-12) is marked '1. Eb maj7' and the second ending (measures 13-14) is marked '2. Eb maj7'. The lyrics are: 'Whoa, oh, oh. Whoa, oh, oh. Who breaks the pow - er of sin and dark - ness? Whose love is migh - ty and leaves us breath - less Who shakes the whole earth with ho - ly thun - der? Who makes the or - phan Who brings our cha - os back in - to or - der? Who shines like the sun in Who rules the na - tions with truth and jus - tice, and so much strong - er? The King of Glo - ry, the King a - bove all kings. in awe and won - der? The King of Glo - ry, the King a - bove all kings. a son and daugh - ter? The King of Glo - ry, the King a - bove all kings. all of its bril - liance? The King of Glo - ry, the King a - bove all kings. This is a - maz - ing grace, this is un - fail - ing love, that You would take my place, that You would bear my cross.

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 on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. 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.'

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.*

God of Creation, All-Powerful

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In unison

1 God of cre - a - tion, all - pow'r - ful, all - wise, Lord of the
 2 God of the a - ges, through time's trou - bled years you are the
 3 God of re - demp - tion, who wrought our re - birth, called out your
 4 God of your peo - ple, your Word still stands fast; do for us
 5 God of our now, all our trust is in you, cov - e - nant

u - ni - verse, rich with sur - prise, Mak - er, Sus - tain - er, and
 one in whom his - t'ry co - heres; na - tions and em - pires your
 church from the ends of the earth, still you are Sav - ior, put
 now as you've done in the past! Yours is the king - dom, your
 God, ev - er faith - ful and true; soy - 'reign Cre - a - tor, Re -

Rul - er of all, we are your chil - dren—you hear when we call.
 pur - pose ful - fill, mov - ing in free - dom, yet work - ing your will.
 dark - ness to flight; o - ver - come sin by sal - va - tion's pure light!
 tri - umph we claim, chal - leng - ing e - vil in Je - sus' strong name.
 deem - er, and Lord, now and for - ev - er your name be a - dored!

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

For your prayers this week:

- Pastor Libby's dad, **Craig Johnson**, hospitalized after a fall in which he fractured his pelvis
- **Christino Colon**, Steven Colon's father, who is in poor health
- **Lori Johnson and family**, mourning the passing of her mother, Rose Johnson
- **Dorothy Schmidt**, as she searches for a new apartment, and her nephews **Jeff Kohn** and **David Schmidt**, as they anticipate difficult medical procedures
- **members the School of Restorative Arts**, moving from Stateville Correctional Center to new locations; that they will cling to hope in Christ as they settle in and find community
- **Terri Njaa, Sig Hulburt, and family**, mourning the passing of their sister Ingrid Newlin
- **Sally Adams and family**, mourning the passing of her brother, Edgar Adams
- Joline Paska's brother-in-law, **Steve Pelz**, recuperating after open heart surgery
- Marti Hindaileh's godson, **Brandon Baglayan**, undergoing chemo and radiation



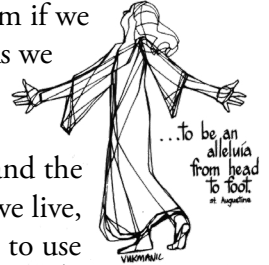
Welcome to North Park Covenant Church! If you're new here today, we invite you to scan the QR code to learn more about us and, perhaps, get a little more connected.

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.

Thank you to the bakers, sellers, and buyers of this year's Children's Sunday bake sale. We brought in \$388 for Covenant Kids Congo and are so very grateful for your support! We hope you enjoyed some tasty treats.

Neighborhood Prayer in 2024

Scripture tells us that our Almighty God shoulders the weight of all of heaven and earth, and Jesus invites us to shoulder our own cross and follow him if we are to be his disciples. As we continue this year to use our whole bodies to pray for our neighbors and the communities in which we live, our focus for October is to use our shoulders in prayer. Let us, together, help our neighbors to shoulder the complexities and difficulties of life, holding them in prayer. And, as our nation journeys toward election day, may we shoulder the honestly beautiful and truthfully difficult parts of our country and our story and bring it all before our God, trusting the Creator with it all. We live in the City of Big Shoulders, after all.



Anyone who won't shoulder his own cross and follow behind me can't be my disciple.
- Luke 14:27 (The Message)

It's that time of year again! Christmas greens are available for order starting today through Sunday, November 10. They'll arrive at church for pick-up in the alley parking lot on Sunday, November 24. The money raised from this sale goes to support the youth ministry at NPCC. You can submit your order [via Realm](#) (you'll need to start the registration process to get to the page with the price listing) or using paper forms in the narthex and parlors. If you have any questions, reach out to Jeanette!

The North Park Readers have chosen the book *The Story of Lucy Gault* by William Trevor for their October selection. We will meet on Tuesday, October 22, at 7 pm at Sig Hulburt's house (3455 W Balmoral Ave). Please contact Helen Arkema at helen.arkema@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Night of the Walking Taco Returns! Need a little sustenance for trick-or-treating on Halloween night? Well, don your creepiest, coolest, or cleverest Halloween attire and make your way to the corner of Christiana and Berwyn between 5 and 7:30 pm. We'll be there to hand you a cup of hot cocoa and a walking taco, all free! Don't know what a walking taco is? Come and find out... if you dare! And if you're willing and able to help us set up, serve, or clean up, please reach out to Pastor Libby or Pastor Jeff to let them know. Many hands make light (and fun) work!

We Invite you to a New Member Class! Have you been considering becoming a member of North Park Covenant Church? Do you have questions about the church and/or the Covenant denomination? Would you like to learn more without an obligation to join the church? We'd love to have you join us at our next New Member Class, which will be offered on Saturday, November 16, from 9 am to 1 pm. Breakfast and lunch will be included! Please let [Pastor Libby](#) or [Pastor Jeff](#) know of your interest, and we'll add your name to the list and be in touch!

The church library sponsored a favorite book contest at the Ministry Fair on September 8. The most popular book among our church kids was *On the Edge of the Dark Sea of Darkness* by Andrew Peterson. Other favorite books were *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis, *Frog and Toad Are Friends* by Arnold Lobel, *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White, and *New Kid* by Jerry Craft. Thanks to all who participated!

Calling all K-8 student artists! The church library is looking for art to post on the church library bulletin board. Choose one of the coloring sheets from the blue basket in the library. Several different designs are available. See the front of each envelope for an example of the sheets inside. Color in your chosen sheet with colored pencils, markers, or crayons. Be sure to write your name on the sheet. Place it in the box labeled "Completed Coloring Sheets" by Sunday, October 27. Starting in November, a coloring sheet will be posted each month on the bulletin board in the coatroom outside the parlors.

**Lectionary texts for
Sunday, October 27:**

Amos 3:3-8

Psalm 46

Acts 4:13-21

John 12:44-50

Fall 2024 Pastoral Review Process: After worship on October 20 and 27, NPCC's co-chairs, Susan Dawson and Nancy Ebner, will meet in the corner nursery off the south chapel with any individuals who wish to comment on the performance of our two co-pastors, Libby Piotrowski and Jeff Hunter. Your comments will be confidential and shared only with the pastors. Unable to come in person? Call Nancy (413-896-8875) or Susan (224-522-1274) before October 27. Please, no emails or texts. For those who worship online, comments may be provided via email to chair@npcovenant.org or by dropping off a sealed envelope at the church.

Biking (and Walking) for Congo: Five members of NPCC are participating in the Paul Carlson Partnership's Biking for Congo fundraising event during the month of October. This annual event to support healthcare in DR Congo helps the Paul Carlson Partnership raise \$50,000 to train healthcare workers, improve access to clean water, provide medicines and supplies, and care for those in need. For more information, [please click here](#).

Members and friends of NPCC who are participating have set up fundraising pages. You may click on each person's name if you wish to support their efforts:

- [Wally Ebner](#)
- [Annie-Marie Olson Frisk](#)
- [Sue Vandervoort](#)
- Wally Ebner and Grandsons' Team, [Spinning Wheels](#)
- [Joline Paska](#)
- [Sara Wendt](#)

Check donations may be sent to Paul Carlson Partnership, 8303 W Higgins Rd, Chicago, IL 60631. Please write the name of the person you wish to support and "Biking for Congo" on the memo line.

An update from the Building With Faithfulness Committee:

Income through September 30, 2024, is \$794,008, came from three main sources:

- \$98,827 from a variety of sources (garage sale, donation from women's ministry, leftover Fulfilling Our Commitment [aka mortgage] funds, and designated memorials funds),
- \$674,457 of income from pledgers (total pledged amount was \$840,830), and
- \$20,724 of income from non-pledgers.

We expect an additional \$176,000 from those who have pledged over the next couple of years, for an eventual grand total close to \$970,000. This is fantastic, and we thank you for your support, as well as for following through on those pledges over the next couple of years! Your generosity is incredible!

As for expenses through September 30, we have spent about \$159,000....plus an additional \$39,470 through October 14, equaling \$198,470. The final amounts for the east wall will be known in the next couple of months. And there will be conversations around the tithing portion of this project and the funding of the additional staff position later this winter, as well.

- from Scott Applequist on behalf of the Building with Faithfulness Committee

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The Church Calendar This Week

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

Monday, October 21

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

Tuesday, October 22

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

Wednesday, October 23

- 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, October 24

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

Friday, October 25

- 1 pm Prayer Gathering (South Chapel Prayer Corner)

Saturday, October 26

- 8 am Geezerball (Gym)
- 10 am Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

Sunday, October 27 - Reformation Sunday

- 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 Service (Sanctuary)
- 1:30 pm Vida Plena Covenant Church Plant Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 7 pm High-school Youth Group (The Attic Youth Room)
AA Meeting (Parlors)

