



...be glad
and rejoice,
for the Lord
has done
great things!
- Joel 2:21

NOVEMBER 27, 2024
+ THANKSGIVING EVE +

NOVEMBER 27, 2024
+ THANKSGIVING EVE +

PRELUDE

Rejoice, Give Thanks, and Sing
Douglas E. Wagner
Brian Ward, Piano

WORDS OF WELCOME

Libby Piotrowski and Jeff Hunter

* CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

**Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

When the Lord raised Jesus from the dead,
we were like those who dream.

**Now our mouths are filled with laughter,
and our tongues with shouts of joy.**

The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoice.

**May all those who have sowed in tears
reap with shouts of grateful joy!**

* OPENING HYMN 99

We Gather Together

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

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Reading

New Testament Reading

* Gospel Reading

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sara Wendt, Reader

Joel 2:21-27

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Matthew 6:25-33

CHORAL ANTHEM

In the Lord, I'll Be Ever Thankful
Jacques Berthier
Chancel Choir, Brian Ward, Director
Linnea Olfelt, Soprano
Joel Piotrowski, Tenor
Erik Ward, French Horn
Maria Ward, Flute

In the Lord, I'll be ever thankful. In the Lord, I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid. Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

EXPRESSIONS OF THANKSGIVING 657

Thanks to God for My Redeemer

*We will sing verse 1 following the first speaker, followed by
each remaining verse after each subsequent speaker.*

Tim Johnson
Michael Shawn Sanders
Lilly Colon

A TIME OF OPEN SHARING

If you would like to share words of thanks, please come to the center microphone.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

RETURNING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Invitation to Generosity

*Covenant World Relief & Development cans and other offerings
may be placed in the offering plate at this time.*

Offertory

Alla Musette
Sigfrid Karg-Elert
Sam Parnin, Organ

* Doxology 48

* Prayer of Dedication

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
John Wyeth, Robert Robinson, Fernando Ortega
(Public Domain)

Led by Kristen Hunter, Anders Johnson,
Sam Parnin, 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 come forward to participate in this sacrament.*

Gluten-free elements are available.

The Great Thanksgiving 943
Communion Music

We Gather Together
arr. Mark Hayes

* CLOSING HYMN 31

Now Thank We All Our God

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

Sent Forth by God's Blessing (664)

POSTLUDE

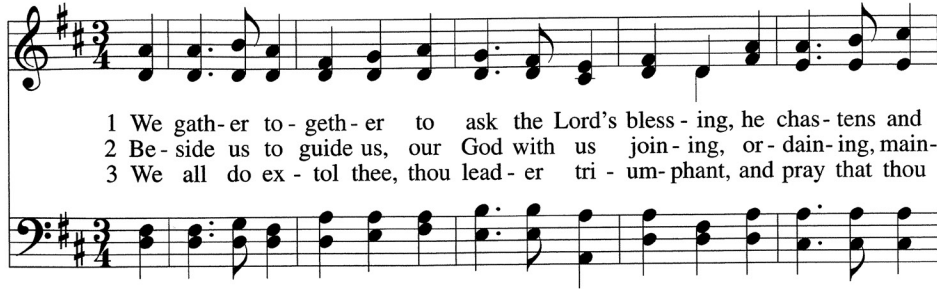
Come, Ye Thankful People Come (654)
arr. Mary McDonald

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

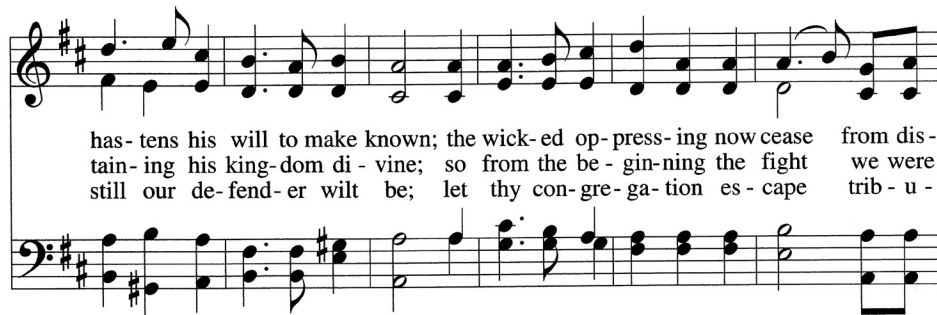
*All are invited to a time of pie and fellowship
in our church parlors following the worship service.*

We Gather Together

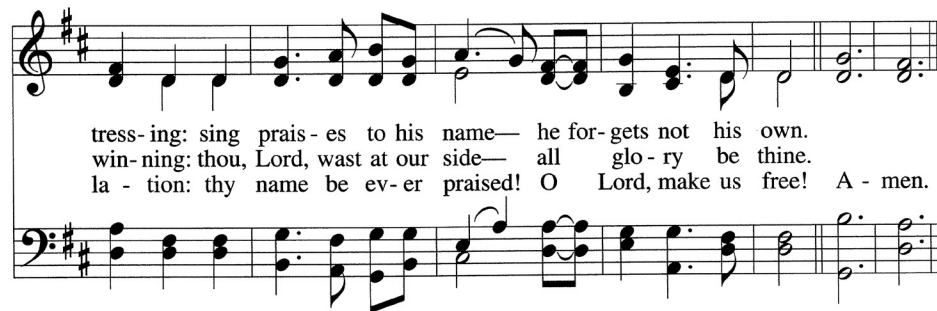
99



1 We gath-er to- geth- er to ask the Lord's bless - ing, he chas- tens and
 2 Be- side us to guide us, our God with us join- ing, or- dain- ing, main-
 3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um- phant, and pray that thou



has- tens his will to make known; the wick- ed op- press- ing now cease from dis-
 tain- ing his king- dom di - vine; so from the be - gin- ning the fight we were
 still our de- fend- er wilt be; let thy con- gre- ga- tion es - cape trib - u -



ress- ing: sing prais- es to his name— he for- gets not his own.
 win- ning: thou, Lord, wast at our side— all glo- ry be thine.
 la - tion: thy name be ev- er praised! O Lord, make us free! A - men.

Thanks to God for My Redeemer



1 Thanks to God for my Re-deem-er, thanks for all thou dost pro-vide!
 2 Thanks for prayers that thou hast an-swered, thanks for what thou dost de-ny!
 3 Thanks for ros-es by the way-side, thanks for thorns their stems con-tain!
Tack, O Gud, för vad du va-rit, tack för allt, vad du be-skär!



Thanks for times now but a mem-'ry, thanks for Je-sus by my side!
 Thanks for storms that I have weath-ered, thanks for all thou dost sup-ply!
 Thanks for home and thanks for fire-side, thanks for hope, that sweet re-frain!
Tack för ti-der-na, som fa-rit, tack för stun-den, som nu är!



Thanks for pleas-ant, balm-y spring-time, thanks for dark and drear-y fall!
 Thanks for pain and thanks for plea-sure, thanks for com-fort in de-spair!
 Thanks for joy and thanks for sor-row, thanks for heav'n-ly peace with thee!
Tack för lju-sa var-ma vå-ror, tack för mörk och ku-len höst!



Thanks for tears by now for-got-ten, thanks for peace with-in my soul!
 Thanks for grace that none can mea-sure, thanks for love be-yond com-pare!
 Thanks for hope in the to-mor-row, thanks through all e-ter-ni-ty!
Tack för re-dan glöm-da tå-rar, tack för fri-den i mitt bröst!



Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 48

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment of chords and single notes.

here be - low; praise him a - bove ye heav'n - ly host;

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It maintains the same musical structure and key signature.

praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

The third system of music concludes the piece. It features a final melodic phrase and accompaniment, ending with a double bar line. The key signature remains one sharp.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

John Wyeth, Robert Robinson
Fernando Ortega



Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy
Here I raise to thee an al - tar, hith - er by thy help I'm
O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to



5
grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est
come; and I hope, by thy good pleas - ure, safe - ly to ar - rive at
be! Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to



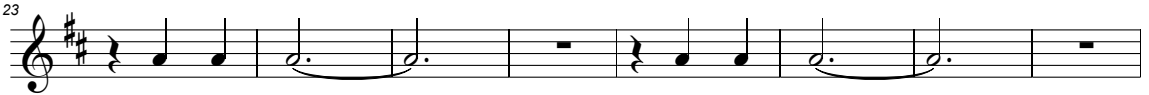
9
praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a -
home. Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, wan - d'ring from the fold of
thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I



13
bove. Praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of thy re - deem - ing
God; he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious
love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a -



17
love. Here's my heart.
blood.
bove.



23
Here's my heart. Here's my heart.



31
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord God.

It is good that we do.

All glory is yours, eternal God, who made the universe.

We praise you for this earth, for life and breath,
for beauty we have seen and wonders still to come.

From the beginning your living Word has guided and corrected us.

Your prophets have called us from disobedience,
and prepared us for the coming of your Son.

**We praise you for the Christ who chose to come as one of us,
and lived among us full of grace and truth.**

**For us he became poor, and knew the sadness in our days;
and for us he died on the cross and was buried.**

In him we know forgiveness and lifting of burdens.

He brings light to our darkness and opens our eyes to your great glory.

For you raised him from the dead and set him over all creation.

Through your Holy Spirit we are members of his body,
the church, and heirs of the promise of eternal life.

Therefore with grateful hearts we join the faithful
who, in all times and places, praise your name, saying:

Holy, holy, holy

God of power and majesty,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory,

O God most high!*

Holy Father, we thank you that the Lord Jesus,
on the night when he was betrayed, took bread,
and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said,
“This is my body which is for you.
Do this in remembering me.”

In the same way, he took the cup, after supper, saying,
“This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembering me.”

**We remember you, Lord Jesus, as you commanded,
confident we shall know you in the breaking of bread.**

**We remember you, O Christ,
confident you will seal the new covenant in our hearts
as we drink this cup.**

O Holy Spirit,
who brought us here to proclaim the risen Lord,
unite us in one body with him
who loved us and gave himself for us.

**O God, who called us from death to life;
we give ourselves to you;
and with the church through all ages,
we thank you for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* One of the following hymns may also be sung: 15, 21, 52, 106.

Now Thank We All Our God

31

1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
 2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,

who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more. A - men.

**North Park Covenant
Church Staff**

Jeff Hunter, Co-pastor
jhunter@npcovenant.org
ext. 525

Libby Piotrowski, Co-pastor
lp Piotrowski@npcovenant.org
ext. 515

*To reach both Jeff and Libby, please use
copastors@npcovenant.org or ext. 510.*

Jeanette Mottl, Director of Youth Ministry
jmottl@npcovenant.org

Brian Ward, Music Ministry Coordinator/
Chancel Choir Director
bward@npcovenant.org

Sam Parnin, Organist
sparnin@npcovenant.org

Linnea Olfelt, Chancel Handbell Choir Director

Joline Paska, Treasurer
treasurer@npcovenant.org, ext. 505

Christian Schuetz, Custodian
cschuetz@npcovenant.org

Ann-Marie Olson Frisk, Church Administrator
afrisk@npcovenant.org, ext. 500

**North Park Church
Cooperative Preschool**

Becky Edwards
Administrative Director

Lyndsey Wellner
Head Teacher/Educational Director

Jennifer Glazier
Assistant Teacher

(773) 463-0055, ext. 520
preschool@npcovenant.org
www.npcovenant.org/npccp

The Friendship Center

2711 West Lawrence Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60625

Justin Block
Executive Director
justin@friendshipcenterchicago.org

(773) 907-6338
info@friendshipcenterchicago.org
www.friendshipcenterchicago.org

Missionaries We Support

Letha Kerl,
Regional Co-coordinator for Europe

Peter and Anna Kim, Taiwan

James and Rachel Ventress, Alaska

Paul and Sheryl Noren, Congo

Eugenio and Pia Restrepo,
Latin America

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.

5250 NORTH CHRISTIANA AVENUE • CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60625
NPCC@NPCOVENANT.ORG • (773) 463-0055 • WWW.NPCOVENANT.ORG