

**NORTH PARK**  
**COVENANT CHURCH**

NOVEMBER 3, 2024  
+ ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY +

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PRELUDE

I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ  
J.S. Bach  
Brian Ward, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Libby Piotrowski and Jeff Hunter

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 767

For All the Saints

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Revelation 7:9-12

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

**And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."**

All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying:

**"Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!"**

\* ROLL CALL OF THE SAINTS

Reading of the Names

James Hosek - December 3, 2023

Marla Parker - April 7, 2024

Kari Lindholm-Johnson - April 20, 2024

Eloise Nelson - May 1, 2024

Thomas Kelly - June 24, 2024

Ann Maleski - July 9, 2024

Ingrid Newlin - September 21, 2024

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND 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.**

CHORAL ANTHEM

O How Amiable  
Ralph Vaughan Williams  
Chancel Choir, Brian Ward, Director

O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts!  
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord:  
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.  
Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young.  
Even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.  
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be always praising thee.  
The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us:  
prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.  
O prosper thou our handywork.  
O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the Peace of the Lord Jesus 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.**

Emily Kiltz, Reader

Isaiah 25:6-9

Revelation 21:1-6a

John 11:32-44

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

MESSAGE

Tony Pizarro

\* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Rescuer

Benjamin Hastings, Bryan Fowler,

Chris Llewellyn, Gareth Gilkeson

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Brian Ward, Lauren Wargaski, and Ryan Wendt

# THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

*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.*

The Words of Institution

Sharing of the Elements

Communion Music

Trusting Jesus  
Ira D. Sankey, arr. Brent Olstad

Whiter than Snow  
James Nicholson  
Sandy Edstrom, Piano  
Lauren Wargaski, Violin

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 at [www.npcovenant.org/give](http://www.npcovenant.org/give).*

Offertory

Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone  
arr. Cindy Berry  
Sam Parnin, Piano

\* Doxology 48

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* CLOSING HYMN 235

The Old Rugged Cross

SUNG BENEDICTION

God Be in My Head  
Old English Prayer  
John Rutter

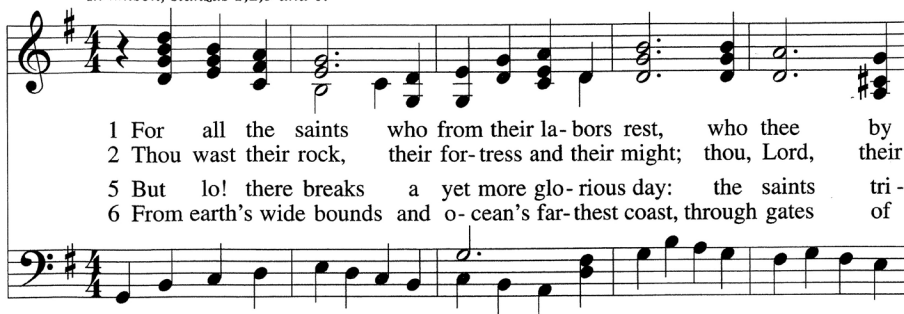
God be in my head and in my understanding.  
God be in mine eyes and in my looking.  
God be in my mouth and in my speaking.  
God be in mine heart and in my thinking.  
God be at my end and in my departing.

POSTLUDE

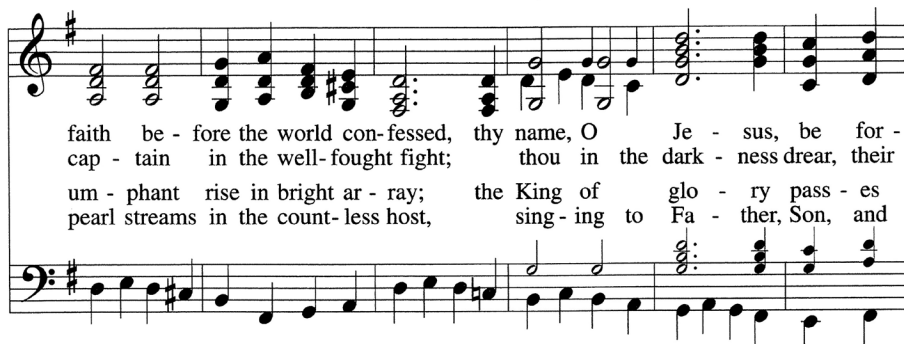
Fantasia  
Johann Krebs

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

## For All the Saints

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


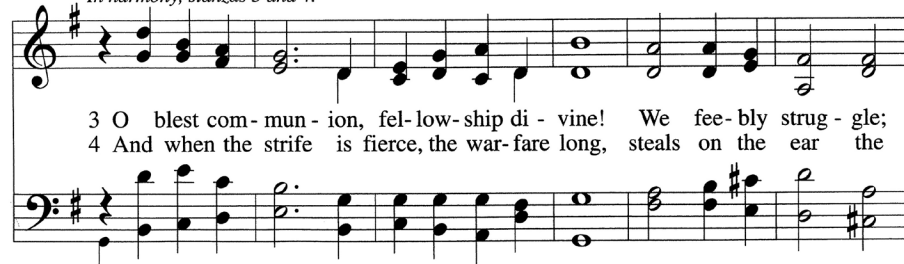
1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by  
 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might; thou, Lord, their  
 5 But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day: the saints tri-  
 6 From earth's wide bounds and ocean's farthest coast, through gates of



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. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 on his way.  
 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.

The first system of the musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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

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

The second system of the musical score also consists of two staves in the same key and time signature as the first. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line of the system includes the instruction 'D.C. stanza 5,6'.

*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.*

# Rescuer

Bryan Fowler and Ben Hastings



There is good news for the cap - tive, good news for the shamed, there is  
He is beau - ty for the blind - man, rich - es for the poor, He is



good news for the one who walked a-way. There is good news for the doubt - er, the  
friend-ship for the one the world ig-nores. He is pas-ture for the wear - y,



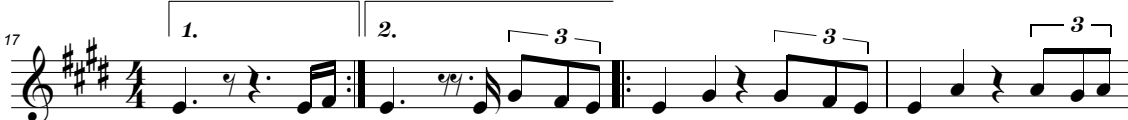
one re - li - gion failed, for the good Lord has come to seek and save. He's our  
rest for those who strive. Oh the good Lord is the way, the truth, the life.



res-cu-er! He's our res-cu - er, We are free from sin for-ev - er - more. Oh, how



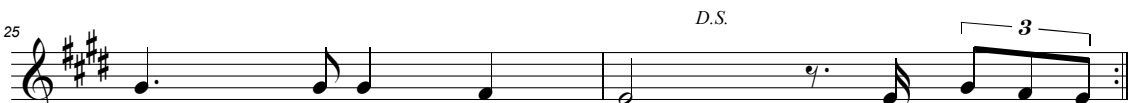
sweet the sound, oh how grace a bounds, We will praise the Lord our res - cu -



er. He is er. So come and be chain-less. Come and be fear-less. Come to the



foot of cal - var - y. There is re - demp - tion for ev-'ry af - flic - tion here at the



foot of cal - va - ry. So come and be

## 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 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 and 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.*



# The Old Rugged Cross

1 On a hill far a-way stood an old rug-ged cross, the em-blem of  
 2 Oh, that old rug-ged cross, so de-spised by the world, has a won-drous at-  
 3 In the old rug-ged cross, stained with blood so di-vine, a won - drous  
 4 To the old rug-ged cross I will ev - er be true, its shame and re-

suf-f'ring and shame; and I love that old cross where the dear-est and best  
 trac-tion for me; for the dear Lamb of God left his glo-ry a-bove  
 beau-ty I see; for 'twas on that old cross Je-sus suf-fered and died  
 proach glad-ly bear; then he'll call me some day to my home far a-way,

*Refrain*

for a world of lost sin-ners was slain.  
 to bear it to dark Cal-va-ry. So I'll cher-ish the old rug-ged  
 to par-don and sanc-ti-fy me. cross, the  
 where his glo-ry for-ev-er I'll share.

cross, till my tro-phies at last I lay down; I will cling to the  
 old rug-ged cross,

WORDS: George Bennard, 1873-1958  
 MUSIC: George Bennard, 1873-1958

HOLY WEEK: DEATH

old rug-ged cross, and ex-change it some day for a crown.  
cross, the old rug-ged cross,

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a vocal line on a treble clef and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line begins with the lyrics 'old rug-ged cross, and ex-change it some day for a crown.' The piano accompaniment provides a harmonic and rhythmic foundation for the vocal line. The score concludes with a double bar line.

# *Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!*

## *We're glad you're here.*

### *For your prayers this week:*

- **Kevin Wendt**, Ryan's dad, diagnosed with multiple myeloma and heart issues
- **the Mohammed Amin family**, who NPCC sponsored last summer, in need of new, affordable housing in the next few weeks, as their building is being sold
- **Diane Haglund**, diagnosed with breast cancer and struggling with a sprained ankle
- **Craig Johnson**, Pastor Libby's dad, hospitalized due to blood clots in his lungs
- **Christino Colon**, Steven Colon's father, who is in poor health
- **Dorothy Schmidt**, searching for a new apartment, and for her nephews **Jeff Kohn** and **David Schmidt**, anticipating difficult medical procedures

**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 we 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.

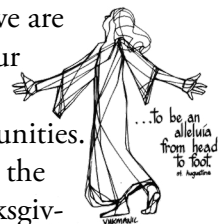
**We welcome Tony Pizarro to the pulpit today.** Antonio "Tony" Pizarro is a doctoral candidate in the Association of Chicago Theological Schools' (ACTS) DMin program at North Park Theological Seminary. He is the former assistant director and lecturer at the North Park University Writing Center and is currently the program manager of Envisioning Justice at Illinois Humanities.

**Today is a Benevolence Sunday.** Members of the Deacon Board will be at the doors after the service to receive any donations to our benevolence fund, which is used to help those in need in our community.

**The November issue of *The Narthex*,** our monthly newsletter, was emailed out this past Friday, and paper copies are available for pick-up in the narthex this morning. If you would like to receive the newsletter electronically, please reach out to Ann-Marie in the church office, and she will be happy to put you on the distribution list.

## Neighborhood Prayer in 2024

As we come to the end of both the calendar year and the church year, we are encouraged to pray with our eyes and our ears for our neighborhoods and communities. As we are bombarded with the sights and sounds of Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas; and as we journey to the stable, may we also live with eyes wide open and ears attuned to the cares and needs of our neighbors, that they, too, would come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior of their lives.



*But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. Truly I tell you, many prophet and righteous people longed to see what you see, but did not see it and to hear what you hear but did not hear it. - Matthew 13:16*

**There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, November 10,** following the church service. The agenda includes the following:

1. Vote on the pastoral search committee for our minister for community outreach.
2. Presentation of proposed by-law changes to be voted on as part of the annual meeting (Part 1) in January.
3. Encouragement and question answering around guidelines for proposals for the 10% tithe from the BWF contributions.

**Lectionary texts for  
Sunday, November 10:**

Ruth 1:1-18

Psalm 146

Hebrews 9:11-14

Mark 12:28-34

**Next Sunday is the last day to order Christmas greens!** Christmas greens are available for order through Sunday, November 10. The money raised helps to support the youth ministries at NPCC. You can [place your order via Realm](#) (you'll need to start the registration process to get to the page with the price listing) or using the paper forms found in the narthex and parlors. They'll arrive at church for pick-up in the alley parking lot on Sunday, November 24. If you have any questions, please reach out to Jeanette!

**Warm Clothing Drive:** In collaboration with the Hollywood-North Park Community Association and other community leaders in the neighborhood, we will be collecting warm clothing (both new and gently used) for the men, women, and children currently living in the shelter on Foster Avenue. Hats, gloves, coats, long pants, sweaters, and sweatshirts are especially appreciated. Items may be brought to the church between now and Sunday, November 10, and placed in the co-pastors' office. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Pastor Libby.

**You are invited to an open house** on Sunday, November 10, from 2-4 pm at the home of Karen Darelus (2708 W Balmoral Ave - Apt 1E). Come for fellowship, food, and fun!

**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!

**As Thanksgiving approaches, The Friendship Center has two upcoming events:**

- *Free Thanksgiving meal box distribution:* The Friendship Center will be giving away Thanksgiving meal boxes on Saturday, November 23, from 2-5 pm at their pantry (2711 W Lawrence Ave, Chicago, IL 60625). For more information, visit their [Facebook event page](#).

- *Thanksgiving Day lunch:* The Friendship Center is partnering with St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church of Chicago to help spread the word about their free Thanksgiving lunch on Thursday, November 28, from 11 am - 1 pm at their parish (2727 W Winona St, Chicago, IL 60625). No tickets are required, and all are welcome. More information is available at their [Facebook event page](#).

**It's a Little Town of Bethlehem year!** This Christmas, everyone is invited to experience the sights and sounds of Bethlehem. North Park Covenant Church will be transformed into the streets and markets of Jesus' birth, complete with costumed vendors, musicians and townspeople. Members of our congregation will dress in costume and take on the role of various local characters; each pointing the way to the manger where they hear that a very special child has been born.

The event will take place on Sunday, December 8, from 4-6 pm, and we need lots and lots of help before that to make it happen! Committees are being organized and there is a spot for everyone: advertising, recruiting, costumes, props, and set design. You may receive a call from someone on the recruiting team, asking for you to help. If you don't get that call but are interested in jumping on board, please contact either Lisa Applequist or Pastor Libby. We need people with all kinds of gifts and all kinds of time to give! Also, be sure to invite your neighbors, friends, and family, and spread the word!

**North Park Church Cooperative Preschool invites you** to their Holiday Market! On Saturday, December 14, from 9 am to 1 pm, come to the church parlors and peruse booths set up by local vendors selling their unique wares. There will also be kids crafts, seasonal treats, and a mystery raffle!

**Church Library Art Deadline Extended!** Calling all K-8 student artists! The church library is looking for art to display, and the deadline has been extended! Choose one of the coloring sheets from the blue basket in the library. Color your chosen sheet, write your name on it, and place it in the box labeled "Completed Coloring Sheets" by December 29. Coloring sheets (and blank paper, if you would prefer to create your own design) will also be available in the parlors on Wednesday nights at Gather and on Sundays after the service. Completed art will be posted on the bulletin board in the coatroom outside the parlors.

### WHAT IS ALL SAINTS' DAY?

All Saints' Day is a yearly reminder of our connectedness to all Christians, past and present. Here at North Park Covenant Church, it is always celebrated on the first Sunday in November (All Saints' Day is actually November 1.) The worship service on All Saints' Sunday brings to remembrance that the world of the Spirit is larger and more real than the world we wake up to every day. Together, we offer thanksgiving for the spiritual companionship of the saints in the face of the discouraging forces of evil and violence, grief and pain in our own time. In our tradition, pictures of some of the saints we have known and loved are displayed in the sanctuary and, as we celebrate the feast offered at the Lord's table, we do so in the company of such a great cloud of witnesses.

## The Church Calendar This Week

*The calendar is available online at [www.npcovenant.org/calendar](http://www.npcovenant.org/calendar) and is updated as changes occur.*

### *Monday, November 4*

- 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, November 5*

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

### *Wednesday, November 6*

- 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, November 7*

- 4:30 pm Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### *Friday, November 8*

- 1 pm Prayer Gathering (South Chapel Prayer Corner)

### *Saturday, November 9*

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

### *Sunday, November 10*

- 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 Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
- 7 pm High-school Youth Group (The Attic Youth Room)  
AA Meeting (Parlors)

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### Welcome Statement

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*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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