



# CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY



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PRELUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation (61)

Max Reger

Sam Parnin, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeff Hunter and Libby Piotrowski

CHORAL INTROIT

We Will Glorify (51)

Chancel Choir, Brian Ward, Director

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 132

Let's gather together in the presence of our God.

Let's bring our songs of praise and our prayers of thanksgiving.

Let us bow down in worship before the Lord our Maker.

**Arise, O God, and enter Your sanctuary;**

**You, and the ark of Your strength.**

**Clothe us in justice and faithfulness,**

**and put new songs of joy and praise in our mouths.**

Let's worship God together! **Amen!**

\* OPENING HYMN 265

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

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

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the Peace of Christ our King be with you.

**And also with you.**

CHORAL ANTHEM

Fairest Lord Jesus

Derek Hakes

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nations, O thou of God and man the Son,  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine! Amen.

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Reading

New Testament Reading

\* Gospel Reading

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

\* Sung Response 110

Tony Pizarro, Reader

2 Samuel 23:1-7

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

Glory Be to God, Creator

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

MESSAGE

Libby Piotrowski

\* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Alpha and Omega

Erasmus Mutanbira

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Led by Kristen Hunter, Anders Johnson,  
Robert Johnson, Jeanette Mottl, and Brian Ward

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE PRAYER TREE

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Generosity

*Covenant World Relief & Development cans and offerings, as well as stewardship pledges,  
may be brought forward and placed in the offering plates.*

*Additionally, written prayers may be brought forward and placed on the prayer tree.*

Offertory

Interlude

Oliver Richardson

\* Doxology 48

\* Prayer of Presentation

\* CLOSING HYMN 37

The God of Abraham Praise

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

How Firm a Foundation (437)

Edward Broughton

Brian Ward, Organ

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

## 265 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

*Descant*

4 O that with all the sa-cred throng we at his feet may fall!

1 All hail the pow'r of Je-sus' name! Let an-gels pros-trate fall;  
 2 Ye cho-sen seed of Is-rael's race, ye ran-somed from the fall,  
 3 Let ev-'ry kin-dred, ev-'ry tribe on this ter-res-trial ball,  
 4 O that with yon-der sa-cred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all;  
 bring forth the roy-al di-a-dem, and crown him Lord of all;  
 hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all;  
 to him all maj-es-ty as-cribe, and crown him Lord of all;  
 We'll join the ev-er-last-ing song, and crown him Lord of all;

we'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all! A-men.  
 bring forth the roy-al di-a-dem, and crown him Lord of all!  
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
 to him all maj-es-ty as-cribe, and crown him Lord of all!  
 we'll join the ev-er-last-ing song, and crown him Lord of all! A-men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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*

THE HOLY TRINITY

110

Glory Be to God, Creator

*In unison*

C/E F Gsus Dm/C C C/E F G

1 Glo-ry be to God, Cre - a - tor, glo-ry be to God the  
 was in the be - gin - ning, it is now and so shall  
 ho - ly God Al - might - y, ho - ly, ho - ly Prince of

Am C/E Dm Am/C G/B G G/A Am

Son, glo-ry be to God the Spir - it, known as  
 be in a world with - out an end - ing, glo - ry  
 Peace, ho - ly, ho - ly Wind of Pre - sence, ho - ly,

F G 1,2 C C/E 3 C F G7 C

Three, yet God the One.  
 through e - ter - ni - ty. 2 As it  
 ho - ly, ho - ly, 3 Ho - ly, ly. A - men.

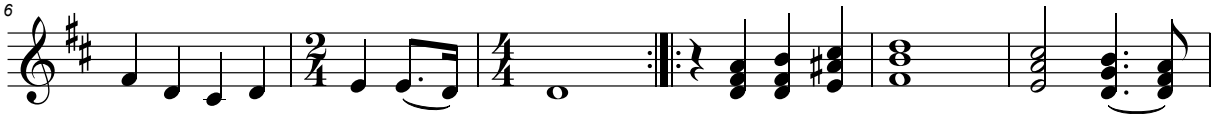
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 RENEWED

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# Alpha and Omega



You are Al-pha and O - me - ga. We wor-ship You our Lord



You are wor-thy to be praised. We give You all the glo -



ry We wor-ship You our Lord. You are wor - thy to be praised.

Words and Music by Erasmus Mutanbira  
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## 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.

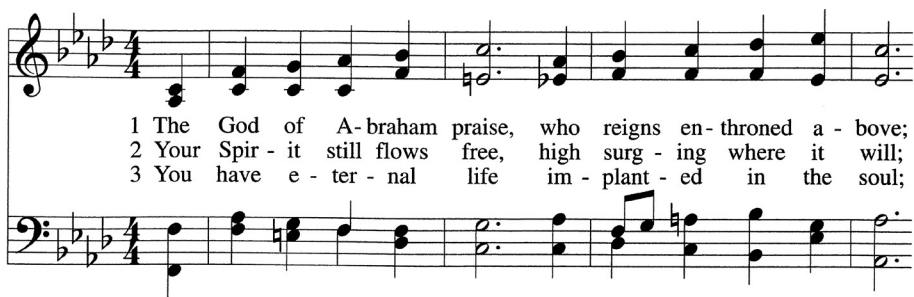
here be - low; praise him a - bove ye heav'n - ly host;

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

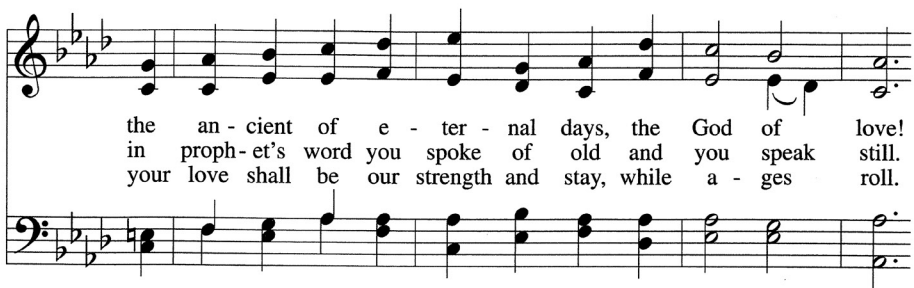
praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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 and time signature remain consistent throughout the entire piece.

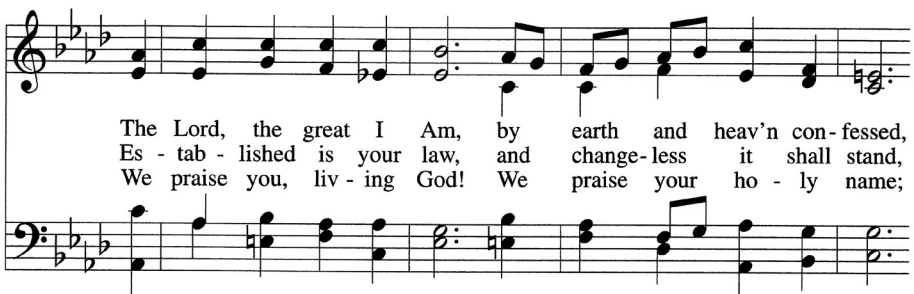
## The God of Abraham Praise



1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove;  
 2 Your Spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will;  
 3 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;



the an - cient of e - ter - nal days, the God of love!  
 in proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.  
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.



The Lord, the great I Am, by earth and heav'n con-fessed,  
 Es - tab - lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,  
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name;



we bow be-fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.  
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea or land.  
 who was, and is, and is to be, for - e'er the same!



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

## For your prayers this week:

- **Bruce Strom**, recuperating after a fall in which he broke three ribs
- **Kevin Wendt**, Ryan's dad, as he undergoes chemo treatments
- **Diane Haglund**, recuperating after surgery on November 14
- **the Mohammed Amin family**, who NPCC sponsored last summer, needs to find new and affordable housing in the next few weeks, as the building they live in is being sold
- **Dorothy Schmidt** requests prayers for peace as she searches for a new apartment, and for her nephews **Jeff Kohn** and **David Schmidt**, as they face health challenges
- Marti Hindaileh's godson, **Brandon Baglayan**, taking a break from chemo and radiation and anticipating another scan on November 27

## Welcome to North Park Covenant Church! If



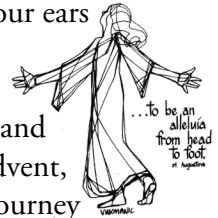
you're new here today, we invite you to scan the QR code to learn more about us and, perhaps, get a little more connected.

**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.

**It takes a village to build a little town!** We will begin setting up for Little Town of Bethlehem on Wednesday, December 4, after the Gather dinner. Further set-up will take place on Saturday, December 7, from 9 am to 12 noon. We can use as many volunteers as possible for both of these days. If you plan to participate in the Little Town event on December 8, please be sure to attend either or both of the set-up times. Then, on December 8, please come to church at 3 pm to get your costume and any supplies you might need. Please reach out to [Pastor Libby](#) or [Lisa Applequist](#) if you have questions or would like to volunteer. Many hands make light and fun work!

## 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 prophets 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 13:16-17*

**There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, December 8**, immediately after church for the purpose of approving the following:

1. Additional funding of up to \$75,000 for the additional repairs that are needed on the East Wall in the tower stairwell where there is water damage. The money will come from the Building with Faithfulness funds.
2. Approve funding for the replacement of the boiler for the sanctuary building. The current boiler needs to be replaced due to bad heat exchangers. The money for this (\$46,000) will come from undesignated bequests. The repairs to the current boiler will cost almost as much as a new boiler, and the three different companies that have inspected the boiler all recommended purchasing a new, more efficient unit.

**Update from Our Treasurer:** As of October 31, 2024, offering totals \$483,998 compared to the year-to-date budget of \$545,000 and compared to \$491,274 as of October 31, 2023. To meet the budget, we need \$170,002 of offering in November and December. Total income through October is \$567,716 with total expenses of \$591,929, resulting in a \$24,213 shortfall. In addition to regular monthly expenses to be paid through the end of the year including salaries, utilities, and supplies, we have budgeted \$15,000 to fund capital improvement reserves, which is not reflected in actual expenses year-to-date.

**Lectionary texts for  
Sunday, December 1:**

Jeremiah 33:14-16  
Psalm 25:1-10  
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13  
Luke 21:25-36

**Gifts for Our Missionaries:** Throughout the year, we as a church support missionaries in five areas of the world via a percentage of General Fund donations. Now it is time to remember these missionary servants with a special Christmas gift. To make a special donation, write “missionary gift” in the memo line on your check and put it in one of the ivory envelopes found in the pew racks today, or select “Missionary Gift” from the drop-down menu at [www.npcovenant.org/give](http://www.npcovenant.org/give). Contributions may also be brought to the office during the week. The deadline for these gifts is Tuesday, December 31.

**No Gather this  
Wednesday**

We invite you to join us for a Thanksgiving Eve worship service at 7 pm, followed by a pie social in the parlors.

**From our church co-chairs, Susan Dawson and Nancy Ebner:** Here at North Park Covenant Church, we have long traditions of generosity, and one way we practice generosity is to express our thanks and love to our church staff with gifts of money at Christmas. In more ways than we might realize, our gifted and dedicated staff members’ ministries are part of God’s ongoing work in our lives. You can contribute to this gift at [www.npcovenant.org/give](http://www.npcovenant.org/give), by selecting “Staff Gift” from the dropdown menu, or by mailing or bringing your gift to church. Label your envelope “staff gift,” and if you write a check, please designate “staff gift” on the memo line. Put it in the offering plate (using the small green envelopes in the pew racks), or on a weekday, drop it off at the church office. Money received will be divided among the staff members. We ask that all contributions reach the church by Sunday, December 15. May the Spirit of God move among us all this Advent season, as we wait and pray: “Come, Lord Jesus.”

**You are invited to extend Christmas greetings** to the members and friends of North Park Covenant Church by donating an amount of your choice, which will go toward our camping scholarships. You are also welcome to share your own Christmas letter with the church family by bringing a copy to the church office for display in the parlors.

To participate in this fundraiser and have your name appear in the Christmas Greetings insert on Sunday, December 15, please fill out the paper form included in today's bulletin or [fill out the online form found here](#) by Wednesday, December 11.

**Last call for offering envelopes for 2025!** If you are not currently on our list to receive a box of envelopes but would like to be, please contact Ann-Marie in the church office. And if you are currently on our list but would rather not be because you give online, please let her know that, too! Thanks!

**Volunteers are needed for childcare and hospitality!** If you're able to help out in the toddler room or by serving refreshments after Sunday worship, please [sign up for a Sunday or two here](#).

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### **The Church Calendar This Week**

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

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#### *Monday, November 25*

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 (via Zoom)

#### *Tuesday, November 26*

8 am	Men's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)
6 pm	Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

#### *Wednesday, November 27*

7 pm	Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service (Sanctuary)
8 pm	Thanksgiving Eve Pie Social (Parlors)

#### *Saturday, November 30*

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

#### *Sunday, December 1 - The First Sunday of Advent*

9:15 am	All-church Advent Breakfast (Parlors)
10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
1:30 pm	Vida Plena Covenant Church Worship Service (Sanctuary)
7 pm	High-school Youth Group (The Attic Youth Room) AA Meeting (Parlors)

## North Park Covenant

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### Missionaries We Support

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Peter and Anna Kim, Taiwan

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Paul and Sheryl Noren, Congo

Eugenio and Pia Restrepo,  
Latin America

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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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