



NORTH PARK
COVENANT CHURCH

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PRELUDE

The Revd Mustard: His Installation Prelude
Nico Muhly
Sam Parnin, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Chase-Ziolek and Cheyenne Johnson



CHORAL INTROIT

I Love Your Kingdom, Lord (598, verses 1, 2, and 4)
Chancel Choir, Brian Ward, Director

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 36:5-10

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,

your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains;

your judgments are like the great deep;

you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house,

and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life;

in your light we see light.

O continue your steadfast love to those who know you

and your salvation to the upright of heart!

* OPENING SONG

Your Love, Oh Lord

Brad Avery, David Carr, Mac Powell, Mark D. Lee, Tai Anderson

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Led by Sam Parnin, Brian Ward, and Ryan Wendt

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

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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.

Julie Reese-Clauson, Reader

Isaiah 62:1-5

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

John 2:1-11

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Cheyenne Johnson

* HYMN OF PREPARATION 534

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

MESSAGE

Mary Chase-Ziolek

CHORAL ANTHEM

Thy Perfect Love

John Rutter

Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest,
thy perfect love close in my breast
that I thee love and never rest;
and make me love thee of all things best,
and wounde my heart in thy love free,
that I may reign in joy evermore with thee.

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

The Spacious Firmament

Franz Joseph Haydn

arr. Ellen Jane Lorenz

Chancel Handbell Choir, Linnea Olfelt, Director

* Doxology 48

* Prayer of Dedication

* CLOSING HYMN 206

Sing of God Made Manifest

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter

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

Your Love, Oh Lord

Brad Avery, David Carr, Mac Powell,
Mark D. Lee, Tai Anderson



Your love, oh Lord, reaches to the heavens.



Your faith - ful - ness stretch-es to the sky.



And your right - eous-ness is like the migh - ty moun - tains,



and your jus - tice flows like the o - ceans' tides.



And I will lift my voice to wor - ship you my King,



and I will find my strength in the sha - dow of your wings.

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

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word, we are gath - ered
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
 3 Glo - rious Lord, your - self im - part; Light of light, from

all to hear you. Let our hearts and souls be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed, till your Spir - it breaks our night
 God pro - ceed - ing, o - pen lips and ears and heart;

now to seek and love and fear you. By your Gos - pel
 with your beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to
 help us by your Spir - it's lead - ing. Hear the cry your

pure and ho - ly, teach us, Lord, to love you sole - ly.
 God can win us; you must work all good with - in us.
 church now rais - es; Lord, ac - cept our prayers and prais - es.

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 series of chords and single notes. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment with 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. The upper staff features a mix of chords and moving lines. The lower staff continues the harmonic support with chords and single notes.

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

The third system concludes the piece. The upper staff ends with a double bar line. The lower staff also concludes with a double bar line.

Sing of God Made Manifest

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1 Sing of God made man - i - fest in a child ro - bust and blest,
 2 Sing of God made man - i - fest when at Jor - dan John con - fessed,
 3 Sing of God made man - i - fest when Christ came as wed - ding guest
 4 Sing of God made man - i - fest on the cloud - capped moun - tain's crest,

to whose home in Beth - le - hem where a star had guid - ed them,
 "I should be bap - tized by you, but your bid - ding I will do."
 and at Ca - na gave a sign, turn - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 where the law and proph - ets waned so that Christ a - lone re - mained:

Ma - gi came and gifts un - bound, signs mys - te - rious and pro - found:
 Then from heav - en a dou - ble sign— dove - like Spir - it, voice di - vine—
 fur - ther still was love re - vealed as he taught, for - gave, and healed,
 glimpse of glo - ry, pledge of grace, giv'n as Je - sus set his face

myrrh and fran - kin - cense and gold grave and God and King fore - told.
 hailed the true A - noint - ed One: "This is my be - lov - ed Son."
 bring - ing light and life to all who would lis - ten to God's call.
 towards the wait - ing cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.

Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!

We're glad you're here.

For your prayers this week:

- **our neighborhood**, specifically the west side of the 5300 block of N Sawyer and the north side of the 3200 block of W Foster
- **residents of Los Angeles, California**, as wildfires continue to rage through that area
- **Paul Wargaski**, as he continues on his faith journey, complete with its human successes and failures
- **Keith Chase-Ziolek**, home after being hospitalized briefly for norovirus and anticipating having a pacemaker inserted on January 21
- **the Boyd family**, mourning the passing of Jon's father, Bill, on January 4
- **the Hunt family**, mourning the passing of Francis' sister, Barbara, on January 4
- **Sally Engebretson**, recuperating well after successful knee replacement surgery
- **Robert Johnson**, recuperating after a back procedure this past Monday
- **Sandy Edstrom**, struggling with a broken foot in addition to the pain of sciatica
- **Diane Haglund**, undergoing radiation through January 27
- **Kevin Wendt**, Ryan's dad, undergoing chemotherapy and struggling with congestive heart failure
- Marti Hindaileh's godson, **Brandon Baglayan**, struggling through chemotherapy
- **the family of Westley Polender**, who passed away on December 18



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.

Vida Plena, a Spanish-speaking Covenant Church plant that meets here, invites you to worship every Sunday at 1:30 pm. For more information, contact Pastor Dany Flores at 872-357-9080.

Staff Away: Pastor Libby, Pastor Jeff, and Jeanette will all be out of the office from January 18-24, as they attend the NextGen and Midwinter conferences of the ECC in Denver, Colorado. They will be reachable by phone if any needs arise, and help can be coordinated if necessary.

Office Closed Tomorrow: The church office will be closed on Monday, January 20, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr's birthday.

Join Us for a Town Hall: Following worship today, there will be a town hall meeting to discuss the 2025 budget. No votes will be taken. This is an opportunity to ask questions and gain information prior to the first half of the Congregational Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 26. A Zoom link will be shared in the online chat after the service for those participating remotely.

It's Annual Meeting Time! Next Sunday, January 26, immediately after church, there will be a light lunch served followed by the first half of the Congregational Annual Meeting. Items on the agenda include annual reports from boards, church chair, pastors, conference, and denomination; approval of the 2025 Budget; preliminary first vote on Building with Faithfulness tithe options; vote on the by-law changes presented at the November congregational meeting; and the presentation of proposed by-law changes to be voted on at the second half of the annual meeting to be held in April. As a reminder, all are invited to attend this meeting, but only members may vote.

**Lectionary texts for
Sunday, January 26:**

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Luke 4:14-21

The North Park Readers will resume for the new year. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 28, at 7 pm, at the home of Helen Arkema. The address is 5837 N Bernard St. We will be reading *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson. The book relates a story about a traveling librarian named Cussy Mary Carter, who also happens to be from a Kentucky family whose skin is a shade of blue. If you have any questions, please email Helen at helen.arkema@gmail.com.

The Coffeehouse Returns! All are invited to join us on Saturday, February 22, at 6:30 pm for this all-church talent show. Can you sing, dance, play an instrument, tell funny jokes, or recite poetry? [Reach out to emcee Joel Piotrowski](#), and he'll add you to the program. You won't want to miss it!

New Year, New Resolutions! Did you resolve to find more joy in your life? Are you looking for a way to serve at NPCC in 2025? Make 2025 the year you hang out with the littlest in our community—[sign up](#) to help with childcare during an upcoming service.

Volunteers are always welcomed to help serve refreshments during the coffee hour after worship. If you're looking for a low-key way to get involved on a Sunday or two, please consider this opportunity. The [sign-up sheet can be found here](#), and if you have questions about what this task entails, please reach out to Ann Marie Strom.

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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, January 20 - Office Closed

- 9:15 am Women's Bible Study (via Zoom)
6:30 pm Geezerball (Gym)

Tuesday, January 21

- 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 Executive Council Meeting (Large Conference Room)

Wednesday, January 22

- 10 am Women's Bible Study (Edstrom Home)
6 pm Gather Dinner (Parlors)
6:30 pm Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Side Balcony, Sanctuary)
Contemporary Music Rehearsal (Choir Room)
7 pm Knit or Not (Parlors)
Middle-school Youth Group (Youth Room near the Gym)
7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, January 23

- 8 am East Wall Project Progress Meeting (Large Conference Room)
4:30 pm Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
5:30 pm Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Gym)

Friday, January 24

- 1 pm Prayer Gathering (Edstrom Home)

Saturday, January 25

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

Sunday, January 26

- 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)
12 pm Lunch and Congregational Annual Meeting - Part 1 (Parlors)
1:30 pm Vida Plena Covenant Church Worship Service (Sanctuary)
7 pm High-school Youth Group (The Attic Youth Room)
AA Meeting (Parlors)

