

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

FEBRUARY 2, 2025  
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PRELUDE

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners! (350)  
arr. Don Hustad  
Sam Parnin, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anders Johnson and Libby Piotrowski



\* CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 71:1-6

In you, O Lord, we take our refuge; let us never be put to shame.

**In your righteousness, deliver us and rescue us; incline your ear to us and save us.**

Be to us a rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save us.

**Rescue us, O God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust.**

You, O Lord, are our hope, our trust, our protector since before we were born.

**Let our mouths be filled with our praise and glory all day long.**

\* OPENING HYMN 207

Christ Is the Truth, the Way

\* 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.**

\* 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

Krista Dawson, Reader

Jeremiah 1:4-10

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Luke 4:21-30

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

\* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

O Lord, You're Beautiful

Keith Green

1980 Universal Music - Brentwood Benson Publishing (Admin. by Brentwood-Benson Music Publishing, Inc.)

Birdwing Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

Led by Kristen Hunter, Anders Johnson,  
Sam Parnin, Brian Ward, and Ryan Wendt

MEDITATION

Libby Piotrowski

CHORAL ANTHEM

Come, Share the Lord (568)  
Bryan Jeffery Leech, arr. John Leavitt  
Chancel Choir, Brian Ward, Director

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table  
Words of Institution  
Sharing of the Elements  
Communion Music

Amazing Grace (341)  
Traditional  
Brian Ward, Piano

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

All-sufficient Merit  
Bethany Barnard, Shane Barnard, Bryan Fowler  
2023 More Songs from Wellhouse (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)  
Songs from Wellhouse (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)  
Be Essential Songs (Admin. by Essential Music Publishing LLC)  
bryanfowersongs (Admin. by Essential Music Publishing LLC)

\* Doxology 48

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* CLOSING HYMN 709

Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels

\* CHORAL BENEDICTION

God Be in My Head  
John Rutter

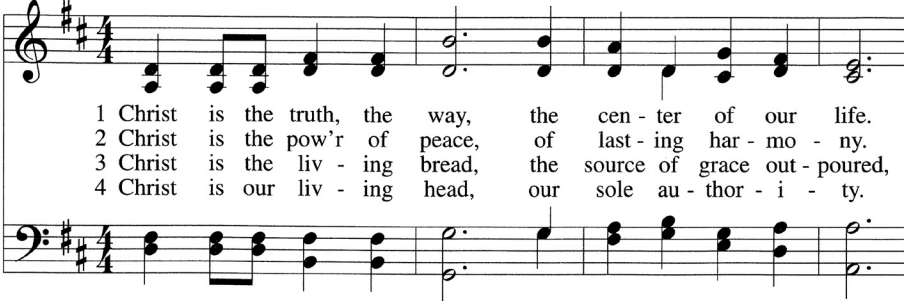
God be in my head and in my understanding.  
God be in mine eyes and in my looking.  
God be in my mouth and in my speaking.  
God be in mine heart and in my thinking.  
God be at mine end and in my departing.

POSTLUDE

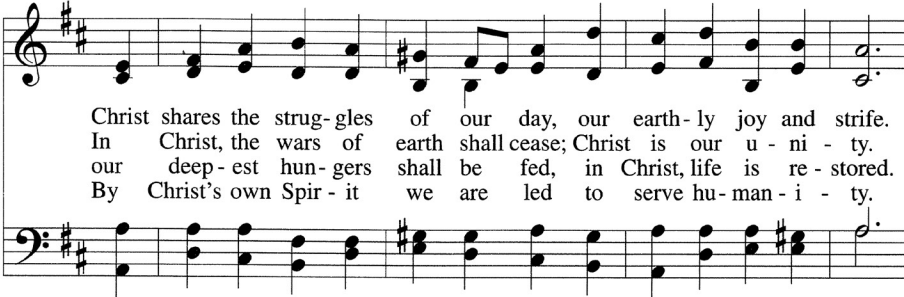
Arise, Your Light Is Come (194)  
arr. Wayne H. Dietterick

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

## Christ Is the Truth, the Way



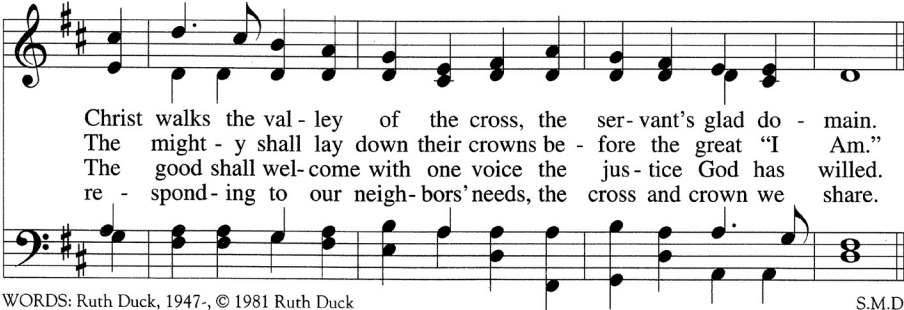
1 Christ is the truth, the way, the cen - ter of our life.  
 2 Christ is the pow'r of peace, of last - ing har - mo - ny.  
 3 Christ is the liv - ing bread, the source of grace out - poured,  
 4 Christ is our liv - ing head, our sole au - thor - i - ty.



Christ shares the strug - gles of our day, our earth - ly joy and strife.  
 In Christ, the wars of earth shall cease; Christ is our u - ni - ty.  
 our deep - est hun - gers shall be fed, in Christ, life is re - stored.  
 By Christ's own Spir - it we are led to serve hu - man - i - ty.



Re - deem - ing what is lost and heal - ing those in pain,  
 The li - on shall lie down in peace be - side the lamb.  
 Earth's hun - gry shall re - joice, for they shall all be filled.  
 We fol - low where Christ leads when oth - ers' pain we bear;



Christ walks the val - ley of the cross, the ser - vant's glad do - main.  
 The might - y shall lay down their crowns be - fore the great "I Am."  
 The good shall wel - come with one voice the jus - tice God has willed.  
 re - spond - ing to our neigh - bors' needs, the cross and crown we share.

# O Lord, You're Beautiful

Keith Green

O Lord, You're beau - ti - ful. Your  
(O) Lord, my faith is small and  
(O) Lord, please light the fire that

face is all I seek, and when Your eyes are  
I need a touch from and seek, You. clear and Your book of books lies  
once burned bright and clear Re - place the lamp of

1.

on this child Your grace a - bounds to me. O  
un - dis - turbed and the prayers from me too  
my first love that burns with ho - ly

2.

10 few. I want to take Your word and shine it all a-round but first help me  
fear.

13 just to live it Lord. And when I'm do - ing well, help me to

16 ne - ver seek the crown for my re - ward is giv - ing glo - ry to You O

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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 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 melodic line with some eighth notes and dotted rhythms. The lower staff continues the harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

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

The third system of music concludes the piece. The upper staff ends with a final cadence, and the lower staff provides a final accompaniment. The piece ends with a double bar line.

## 709 Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels

*In unison*

1 Not for tongues of heav-en's an-gels, not for wis-dom to dis-  
 2 Love is hum-ble, love is gen-tle, love is ten-der, true, and  
 3 Nev-er jeal-ous, nev-er self-ish, love will not re-joice in  
 4 In the day this world is fad-ing, faith and hope will play their

cern, not for faith that mas-ters moun-tains; for this  
 kind; love is gra-cious, ev-er pa-tient, gen-er-  
 wrong; nev-er boast-ful nor re-sent-ful, love be-  
 part; but when Christ is seen in glo-ry, love shall

bet-ter gift we yearn:  
 ous of heart and mind: may love be ours, O Lord.  
 lieves and suf-fers long: reign in ev-'ry heart:

# *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 5200 block of N Spaulding and the north side of the 3300 block of W Foster; “We pray that God would unveil within our neighbors and ourselves the unlimited riches of his glory and favor until supernatural strength floods their and our innermost beings with his divine might and explosive power.” (Ephesians 3:16)
- **our middle-schoolers and leaders**, returning from Covenant Harbor today, after a retreat
- **family and friends of Arlene Norman**, longtime friend of NPCC who passed away recently
- **family and friends of Westley Polender**, longtime member of NPCC who passed away in December
- **western North Carolina**, still recovering after severe flooding caused by Hurricane Helene back in September
- **residents of Los Angeles, California**, many of whom have lost everything in the recent wildfires
- **Chris Johnson**, Pastor Libby’s mom, hospitalized and undergoing tests
- **Charlotte Olfelt**, hospitalized with asthma and flu
- **Roderick Smith**, recuperating at home and in a fair amount of pain after knee-replacement surgery this past Monday
- **Keith Chase-Ziolek**, recuperating well at home after having a pacemaker inserted on January 21
- **Robert Johnson**, recuperating well at home after a back procedure on January 13
- **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
- **Sandy Edstrom**, struggling with a broken foot in addition to the pain of sciatica
- **Kevin Wendt**, Ryan’s dad, undergoing chemotherapy and struggling with congestive heart failure
- Marti Hindaileh’s godson, **Brandon Baglayan**, struggling through chemotherapy
- **Anna and Peter Kim**, missionaries in Taiwan, for strength and endurance, and for comfort for their children, as they prepare for their upcoming home assignment



**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.

**The February issue of *The Narthex***, our monthly newsletter, was emailed out this past Friday, and paper copies are available in the narthex today. If you would like to receive the newsletter via email, please reach out to Ann-Marie in the church office, and she will be glad to add you to the list.



**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.

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

**Upcoming Opportunities to Serve and Learn** from the Board of Community Concern:

*Mid-Year School Supply Drive for Hibbard and Peterson Schools:* Both today and next Sunday, February 9, we have the opportunity to provide some mid-year supplies to these neighborhood schools! Basic supplies such as pencils, markers, crayons, and Lysol disinfectant wipes are welcome. Donations can be left in the collection bins in the narthex.

*Cross-Cultural Training from Exodus World Service:* Please join us at church on Saturday, February 8, from 9 am to 12 noon, for this learning opportunity provided by Exodus World Service. In our time together, you'll learn:

- Who refugees are and how they get to the U.S.
- How to navigate cross-cultural friendship.
- How you can connect with a refugee in our community as a volunteer.

To register, go to [exodusworldservice.org/register](https://exodusworldservice.org/register).

**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!

**80+ Birthday Celebration:** On Sunday, February 23, directly after worship, all are invited to join us in the parlors for a special coffee hour to celebrate our members and friends who have turned 80 or more in the last year. Formal invitations were sent to celebrants this past week. We hope you can join us!

**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](#).

**Lectionary texts for  
Sunday, February 9:**

Isaiah 6:1-13

Psalms 138

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

## 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, February 3*

- 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, February 4*

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

### *Wednesday, February 5*

- 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, February 6*

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

### *Friday, February 7*

- 1 pm Prayer Gathering (Edstrom Home)

### *Saturday, February 8*

- 8 am Geezerball (Gym)
- 9 am New Neighbor Training (Large Conference Room)
- 10 am Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

### *Sunday, February 9*

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

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Paul and Sheryl Noren, Congo

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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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