



NORTH PARK
COVENANT CHURCH

FEBRUARY 16, 2025
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PRELUDE

Why Should I Be Anxious? I Have Such a Friend (431)
arr. Oliver Richardson
Sam Parnin, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Moment for Mission

Jeff Hunter
Emily Gale for NPU Christian Student Organization



CHORAL INTROIT

By Your Streams of Living Waters (602)
Chancel Choir, Brian Ward, Director

* CALL TO WORSHIP 779

Psalm 1
Eric Hoffman

* OPENING HYMN 593

In Christ There Is No East or West

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

Ryan Wendt

* 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.

Chloe Johnson, Reader
Jeremiah 17:5-10
1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Luke 6:17-26

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

CHORAL ANTHEM

*Locus iste a Deo factus est,
inaestimabile sacramentum;
irreprehensibilis est.*

Locus Iste
Anton Bruckner
This place was made by God,
an inestimably holy place.
It is without blame.

MESSAGE

Jeff Hunter

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

All-sufficient Merit

Bethany Barnard, Bryan Fowler, Shane Barnard

2023 More Songs from Wellhouse (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

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Be Essential Songs (Admin. by Essential Music Publishing LLC)

bryanfowersongs (Admin. by Essential Music Publishing LLC)

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Nancy Ebner

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

Puer Nobis

from *Piae Cantiones* 1582

arr. Carl Wiltse

Chancel Handbell Choir, Linnea Olfelt, Director

* Doxology 48

* Prayer of Dedication

Carol Schlensker

* CLOSING HYMN 615

The Beatitudes

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Sun Dance

Bob Chilcott

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

Prayer is offered in the south chapel after the service.

*In addition, if you have prayer requests to be shared confidentially with the pastors,
there is a prayer box located in the narthex, as well as slips of paper and a pen
in the box's drawer for your use.*

Psalm 1

RESPONSE 1



Like a tree that's plant-ed by the wa - ter, we shall not be moved.

RESPONSE 2 (in unison or as a canon)



Hap - py those who hear God's Word. Hap - py those who keep God's Word.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

I ¹Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;

II ²but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law they meditate day and night.

RESPONSE 1 OR 2

I ³They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.

II ⁴The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

I ⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

II ⁶for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

RESPONSE 1 OR 2

Response 1: Traditional African-American spiritual
Response 2: Jack Miffleton, ©1983 North American Liturgy Resources

In Christ There Is No East or West

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1 In Christ there is no East or West, in him no South or North,
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mun-ion find.
 3 Join hands, then, peo-ple of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
 4 In Christ now meet both East and West, in him meet South and North.

but one great fel-low-ship of love through-out the whole wide earth.
 His serv-ice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.
 All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.
 All Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

WORDS: John Oxenham, 1852-1941, alt.
 MUSIC: Alexander R. Reinagle, 1799-1877

C.M.
 ST. PETER

Alternate tune: McKEE, 776

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

All-sufficient Merit

Shane Barnard, Bryan Fowler, and Beth Barnard



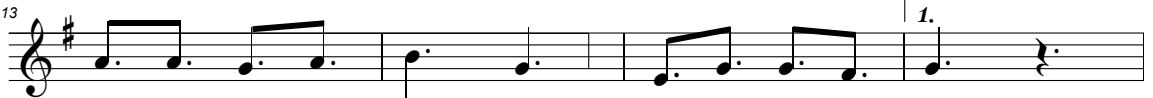
All - suf - fi - cient mer - it shin - ing like the sun. A
love He con - de - scen - ded e - ter - nal now in time. A



5 for - tune I in - her - it by no work I have done. My
life with - out a blem - ish the ma - ker made to die. The



9 right - eous - ness I for - feit our at my sav - ior's cross where
law could ne - ver save us; our law - less - ness had won un -



13 all - suf - fi - cient mer - it did what I could not.
till the pure and spot - less Lamb had fin - 'ly



In come. It is



21 done; it is fin - ished; no more debt I owe. Paid in



25 full, all - suf - fi - cient mer - it now my own.

29 

I lay down my gar - ments;
All - suf - fi - cient mer - it;

33 

a - ny em - ply boast. Good works all cor - rup - ted
firm in life and death. The joy of my sal - va - tion shall

37 

by the sin - ful host. Dressed in my Lord Je - sus, a
be my fi - nal breath, and when I stand ac - cep - ted be -

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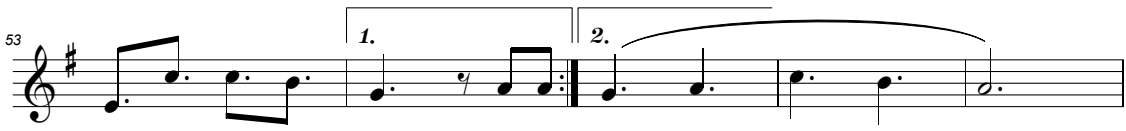
crim - son robe made white. No more fear of judge - ment; His
fore the throne of God I'll gaze u - pon my Je - sus and

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right - eous - ness is mine. It is done; it is fin - ished;
thank Him for the cross.

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no more debt I owe. Paid in full, all - suf - fi - cient

53 

mer - it now my own. It is own.

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It's now my own.

D.S. al Fine

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 Beatitudes

Dm Am B♭ F/A

1 Blessed are the poor in spir - it, for
 2 Blessed are the ones who are mer - ci - ful, for
 3 Blessed are the suf - f'ring for righ - teous-ness, for

A♭ B♭ F Dm Am

theirs is the king-dom of heav - en. Blessed are the ones who are
 they will have boun-ti - ful mer - cy. Blessed are the ones who are
 theirs is the king-dom of heav - en. Blessed are you suf-f'ring for

B♭ F/A Dm G Csus C7

sor - row-ful for they will be com - fort-ed.
 pure in heart for they will be-hold their God.
 my sake when e - vil is done to you. Re-

Gm7 B♭/C C/E Gm7 F/B♭

Blessed are the meek who in - her - it the earth, the righ-teous who do hun - ger and
 Blessed are the ones who are mak-ers of peace, for they will be called by
 joyce, for you are the blessed of the earth. Be glad as the child-ren of

FOLLOWING AND SERVING

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It features guitar chords: Csus, C7, EbM7, F, and G. The melody is written in eighth and quarter notes. The bottom staff is in bass clef, providing a bass line with eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written between the two staves, aligned with the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line, a first ending bracket labeled '1,2', and the word 'Fine'.

thirst, for they will all be filled.
name, the child - ren of the Lord.
God, for great is your re - ward.

Csus C7 EbM7 F G 1,2 Fine

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 Christiana, the 3300 block of W Foster, and all of our neighbors north of Bryn Mawr
- **family and friends of LeRoy Johnson**, who passed away on February 8
- **Elizabeth Petersen**, hospitalized and recuperating after surgery on February 11
- **Bruce Strom**, recuperating after eye surgery on February 13
- **our 3rd-6th graders and high schoolers**, away on retreats this weekend
- **Marcia Knudson**, former member here, undergoing chemo and radiation for lung cancer
- **Laurel Katchatag**, former attender here, mourning the loss of her brother, Talaluk, in the Bering Air crash near Nome, Alaska
- **Sandy Edstrom**, recuperating after breaking her foot
- **Brandon Baglayan**, Marti Hindaileh's godson, undergoing chemo treatments
- **western North Carolina**, still recovering from severe flooding caused by Hurricane Helene
- **residents of Los Angeles, California**, many of whom lost everything in the wildfires



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. In addition, they invite you to a Spanish-language workshop on depression in our parlors on Friday, February 21, at 6:45 pm. Please RSVP to Rev. Dany Flores and Rev. Sergio Gonzalez at 872-357-9080.

We invite you to a Gather fundraising dinner! On March 7, Dr. Boaz Johnson will lead a group of five students from North Park University to Pune, India, to visit the Hindustani Covenant Church. While in India, Boaz and the students will be led by a member of Hindustani Covenant, worship at the church, and be shown the city of Pune. Fundraising is needed for the trip, so this coming Wednesday, February 19, Boaz and the entire team traveling to Pune will prepare Gather dinner and share about their upcoming trip! Please come to learn more and help support this journey. If you're unable to join us on Wednesday but would like to contribute, please use the QR Code at the right. Once on the homepage, type in the amount you'd like to donate and click "Give". On the checkout page, click the link to "+ Add instructions to the finance office" and write, "For Merge Trip to India" in the pop-up box.



The Coffeehouse Returns! All are invited to join us on Saturday, February 22, at 6:30 pm for this all-church talent show. We have a full list of performers, but they need an audience, so come and enjoy the show! There will be snacks and coffee (of course) for all! You won't want to miss it!

**Lectionary texts for
Sunday, February 23:**

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Luke 6:27-38

Special Coffee Hour 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!

The North Park Readers will next meet at 7 pm on Tuesday, February 25, at Tre Kronor (3258 W Foster Ave). We will be reading *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain. This is a classic tale of the adventures of a mischievous boy and his friends growing up in a Mississippi river town in the nineteenth century. If you have any questions, please contact Helen Arkema at helen.arkema@gmail.com.

The congregation of Iglesia del Pacto Evangélico de Albany Park (4516 N Kedzie Ave) invites Spanish and English congregations alike to gather together for a time of prayer and fasting on Saturday, March 8, from 8 am to 12 pm. "This Convocation for Prayer and Fasting will, I believe, strengthen our spiritual discernment, unity, resolve. To see our sister English speaking churches and pastors worshipping and praying with our Pacto Pastors will empower our heart for God as a unified church having a variety of congregational expressions. The heart of Christ in us rejoices."- Pastor Tomas

Save the Date! On Sunday, March 16, following worship, we invite you to a Corned Beef & Cabbage Lunch in the parlors. Come enjoy a homemade corned beef & cabbage lunch, along with some Irish soda bread and Green River! An RSVP link will be made available this coming week, and RSVPs are required by Monday, March 10.

From Pastor Tomas Sanabria, Iglesia del Pacto Evangélico de Albany Park (4516 N. Kedzie Avenue), in response to current political policies overwhelming Latino congregations with immigrant members:

Since its founding 53 years ago, our church has been a Spanish-speaking church. But discernment has us now opening a new English-language Sunday service to be 1) a time of worship and service for any believer who does not fear being in the trenches with Latino worshippers, and 2) a secondary service to be supportive of the core Spanish church whose service follows at 11:30 am.

We invite you to help us inaugurate our new English church services every Sunday in February (2, 9, 16, 23) from 9 am to 10:30 am. We will serve a free breakfast from 7:30 to 8:30 am.

Until we attract new worshippers, all ministries are available: ushers, worship, music, dance, kitchen, etc. Whether you choose to serve for a while or just every now and then, please share this with friends and family.

The church library book display for February is focused on Black History Month. The Wall Street Journal describes Black History Month as “a time when the culture and contributions of African Americans take center stage” in a variety of cultural institutions, including theaters, libraries, and museums. The display this month features fiction and nonfiction books written by black authors for adults and children. Lists of Black history resources held by the library are available there, as well.

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](#).

New Members Class to be Held in Spring Have you been wondering about membership at North Park Covenant Church and what it might mean? Do you have questions about the church and/or the Covenant denomination? Would you like to learn more, without the obligation to join the church? We'd love to have you join us in our next New Members Class, which will be offered sometime in the spring, based on interest and schedules. Please let Pastor Libby or Pastor Jeff know of your interest, and we will add your name to the list and be in touch!

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Sunday, February 23, is



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from each of you.

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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, February 17

- 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, February 18

- 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, February 19

- 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 20

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

Friday, February 21

- 1 pm Prayer Gathering (Edstrom Home)
- 6:30 pm Vida Plena Covenant Church Mental Health Workshop (Parlors)

Saturday, February 22

- 8 am Geezerball (Gym)
- 10 am Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
- 6:30 pm Coffeehouse (Parlors)

Sunday, February 23

- 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)
- 11:45 am 80+ Birthdays Special Coffee Hour (Parlors)
- 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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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.

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