

North Park

COVENANT CHURCH

FEBRUARY 23, 2020
+ TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY +

PRELUDE

We Walk By Faith
arr. Samuel McFarland
Brian Ward, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Moment for Mission

Jeff Hunter and Cody Taylor
Bill Faude for the Camping Breakfast Fundraiser

CHORAL INTROIT

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies
Keith Bissell
Chancel Choir, Dominic German, Director

* CALL TO WORSHIP

The LORD is Sovereign.

Let the people tremble in awe.

God is enthroned between the cherubim.

Let the earth shake.

The LORD is great in Zion.

God is high above all peoples.

Come, let us worship our glorious Lord.

from Psalm 99

* OPENING HYMN 586

Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee

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

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of 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.

Linnea Healy, Reader

Exodus 24:12-18 (p. 62)

2 Peter 1:16-21 (p. 987)

Matthew 17:1-9 (p. 798)

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG (On next page)

Here I Am To Worship

Tim Hughes

Led by the Senior High Band

SERMON

Cody Taylor

CHORAL ANTHEM

All Creatures of our God and King

Francis of Assisi, arr. Robert Shaw

PASTORAL PRAYER

* RESPONSIVE SONG (Turn next page)

King Of Kings

Scott Ligertwood, Brooke Ligertwood, and Jason Ingram

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please pass the red booklet down the row and sign in to let us know of your presence with us.

Offertory

With Timbrel and Dance

Margaret R. Tucker

Chancel Handbell Choir, Carol Olfelt, Director

* Doxology 48

* Prayer of Dedication

* CLOSING HYMN 195

Shine, Jesus, Shine

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Tocatta in A

Pietro Domenico Paradies

** Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Here I Am To Worship

Tim Hughes



Light of the world, You stepped down in-to dark-ness; O-pened my eyes, let me
King of all days, oh so high-ly e-xal-ted; glor-ious in hea-ven a-



see Beau-ty that made this heart a-dore You;
-bove Hum-bly You came to the earth You cre-a-ted.



Hope of a life spent with You Here I am to wor-ship, here I am to
All for love's sake be-came poor



bow down, here I am to say that You're my God. You're al-to-ge-ther love-ly, al-to-ge-ther

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wor- thy, al-to-ge-ther won-der-ful to me and I'll ne-



ver know how much it cost to see my sin u-pon that cross I'll ne-

D.S. al Fine



ver know how much it cost to see my sin u-pon that cross Here I am to

King of Kings

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In the dark - ness we were wait - ing with-out hope,
To re - veal the King - dom com - ing and to re -



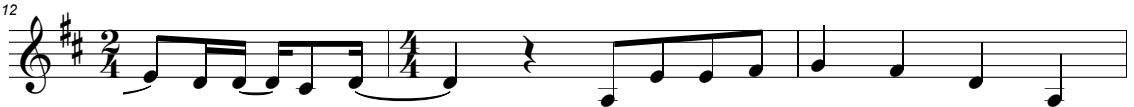
with-out light 'till from heav - en You came run - ning. There was mer -
con-cile the lost to re - deem the whole cre - a - tion, You did not



- cy in Your eyes. To ful - fill the law and pro - phets to a vir -
des-pise the cross for e - ven in Your suf - fring You saw to



- gin came the Word from a throne of end - less glo - ry to a cra -
the o - ther side Knowing this was our sal - va - tion Je - sus for



- dle in the dirt.
oursake, You died.



Praise the Fa - ther, Praise the Son, Praise the Spir - it, three in one.

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God of glo - ry, Ma - jes - ty. Praise for - e - ver to the King of

23

Kings. and the morn - ing that You rose all of heav -

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- en held its' breath Til that stone was moved for good for the lamb

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had con - quered death. and the dead rose from their tombs, and the an -

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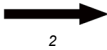
- gels stood in awe for the souls of all who'd come to the Fa -

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- ther are re - stored. and the Church of Christ was born Then the spir -

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- it lit the flame Now this Gos - pel truth of old shall not kneel,



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shall not fade. By His blood and in His name and in His free -

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- dom I am free for the love of Je - sus Christ who has res -

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- ur-rec - ted me

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Praise the Fa - ther, Praise the Son. Praise the Spir - it, three in one.

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God of glo - ry, Ma - jes - ty. Praise for - e-ver to the King of Kings.

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Praise for - e-ver to the King of Kings.

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

Please let us know of your presence with us using the red booklets at the ends of the pews.

We welcome you and invite you to stay for fellowship downstairs in the parlors after the service.

For your prayers this week: Dawn and Ted Helwig's grandson **Elijah Peterman**, hospitalized with unidentified pain and awaiting treatment options; **Kristen Westphal**, whose mother is recovering from hip surgery, and whose father has been put on hospice care; **the Covenant Church in Congo**, struggling over leadership and anticipating election for church officials; **the Kim family**, in Schaumburg to avoid contracting the coronavirus; **baby Elsie**, unborn child of James and Rachel Ventress, due in March and experiencing complications; **Rosemary Slaughter**, anticipating therapy on her wrist; **Dick Lucco**, continuing cancer treatment; **Bob Thornbloom**, on hospice care; Barb Goode's cousin **David Jeffery**, on disability due to further decline caused by ALS

Statistics for Sunday, February 16

Worship: 119

Childcare: 12

Friendship Center Items: 25

Assisted listening devices are available in the narthex for those who would benefit from their use during the service. The greeters are available to assist you in finding or using these devices.

Come *gather* with us for dinner this Wednesday!

All are invited to dinner in the parlors at 5:30, followed by a time of singing and fellowship. After that, the schedule is as follows:

6-7 pm: Open Gym
Open Studio

7-8:30 pm: Middle-school Youth Group

7:15 pm: Immerse Bible Study

Please RSVP by writing "gather" and indicating the number to attend after your name in the red booklet, via the link provided in the General Church Information email, or by contacting the church office by 4:30 pm on Tuesday.

Childcare is available for babies (newborn to walking) on the main level across from the south chapel and for toddlers and younger children (walking to age 5) on the lower level off the south corridor. Children are welcome in our services, but we recognize that sometimes it's easier for them (and their parents) if they can run and play.

Following worship, we offer prayer for anyone who so desires. If you have been moved in some way during the service or are carrying a heavy burden, we invite you to the prayer room in the north chapel of the sanctuary. You will be met by caring individuals who will pray for you and your need. In addition, there is a prayer box in the narthex for prayers you wish to keep private. Anything put in that box will be read and prayed for only by our co-pastors.

Today begins week 8 of Heartwalking the Neighborhood. Please be in prayer for the 5200 block of north Kimball (east side) and the 3300 block of west Foster. If you would like to participate in this prayer opportunity, booklets are available in the church office and the narthex of the sanctuary.

There will be a brief congregational meeting today in the sanctuary following worship to approve the Nominating Committee.

The North Park Readers have chosen Willa Cather's book *O Pioneers!* as their February selection for discussion. You are welcome to join us on Tuesday, February 25, at 7 pm in the home of Helen Arkema, 5837 N. Bernard Street, for conversation about this powerful tale of the American frontier, told through the life of one extraordinary woman.

On March 1, a benevolence offering will be received. Those funds will be used to provide books for the Hibbard School library that are representative of their diverse student population. The NPCC Board of Community Concern will work with the school to purchase the books. We ask members and friends to give prayerfully to this offering to help the Hibbard community. If you have any questions, please ask a member of the Deacons or Sally Johnson from the Board of Community Concern.

All are invited to the Friendship Center's 50th Anniversary Celebration, Sunday, March 1, at 12:30 pm in the North Park Covenant Church parlors. Join us as we celebrate 50 years of providing healthy and nourishing food, warmth and compassion, and friendship to our neighbors in need. We will look back on the history of the organization and feature guest speakers from Feeding America and the Greater Chicago Food Depository. Please RSVP to Ann-Marie Frisk in the church office by Monday, February 24.

The texts for today's choral introit anthem are as follows:

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Keith Bissell

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of righteousness, arise, Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

All Creatures of Our God and King

Francis of Assisi, arr. Robert Shaw

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam, O praise him, Alleluia!
Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise him, Alleluia!
Thou rising morning, in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice, O praise him, Alleluia!
Thou flowing water, pure and clear, make music for thy Lord to hear, Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright, that givest all both warmth and light, O praise him, Alleluia!
And all ye with tender heart, forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One, O praise him, Alleluia!

Church Calendar This Week

The calendar is available online at www.npcovenant.org/calendar and is updated as changes occur.

Monday, February 24

- 9:15 am Monday Morning Women's Bible Study (Staff Conference Room)
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting (Staff Conference Room)
- 4 pm Tutoring (Parlors)
- 6:30 pm Geezerball (Gym)
- 7:30 pm Centering Prayer (Large Conference Room)

Tuesday, February 25

- 7 am Men's Bible Study (Staff Conference Room)
- 4:15 pm Chicago Children's Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 pm Powerstrikers Soccer Practice (Gym)

Wednesday, February 26

- 10 am Women's Bible Study (Large Conference Room)
- 5:30 pm *gather* Simple Supper (Parlors)
- 7 pm Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)
- 8 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, February 27

- 4:15 pm Chicago Children's Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 5 pm Clauson Soccer Practice (Gym)
- 6:15 pm Chicago Children's Choir Presto Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 6:30 pm Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary Side Balcony)
- 7 pm Jay Mitchell/LTAC Basketball Practice (Gym)

Friday, February 28

- 10 am Prayer Gathering (North Room)
- 4:30 pm Chi-town Huskies Basketball Practice (Gym)

Saturday, February 29 - Leap Day!

- 8 am Geezerball (Gym)
- 8 am S-Anon (Large Conference Room)
- 3 pm Clauson Soccer Practice (Gym)

Sunday, March 1 - First Sunday in Lent

- 9 am Sunday School and Confirmation (Various Rooms)
- 9:15 am Adult Sunday School (Parlors)
- 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12:30 pm NPFC 50th Anniversary Celebration (Parlors)
- 7 pm High-school Youth Group (The Attic Youth Room)
- 7 pm AA Meeting (Parlors)

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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