



**NORTH PARK**  
COVENANT CHURCH

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PRELUDE	Fanfare on “Austrian Hymn” Gordon Young Brian Ward, Organ
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Moment for Mission	Jeff Hunter and Libby Piotrowski Pastor Dany Flores
CHORAL INTROIT	Christ Is the World’s Light (107, verses 1 and 4) Chancel Choir, Brian Ward, Director
* CALL TO WORSHIP 836, with sung response	Psalm 111
* OPENING HYMN 55	All Creatures of Our God and King
* INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER 887 (Using <i>sims</i> )	
* PASSING OF THE PEACE The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. <b>And also with you.</b>	
CHORAL ANTHEM	Great Day Marvin V. Curtis
READING OF THE SCRIPTURES Old Testament Reading New Testament Reading * Gospel Reading The Word of the Lord. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	Gaius Berg, Reader Deuteronomy 18:15-20 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Mark 1:21-28
WORD FOR THE CHILDREN	Libby Piotrowski
MESSAGE	Jeff Hunter
* SONG OF RESPONSE	Revelation Song Jennie Lee Riddle

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## 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](http://www.npcovenant.org/give).*

Offertory

Breathe on Me, Breath of God (283)

Robert Jackson

Sunwoo Lee, Organ

\* Doxology 48

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* CLOSING HYMN 418

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Dearest Jesus, at Your Word (534)

Paul Manz

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

*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.*

## RESPONSE

God's ho-ly ways are just and true, his prom-i-ses are ev-er  
new, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

I <sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!  
I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

II <sup>2</sup>Great are the works of the LORD,  
studied by all who delight in them.  
<sup>3</sup>Full of honor and majesty is his work,  
and his righteousness endures forever.  
<sup>4</sup>He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;  
the LORD is gracious and merciful.  
<sup>5</sup>He provides food for those who fear him;  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

## RESPONSE

I <sup>6</sup>He has shown his people the power of his works,  
in giving them the heritage of the nations.  
<sup>7</sup>The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
all his precepts are trustworthy.  
<sup>8</sup>They are established forever and ever,  
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.  
<sup>9</sup>He sent redemption to his people;  
he has commanded his covenant forever.  
Holy and awesome is his name.

II <sup>10</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good understanding.  
His praise endures forever.

## RESPONSE

## 55 All Creatures of Our God and King

1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing  
 2 O rush-ing wind so wild and strong, O clouds that sail in heav'n a-long,  
 3 Cool flow-ing wa-ter, pure and clear, make mu-sic for your Lord to hear,  
 4 And all of you with ten-der heart, for-giv-ing oth-ers, take your part,  
 5 Let all things their Cre-a-tor bless, and wor-ship him in hum-ble-ness,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! O burn-ing sun with gold-en beam,  
 O praise him, al-le-lu-ia! O ris-ing morn, in praise re-joice,  
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Fierce fire so mas-ter-ful and bright,  
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! All you who pain and sor-row bear,  
 O praise him, al-le-lu-ia! Praise, praise the Fa-ther, praise the Son,

and sil-ver moon with soft-er gleam, O praise him, O praise him,  
 O lights of eve-ning, find a voice, O praise him, O praise him,  
 pro-vid-ing us with warmth and light, O praise him, O praise him,  
 trust God and on him cast your care: O praise him, O praise him,  
 and praise the Spir-it, Three in One: O praise him, O praise him,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men.

WORDS: St. Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226, tr. William H. Draper, 1855-1933,  
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 MUSIC: Geistliche Kirchengesäng, Cologne, 1623; arr. Norman E. Johnson, 1928-1983,  
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## 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*

# Revelation Song

Jennie Lee Riddle



Wor - thy is the Lamb who was slain Ho - ly, Ho - ly is He



Sing a new song to Him who sits on Heav - en's mer - cy seat



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly is the Lord God, al - migh - ty who was and is and is to come



with all cre - a - tion I sing Praise to the King of Kings You are my e - very - thing and I will a - dore You



Clothed in rain - bows of liv - ing co - lor Fla - shes of light - ning, rolls of thun - der



Bless - ing and hon - or strength and glo - ry and pow - er be to You the on - ly wise King



Filled with won - der, awe - struck won - der at the men - tion of Your name



Je - sus Your name is pow - er Breath and liv - ing wa - ter such a mar - velous my - ster - y

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## Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 48

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords that support the vocal melody.

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him all crea-tures

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

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

Yupik: *Nanrau mali Agayutvut, Nanrarlitgu pilimalriit  
Nanrarlitgu qilagmeInguut, Aata, qetunraq, Anerneqllu.*

Translation by Lucy Daniels and Wassilie Mute

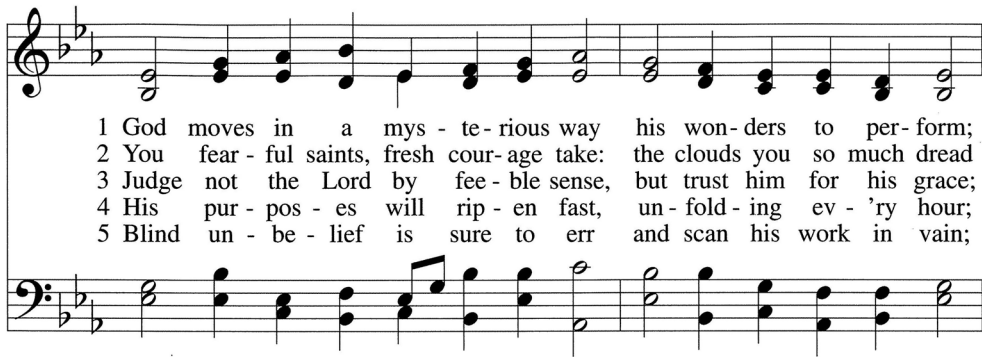
Spanish: *A Dios el Padre celestial, al Hijo nuestro Redentor,  
y al eternal Consolador, uni dos todos alabad.*

Lingala: *E Njambe apesi bato nse, mpo mingi na Yosanjola,  
Na banje mpe tosambel, tata, Mwana, Molimo mpe.*

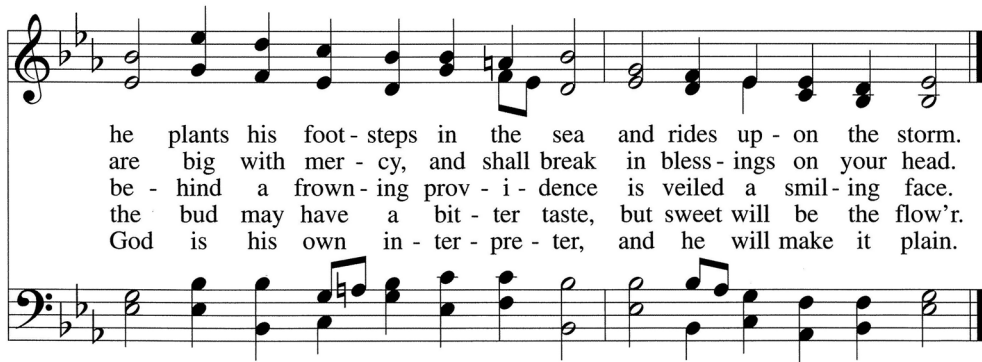


# God Moves in a Mysterious Way

418



1 God moves in a mys - te - rious way his won - ders to per - form;  
2 You fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age take: the clouds you so much dread  
3 Judge not the Lord by fee - ble sense, but trust him for his grace;  
4 His pur - pos - es will rip - en fast, un - fold - ing ev - 'ry hour;  
5 Blind un - be - lief is sure to err and scan his work in vain;



he plants his foot - steps in the sea and rides up - on the storm.  
are big with mer - cy, and shall break in bless - ings on your head.  
be - hind a frown - ing prov - i - dence is veiled a smil - ing face.  
the bud may have a bit - ter taste, but sweet will be the flow'r.  
God is his own in - ter - pre - ter, and he will make it plain.

WORDS: William Cowper, 1731-1800  
MUSIC: *Scottish Psalter*, 1615

C.M.  
DUNDEE

A lower setting and alternate harmonization can be found at 14.

# *Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!*

## *We're glad you're here.*

### *For your prayers this week:*

- **Anchor Covenant Church** (Lake Geneva, WI), recovering after a fire broke out in their sanctuary on January 15
- Janice Finney's brother-in-law, **Tim Rohr**, anticipating a bone marrow transplant on March 18
- **Roderick Smith and family**, mourning the unexpected passing of his brother Greg on January 10
- **Janice Finney**, recuperating after back surgery on January 4
- **Kari Lindholm-Johnson**, recuperating after surgery on December 21

## Neighborhood Prayer in 2024

For the month of January, let us pray that we may have eyes open to see as God sees as we pray for the people and spaces around us.



*1 Samuel 16:7*

**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 1 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.

**Giving statements and offering envelopes are available** for pick-up in the parlors. Please pick up your copies to help the church save on postage.

**Hey, college students!** Every Sunday after church, lunch is available for you in the large conference room (lower level, down the hall from the parlors). Contact Linnea Olfelt at 773-397-3468 or [lmolfelt@gmail.com](mailto:lmolfelt@gmail.com) with questions or if you want to come!

**A note from the Missions Committee:** On January 21, James Ventress gave a moment for mission during the worship service. He related a story of how God is at work in Nome. Maybe his words have inspired you to make a one-time or monthly gift in support of his ministry. You can do this [via this link](#) or by sending a check to CYAK, PO Box 770128, Eagle River, AK 99577 (this is a new address!). Please be sure to write "James Ventress" on the memo line of your check. Thank you!

**Please join us for our Congregational Annual Meeting**, Part I, following worship on February 4. A light lunch will be served, and the meeting will be fully hybrid, with the ability to join in the conversation and vote online. We will share a Zoom link via the General Church Information email this coming week. The primary item on the agenda is approving the 2024 budget. We will also vote on where and how our congregational giving will be distributed. The meeting is open to all, but only members may vote. We hope to see you there!

**Dear church family, Martha and Gaius Berg are welcoming a migrant family** into an apartment building they own. The family is made up of a middle-aged couple, a 14-year-old son, an 18-year-old daughter, and an infant. They have nothing but their clothing, and the Bergs would love to help set them up with the things they will need for the apartment. Do you have kitchen items, bedding, or any furniture you're not using? If you have things you're willing to donate, please reach out to the Bergs at [gaiusandmartha@gmail.com](mailto:gaiusandmartha@gmail.com). Thank you!

**Dear church, on Wednesday, January 31, we will have the privilege of hosting a baby shower** for



three young migrant mothers and their families who are currently living at North Park Village. They will join us for dinner that evening, and the brief shower will follow. Our hope is that we might begin to build relationships with these families and find ways to continue to support them and grow a friendship. We hope you will join us on January 31, and we are looking

for donations to create new-baby gift packages, one for each family. [You can find the list for requested items here.](#)

If you order directly from this Amazon list, the items will automatically be sent to the church. If you would rather give a gift card to Walgreens or Target, that would also be useful to these families as their needs grow and change. Two of the babies due to arrive are boys. The gender of the third baby is unknown.

Additionally, each of these families has older children. New and gently used clothing, shoes, and toys will be gladly accepted, and we'll distribute them that evening. We know more about some of the kids than others so we ask that you bring what you can, and we'll do our best to match kids to items:

- 8-year-old boy, wears size 12 clothing
- 5 year old, gender unknown
- 4-year-old boy, wears size 5 clothing
- 3 year old, gender unknown
- 3-year-old girl, wears size 4 clothing
- 1 year old, gender unknown
- 9-year-old girl?
- 5-year-old boy?

Donations can be brought to the co-pastors' office. If you have questions, [please reach out to Pastor Libby](#). Thank you!

**Bible Journaling each Sunday:** Join Kristen Hunter to journal through the Bible on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am in the art room (lower level just south of the coffee lounge). Bring a Bible and journal, or make a journal when you arrive. Art supplies will be provided.

**The Coffeehouse Returns!** Join us on Saturday, February 24, at 6:30 pm for our Annual Coffeehouse! Come for great entertainment that is family friendly and fun! Come for yummy snacks and lovely fellowship! Come to perform! Share your gifts and talents with a forgiving crowd—play an instrument, tell a joke or a story, do some magic... Contact emcee Joel Piotrowski at [misterpio@sbcglobal.net](mailto:misterpio@sbcglobal.net) if you would like a performance spot that evening!

*The text for today's choral anthem* is as follows:

### **Great Day**

*Marvin V. Curtis*

#### *Refrain:*

Great day! Great day, the righteous marching!

Great day! God's gonna build up Zion's walls.

Chariot rode on the mountain top. God's gonna build up Zion's walls.  
God spoke and the chariot did stop. God's gonna build up Zion's walls.

#### *Refrain*

We want no coward in our band. God's gonna build up Zion's walls.

We call for valiant-hearted men. God's gonna build up Zion's walls.

#### *Refrain*

This is the day of Jubilee! The Lord has set his people free. God's gonna build up Zion's walls.

#### *Refrain*

**The Friendship Center, our neighborhood food pantry, is hosting a fundraising event** benefiting the pet food pantry this February. For the Love of Pets will be held at Half Acre Beer Co. on Wednesday, February 7, from 6 to 9 pm. The event will feature a silent auction, custom pet portraits, food, and a cash bar. All proceeds will help ensure Chicago families and their pets can stay together when faced with financial hardships. Tickets start at \$25, and you can also buy a bundled ticket with a custom pet portrait! What a sweet treat to get you and your pet for Valentine's Day. For more information and tickets, visit [friendshipcenterchicago.org/flop](http://friendshipcenterchicago.org/flop).

**Come join Covenant Point Bible Camp's ministry and race for a cause!** The CPBC Triathlon, to take place on August 4, 2024, is an exciting opportunity to raise funds for their [Autism Spectrum Disorder \(ASD\) Family Camp](#). You can participate in the full triathlon, sprint triathlon, or a walk ([see distances & details here](#)). Competitors can participate as individuals or as a team of two or three people competing in separate legs of the race. Non-competitors love to cheer on the athletes and enjoy great meals and great people. [Click here to register!](#)

**Save the date for the Men's Retreat**, February 23-25, at Covenant Point (Iron River, MI). Invite some friends for a weekend of fun, fellowship, food, meaningful conversations, and life-giving worship. Recreation opportunities include a broomball tournament, afternoon jam session (bring your own instrument!), snowshoeing, cross country skiing, sauna, and polar bear dip, card games, and conversations in the dining hall, and more! Pricing and details at [www.cpbcc.com/mensretreat](http://www.cpbcc.com/mensretreat).

## 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, January 29*

9:15 am	Women's Bible Study (Hybrid, Large Conference Room)
10:30 am	Staff Meeting (Staff Conference Room)
4 pm	Tutoring (Parlors)
4:20 pm	George Soccer (Gym)
6:30 pm	Geezerball (Gym)
7:30 pm	Centering Prayer (Staff Conference Room)

### *Tuesday, January 30*

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

### *Wednesday, January 31*

10 am	Women's Bible Study (Hybrid, Large Conference Room)
4:30 pm	George Soccer (Gym)
6 pm	Gather Dinner and Baby Shower (Parlors)
6:30 pm	Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Side Balcony, Sanctuary)
6:30 pm	Contemporary Music Rehearsal (Choir Room)
7 pm	Middle-school Youth Group (Youth Room near the Gym)
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
7:30 pm	Adult Bible Study (Art Room)

### *Thursday, February 1*

4:30 pm	George Soccer (Gym)
4:30 pm	Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
8:15 pm	Swanson Basketball (Gym)

### *Friday, February 2*

1 pm	Prayer Gathering (North Room)
4:30 pm	George Soccer (Gym)

### *Saturday, February 3*

8 am	Geezerball (Gym)
10:30 am	Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

### *Sunday, February 4*

9 am	Confirmation (Large Conference Room)
9:15 am	Sunday School for Preschool - 6th Grade (Junior Chapel)
9:15 am	Adult Formation (Parlors)
9:15 am	Bible Journaling (Art Room)
10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
11:45 am	Congregational Annual Meeting, Part 1, and Lunch (Parlors)
7 pm	High-school Youth Group (The Attic Youth Room)
7 pm	AA Meeting (Parlors)

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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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