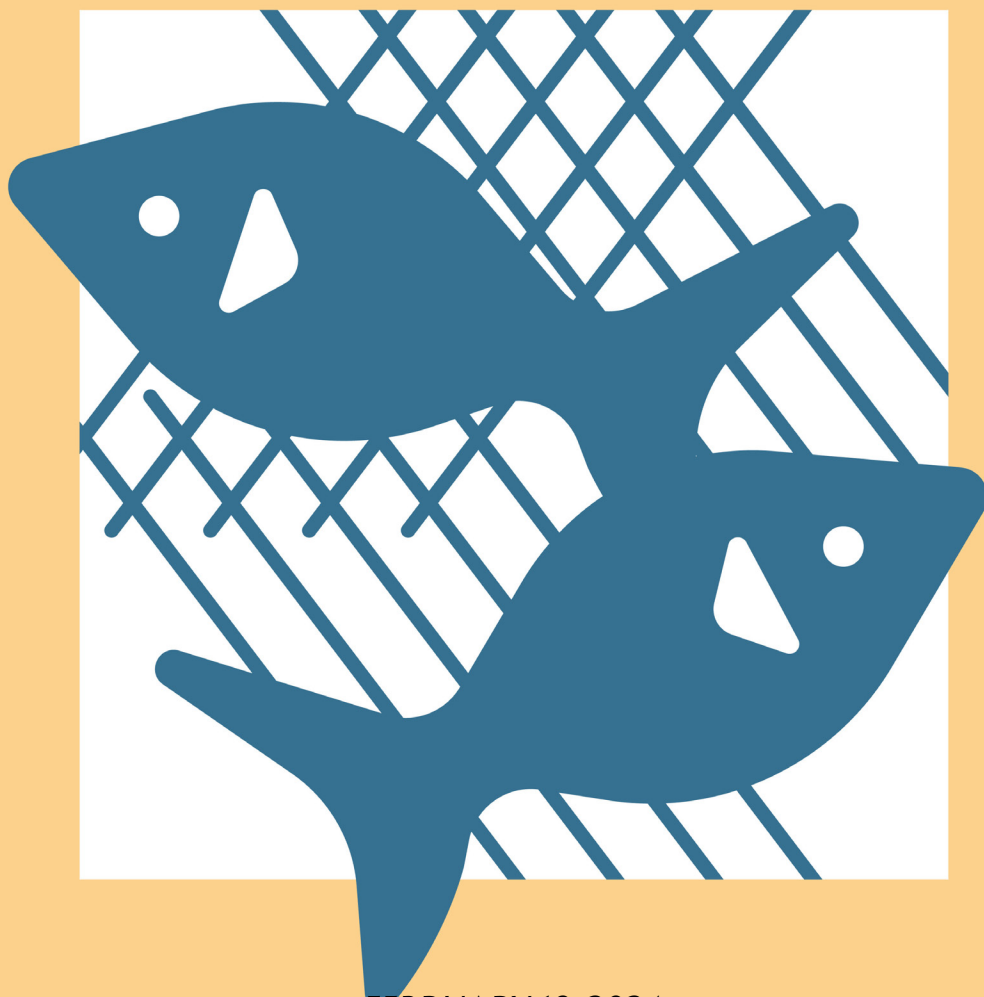


FIRST SUNDAY *in Lent*



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PRELUDE

What a Friend We Have in Jesus (399)
arr. Robert Hebble

CHORAL INTROIT

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Chancel Choir, Brian Ward, Director

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeff Hunter

* CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 25
Ryan Wendt

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust;

Do not let me be put to shame;

do not let my enemies exult over me.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,,

for they have been from of old.

* OPENING HYMN 214

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Verse 1: All, Verse 2: Choir, Verse 3: North Pews, Verse 4: South Pews, Verse 5: All

* UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sarah Hillabrant

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name.

Amen.

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of our gracious Lord Jesus be with you.

And also with you.

CHORAL ANTHEM

As the Deer (2)
arr. Brian Ward

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Reading

New Testament Reading

* Gospel Reading

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sally Engebretson, Reader

Genesis 9:8-17

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:9-15

MESSAGE

Jeff Hunter

HYMN OF RESPONSE 89

Lord of All Hopefulness

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER 887 (Using *sins*)

Nancy Ebner

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

His Mercy Is More

Matt Boswell, Matt Papa

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Emma Hunter, Anders Johnson, Sunwoo Lee,

Linnea Olfelt, Brian Ward, and Ryan Wendt

* Doxology 48

* Prayer of Dedication

Carol Schlensker

* SUNG BENEDICTION

The Blessing

Chris Brown, Cody Carnes, Kari Jobe, Steven Furtick

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* WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

Jesu, Meine Freude, BWV 610 (459)
Johann Sebastian Bach

** 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.

LENT: SUFFERING

214 Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days, for us did
2 As you with Sa - tan did con - tend, and did the
3 As you did hun - ger and did thirst, so teach us,
4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through your
5 A - bide with us and through this life our doubts and

fast and pray, teach us to o - ver - come our
vic - t'ry win, oh, give us strength in you to
gra - cious Lord, to die to self, and so to
Pas - sion - tide, for ev - er - more, in life and
pain re - lieve. An Eas - ter of un - end - ing

sins, and close by you to stay.
fight, in you to con - quer sin.
live by your most ho - ly Word.
death, O Lord, with us a - bide.
joy we shall at last re - ceive. A - men.

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MUSIC: Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

C.M.
RICHMOND

Alternate tune: ST. AGNUS, 487

Lord of All Hopefulness

89

In unison

1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy, whose
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith, whose
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace, your
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm, whose

trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could des - troy, be
 strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe, be
 hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace, be
 voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm, be

there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray, your
 there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray, your
 there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray, your
 there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray, your

bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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

ADORATION AND PRAISE

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 with 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 4/4. 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.'

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.

The Blessing

Chris Brown, Cody Carnes, Kari Jobe, Steven Furtick

A musical score for the song "The Blessing" in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 4/4 time. The score consists of eight staves of music. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: A, D, A/C# (first staff); Esus, F#m7, D9 (second staff); A/C#, Esus, A, D/A, F#m7 (third staff); D9, A, E, F#m7 (fourth staff); D9, A, E, F#m7 (fifth staff); D9, A, E, F#m7 (sixth staff); D9 (seventh staff). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The final line of the score includes a double bar line with repeat dots.

The Lord bless you, and keep you, make his face shine up-on
you and be gra - ious to you. The Lord turn His face toward you
and give you peace. A - -
men, A men, A - men. A -
men, A - men. A - men.
men, A - men. A - men.
May His fa - vor be up-on you and a thou -
- sand gen - er - a - tions And your fam - ily and your chil - dren and their child -

25 E1. E

dren and their chil - dren MayHis fa dren and their chil - dren MayHis fa -

27 F#m7 D9

- vor be up-on you and a thou - sand gen-er - a - tions and your fam -

29 A E

- ily and your chil - dren and their chil - dren and their chil - dren May His pre -

31 F#m7 D9

- sence go be-fore you and be-hind you and be-side you all a-round

33 A E

you and with-in you He is with you, He is with you In the mor -

35 F#m7 D9

- ning, in the e - vening, in your com - ing, and your go - ing, in your weep -

37 A E

- ing and re-joic - ing, He is for you He is for you

Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!

We're glad you're here.

For your prayers this week:

- Janice Finney's brother-in-law, **Tim Rohr**, anticipating a bone marrow transplant on March 18
- **Kari Lindholm-Johnson**, undergoing chemo treatments
- **Anna and Peter Kim**, missionaries in Taiwan, for God's protection over Taiwan as political tensions increase due to presidential elections
- **Letha Kerl**, regional co-coordinator for Europe, for wisdom in directing the Europe team and for the process of onboarding co-coordinator Chris Peterson
- **Craig Wickstrom**, missionary to Congo, for CEUM leadership as they seek to meet immediate needs while also planning for the future; and for unity and reconciliation within the CEUM

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.

Next Sunday, February 25, is KICY 100% Sunday! Each year, we dedicate one Sunday to asking each person to put \$1 in the offering plate. All dollar bills and any designated gifts will be sent to do our part to help fund KICY, the Covenant radio station in Alaska. Please consider contributing a dollar!

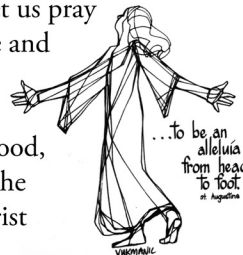
This coming Easter, you are invited to honor or memorialize a loved one, either with a flowering plant or a monetary gift. This year's donations will be given to our refugee family fund. Whether you choose one option or both, your name/s will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, March 31. The deadline to [submit this form](#) is Thursday, February 29. A printed form is also included.

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.

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). Let us know if you want to come for some non-cafeteria food and community! Reach out to Linnea Olfelt at 773-397-3468 or lmolfelt@gmail.com with questions or to let her know you want to come!

Neighborhood Prayer in 2024

For the month of February, let us pray with our hearts for the people and places we encounter. Further, let us pray for the hearts of those living in our neighborhood, that they will come to know the peace and hope that only Christ can bring.



Psalm 86:11

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 if you would like a performance spot that evening!

The North Park Readers have chosen *The Summer Book* by Tove Jansson for our February book club selection. The book distills the essence of the summer, with its sunlight and storms, into 22 vignettes. We will be meeting on Tuesday, February 27, at 7 pm at the home of Lynn Pearson, 5328 N. Spaulding. If you have any questions please contact Helen Arkema at helen.arkema@gmail.com. Looking forward to meeting soon.

All are invited to join us on Sunday, March 17, for a Corned Beef and Cabbage Lunch following the 10:30 am worship service. Come for a time of fellowship and great food! *All are welcome, but RSVPs are absolutely necessary.* [Please RSVP using this link](#) or by contacting Ann-Marie in the church office by Monday, March 11, to reserve your spot!

The text for today's offertory is as follows:

His Mercy Is More
Matt Boswell, Matt Papa

What love could remember no wrongs we have done;
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.
 Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
 our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam;
 what Father, so tender, is calling us home.
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.
 Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

 Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.
 Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
 Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

 What riches of kindness He lavished on us.
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.
 We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
 Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

The Church Calendar This Week

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

Monday, February 19 - Presidents' Day

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 Practice (Gym)
6:30 pm	Geezerball (Gym)
7:30 pm	Centering Prayer (Staff Conference Room)

Tuesday, February 20

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

Wednesday, February 21

10 am	Women's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)
6 pm	Gather Dinner (Parlors)
6:30 pm	Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Side Balcony, Sanctuary)
	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 22

4:30 pm	George Soccer Practice (Gym)
	Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Friday, February 23

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

Saturday, February 24

8 am	Geezerball (Gym)
10:30 am	Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
4 pm	Reed Group Piano Lesson (Sanctuary)
6:30 pm	Coffeehouse (Parlors)

Sunday, February 25 - The Second Sunday in Lent

9 am	Confirmation (Large 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)
6 pm	Lenten Worship Service (South Chapel)
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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