



NORTH PARK

COVENANT CHURCH

OCTOBER 12, 2025
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PRELUDE

Children of the Heavenly Father
Hymnal Selection 87, arr. Sam Parnin
Sophie Schukas, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Word About Our Bake Sale

Libby Piotrowski
Sophie Schukas



INTROIT

Be Still and Know
Hymnal Selection 503
Sunday School Children

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 111
Annalisa Ward

Praise the Lord! In the company of the saints above and beside us,
let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**Great are the works of the Lord, full of honor and majesty,
whose righteousness endures forever.**

The Lord is gracious and merciful; the work of God's hands are faithful and just.

God's covenant is established forever in truth and justice.

Our redemption is in the name of our Lord. Holy and awesome is God's name!

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Holy and awesome is God's name in all the earth!

His praise endures forever!

* OPENING HYMN 75

There Is a Redeemer

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

Faye Kiltz

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Jude Kiltz

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Reading

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c, Amari and Sebastian Berg, Readers

New Testament Reading

2 Timothy 2:8-15, Talitha Kiltz, Reader

* Gospel Reading

Luke 17:11-19, Annalisa Ward, Reader

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Alyssa Rodriguez

Distribution of Third-grade Bible

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Cornerstone

Edward Mote, Eric Liljero, Jonas Myrin,
Reuben Morgan, William Batchelder Bradbury

Led by Robert Johnson, Jeanette Mottl,
Sam Parnin, Brian Ward, and Ryan Wendt

MESSAGE

I Am Grateful

written by Mimi Ikonn
Libby Piotrowski

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING TO GOD

Sebi Berg

*As the Youth Choir sings, please bring your prayers of thanksgiving to God and place them
in one of the baskets being held by our Sunday School children at the front of the sanctuary.*

Special Music

Go into the World

Natalie Sleeth

Youth Choir, Brian Ward, Director

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Generosity

Amari Berg

Offertory

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Hymnal Selection 654

Annalisa Ward, Oboe

* Doxology

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Thomas Ken, arr. Jay Stocker

* Prayer of Dedication

Sebastian Berg

* CLOSING HYMN 59

Let All Things Now Living

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Processional

Grayston Ives

Sam Parnin, Organ

*Please remain seated for the postlude, pausing as the light of Christ is carried out
and imagining how you might carry that light into the world this week.*

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

There Is a Redeemer

75

D Em7/D D G/D D A D G A D A7

1 There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own Son;
 2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names;
 3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see his face,

D Em7/D D G/D D Em/D D G G/B Asus A7 D

pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, ho - ly One.
 pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, O for sin - ners slain.
 there I'll serve my King for - ev - er in that ho - ly place.

Refrain

D D/F# G D G A D A

Thank you, O my Fa - ther, for giv - ing us your Son, and

D G/D D Em7/D D G G/B Asus A7 D

leav - ing your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

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

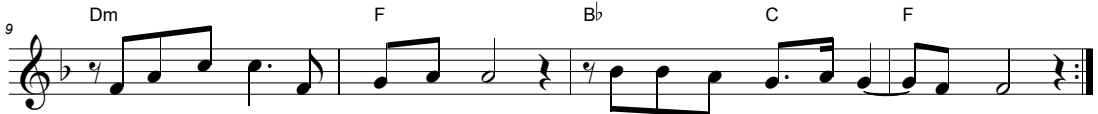
Cornerstone

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My hope is built on no - thing less than Je - sus' blood and right - eous - ness.
My hope is built on no - thing less than Je - sus' blood and right - eous - ness.
When dark - ness seems to hide His face, I rest in His un - chang - ing grace.



I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but whol - ly trust in Je - sus' name.
I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but whol - ly trust in Je - sus' name.
In e - very high and storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with - in the veil.



Christ a - lone, Cor - ner - stone. Weak made strong in Sa - viour's love. Through the



storm, He is Lord, Lord of all all.



He is Lord. Lord of all Christ a -



all. Lord of all.

Doxology

Thomas Ken, arr. Jay Stocker

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise

4



him, all crea - tures here be - low. Praise him a-bove, ye heav-en - ly

7

host. Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

10 

13 

16 
God from whom all bless - ings flow.

Let All Things Now Living

Descant

2 Ah, _____ O

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
 2 God's law he en - forc - es; the stars in their cours - es and

sun in its or - bit, o - be - dient - ly shine. Ah, _____

God the Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise; who fash - ioned and
 sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine; the hills and the

the deeps of the o - cean pro -

made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who guides us and leads to the
 moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the deeps of the o - cean pro -

GOD THE CREATOR

claim him di - vine. Re - joice, re -

end of our days. God's ban - ners are o'er us and light goes be -
claim him di - vine. We too should be voic - ing our love and re -

This system consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in G major with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4 and B4, then a half note C5, and a half note D5. The lyrics 'claim him di - vine.' are under the first four notes, and 'Re - joice, re -' are under the last two. The middle staff is a piano accompaniment in G major, starting with a half note G3, followed by quarter notes A3 and B3, then a half note C4, and a half note D4. The lyrics 'end of our days. God's ban - ners are o'er us and light goes be -' are under the first four notes, and 'claim him di - vine. We too should be voic - ing our love and re -' are under the last two. The bottom staff is a bass line in G major, starting with a half note G2, followed by quarter notes A2 and B2, then a half note C3, and a half note D3. The lyrics 'end of our days. God's ban - ners are o'er us and light goes be -' are under the first four notes, and 'claim him di - vine. We too should be voic - ing our love and re -' are under the last two.

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raise, till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks -

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giv - ing: to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!

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Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online!

We're glad you're here.

If you're new here today, we invite you to email the co-pastors at copastors@npcovenant.org 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) during 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.

For your prayers this week:

- **our neighborhood**, specifically the west side of the 5500 block of N. Spaulding, the north side of the 3300 block of W. Catalpa, and the south side of the 3300 block of W. Bryn Mawr; *"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 immigrant brothers and sisters**, as ICE is present and the National Guard has arrived
- **all those affected by a shooting** last weekend, killing two and injuring at least a dozen, in Montgomery, AL
- **Rosemary Slaughter**, for safety as she travels via CTA these days
- **Sally Engebretson**, anticipating her second knee replacement surgery on October 15
- **Kathy Gartner**, Katy Hoffman's mother, recuperating after surgery on one of her lungs last Monday
- **Melanie Jones**, for strength to live with chronic pain
- **Diane Haglund**, experiencing hip pain
- **Lynn Pearson**, at Brandel Care Center for continuing care
- **Bonnie Borgeson**, Cheryl Borgeson's sister, undergoing chemo treatments through mid-November
- **Gunnel Brunsell**, on hospice care and declining
- **Jan Huber**, recuperating well after successful shoulder surgery
- **Steve Brown**, who has been dealing with pancreatic cancer
- **Sandy Edstrom**, still experiencing sciatic pain
- **Janet Olfelt**, Joel Olfelt's mother, in skilled nursing for further recovery after a fall
- **Zeynab and her two sons**, awaiting word about their asylum case; and for Zeynab's daughter, **Soofia**, who could potentially be released from the detention center if she can find a sponsor

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.

Members and friends are invited to be a part of a Saturday-morning trash brigade, working to clean up the block mentioned in today's neighborhood prayer. Please reach out to Janette and Roderick Smith at rjonberber@sbcglobal.net for more details.

Welcoming the Stranger - Together! This fall, all over our denomination, discussions are taking place over the book *Welcoming the Stranger: Justice, Compassion and Truth in the Immigration Debate*, by Matthew Soerens and Jenny Yang. We will hold one more time of conversation and prayer at the home of Nancy and Wally Ebner (5618 N. Drake Ave.) tonight, October 12, from 6:30-8 pm. We'll discuss the themes of the book, which is quite long, so feel free to join us whether or not you've read it! There's a copy in the church library. Contact Nancy at 413-896-8874.

It's almost Christmas...! And that means it's time for our annual Christmas Greens fundraiser to support our Youth Ministry! We'll have Christmas greens available to order between October 12 and November 9, using [this link](#). They'll be available for pick-up after the service in the alley parking lot on Sunday, November 23. Please reach out to Jeanette if you have any questions or problems ordering!

**Lectionary texts for
Sunday, October 19:**

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalm 121

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Luke 18:1-8

We invite you to join us at FMSC! It's become something of a tradition around here to spend one night each fall making our way to Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) in Libertyville to pack food for people in underserved countries. This year, we've reserved a time slot on Wednesday, October 15, starting at 7:15 pm. There will be no Gather that evening, and no youth group or music rehearsals. Instead, we invite any and all who are interested in joining us at 6 pm for dinner at Culver's (803 E. Park Ave., Libertyville), followed by the packing session at FMSC (742 E. Park Ave., Libertyville). To sign up, please [click here](#).

All are welcome to Intergenerational Sunday School on October 19! Come to the parlors at 9:15 am to share in a tasty breakfast, learning for all ages, and conversation across the generations as we learn habits that will help us build relationships with anyone we might meet.

Join us for a blood drive! On Saturday, October 25, we will hold a blood drive from 10 am to 2 pm in the parlors, through Versiti Blood Centers. Come do your part to increase the supply of blood for those in need. Did you know? More than 75% of Americans reaching age 72 will need donated blood within their lifetime. Never donated before? [This helpful video](#) will tell you what you can expect. To sign up, please [click here](#).

North Park Readers' Next Meeting: The next meeting for the North Park Readers will be on Tuesday, October 28, at 7 pm, at Karen Darelus' house. We will be reading *One Hundred Saturdays* by Michael Frank. This is the story of Stella Levi, a 99-year-old survivor of Auschwitz, who shares her life in conversations with writer Michael Frank over the course of six years. Please contact Helen Arkema at helen.arkema@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Night of the Walking Taco returns! Come to the corner of Christiana and Berwyn between 5 and 7:30 pm on Halloween night for free hot cocoa and walking tacos . . . if you dare! We can't wait to see all of the costume creativity we know our neighbors possess! Also, if you'd like to help with set-up, serving, and/or clean-up, please reach out to Pastor Jeff. Thank you!

New Members Class Planned for November 15: 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 an obligation to join the church? We'd love to have you join us at our next new members class, which will be offered on Saturday, November 15, from 9 am to 1 pm. Breakfast and lunch will be included! Please let Pastor Libby or Pastor Jeff know of your interest, and we'll add your name to the list and be in touch!

A Special Invitation: Kim and Joel Delp, missionaries in Ecuador, invite you to the First Annual Celebration Event, Fiesta del Ecuador, celebrating God's faithfulness through Ecuadorian culture, food, and fellowship. The event will take place on Saturday, November 8, at Trinity Christian School (901 Shorewood Dr., Shorewood, IL). Doors open at 4:30, and dinner will be at 6 pm, followed by a program and festivities. The cost is \$40/adult or \$20/child age 12 and under. To register, please [click here](#) and fill out the RSVP form at the bottom of the page *by October 15*. All are welcome to attend!

Do you need offering envelopes for 2026? Each year, we order offering envelopes for those members and friends who wish to use them for their weekly giving. If you received envelopes last year and wish to receive them again this year, you do not need to do anything. However, if you received them last year and do *not* wish to continue receiving them, or if you did not receive them last year and *do* want to receive them for next year, please reach out to Ann-Marie in the office by Thursday, October 30, to let her know. Thank you!

Support Our Biking for Congo Participants: The following church members have signed up to participate in Biking for Congo this month. To support them, you can visit their respective fundraising pages:

- [Joline Paska](#)
- [Sue Vandervoort](#)

Refugee Support Always Welcomed: If you would like to contribute to refugee support to help those in our community, you may do so by going to www.npcovenant.org/give and selecting "Refugee Family/Immigrant Support Fund" from the drop-down menu.

Are you looking for a way to serve at NPCC? We always welcome people who are willing to hang out with the littlest in our community or help serve refreshments after the worship service! [Click here to put your name down for a Sunday or two.](#)

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The Church Calendar This Week

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

Monday, October 13

9:15 am	Women's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)
10:30 am	Staff Meeting (Staff Conference Room)
3:45 pm	Von Steuben Boys' Basketball Practice (Gym)
6:30 pm	Geezerball (Gym)
7:30 pm	Centering Prayer (Staff Conference Room)

Tuesday, October 14

8 am	Men's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)
4:30 pm	Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
5 pm	Board of Community Concern Meeting (via Zoom)
6 pm	Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
7 pm	Board of Christian Formation Meeting (Hybrid/Parlors)
	Board of Deacons Meeting (Hybrid/Staff Conference Room)
	Board of Trustees Meeting (Large Conference Room)

Wednesday, October 15

10 am	Wednesday Women's Bible Study (Edstrom Home)
6 pm	All-church Dinner (Culver's, 803 E. Park Ave., Libertyville)
7:15 pm	All-church Packing Session (Feed My Starving Children, 742 E. Park Ave., Libertyville)

Thursday, October 16

4:30 pm	Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
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Friday, October 17

1 pm	Prayer Group Gathering (Edstrom Home)
6:45 pm	Vida Plena Covenant Church Mental Health Workshop (Parlors)

Saturday, October 18

8 am	Geezerball (Gym)
10:15 am	Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

Sunday, October 19

9 am	Intergenerational Sunday School and All-church Breakfast (Parlors)
10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
12 pm	Youth Choir Rehearsal (Junior Chapel)
1:30 pm	Vida Plena Covenant Church Worship Service (Parlors)
7 pm	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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