

# NORTH PARK COVENANT CHURCH

NOVEMBER 2, 2025 + ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY +

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**PRELUDE** 

By All Your Saints Still Striving Melchior Teschner, arr. Lani Smith Brian Ward, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Libby Piotrowski and Jeff Hunter

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\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Emily Cody from Psalm 149

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song. Sing his praises in the assembly of the faithful.

O Israel, rejoice in your Maker.

O people of Jerusalem, exult in your King.

Let us strike up the band and make great music!

For God delights in his people and adorns the plain folk with salvation garlands!

Let the praises of God be in our mouths.

Praise the Lord!

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 767

For All the Saints

The choir will sing verse 4.

### \* ROLL CALL OF THE SAINTS

Reading of the Names

LeRoy Johnson - February 8, 2025

Joan Van Note - February 22, 2025

Shirley Erickson - May 12, 2025

Gunnel Brunsell - October 18, 2025

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the Peace of 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.

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Thanks be to God.

\* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

CHORAL ANTHEM

**MESSAGE** 

The Great Thanksgiving Sharing of the Elements Communion Music

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer of Thanksgiving

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

\* Doxology 48

\* Prayer of Dedication

Mary Surridge, Reader Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 Ephesians 1:11-23

Luke 6:20-31

Great Are You, Lord David Leonard, Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan Led by Rosie Boyd, Eric Hoffman, Jeanette Mottl,

Teg Piotrowski, Alexei Rodriguez, and Erik Ward

Libby Piotrowski

O, How Glorious Is the Kingdom Philip Stopford Chancel Choir, Brian Ward, Director

O how glorious is the Kingdom wherein all the Saints rejoice with God. O how glorious is the Kingdom wherein all the Saints rejoice with Christ.

Clothed in white robes they follow the Lamb withersoever he goeth. O how glorious is the Kingdom wherein all the Saints rejoice with Christ.

O how glorious.

O How Blest to Be a Pilgrim Hymnal Selection 758, arr. Joel Raney

Sam Parnin, Organ

Scandinavian Suite Percy Granger Jon Boyd, Baritone Saxophone

Sam Parnin, Piano

\* BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** 

Marche de Recession Alexandre Guilmant

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.

#### WHAT IS ALL SAINTS' DAY?

All Saints' Day is a yearly reminder of our connectedness to all Christians, past and present. Here at North Park Covenant Church, it is always celebrated on the first Sunday in November (All Saints' Day is actually November 1.) The worship service on All Saints' Sunday brings to remembrance that the world of the Spirit is larger and more real than the world we wake up to every day. Together, we offer thanksgiving for the spiritual companionship of the saints in the face of the discouraging forces of evil and violence, grief and pain in our own time. In our tradition, pictures of some of the saints we have known and loved are displayed in the sanctuary and, as we celebrate the feast offered at the Lord's table, we do so in the company of such a great cloud of witnesses.

# + SERVICE OF DEDICATION FOR THE EAST WALL + North Park Covenant Church November 2, 2025

\* HYMNAL SELECTION 821, with sung response

Psalm 84

THE STORY

Dave Dawson

\* HYMN OF THANKSGIVING 78

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

CHORAL ANTHEM

Locus Iste Anton Bruckner

As the choir sings, the congregation is invited to move outside, gathering around the front steps.

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

This place was made by God, a priceless sacrament; it is without reproach.

#### LITURGY OF DEDICATION

Throughout the ages, Almighty God has moved his people to build houses of prayer and praise, and to set apart places for the ministry of his holy Word and Sacraments. With gratitude for the rebuilding of this beautiful stained-glass window and the east wall of our sanctuary, we are now gathered to dedicate it in God's Name. Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for making us in your image, to share in the ordering of your world. Receive the work of our hands in this place, now to be set apart for your worship, the building up of the living, and the remembrance of the dead, to the praise and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

To the glory of God, our Father and Creator, to the glory of Jesus Christ the Son, our Lord and Savior, to the glory of the Holy Spirit, our Counselor and Guide, we dedicate this east wall.

For the worship of God, for the ministry of the word, for the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ, for the salvation of persons, for the building up of the church, for the administration of the holy sacraments, for the education and nurture of persons of all ages in the truths of the Christian faith, and for the development of Christian character, we dedicate this east wall.

For the blessing of all people: for the old and young, for the single, for those who pledge their marriage vows, for the sanctifying of home and family life, for the comfort of those who grieve, for strength for those who are undergoing trials, for counsel and encouragement in Christian living, we dedicate this east wall.

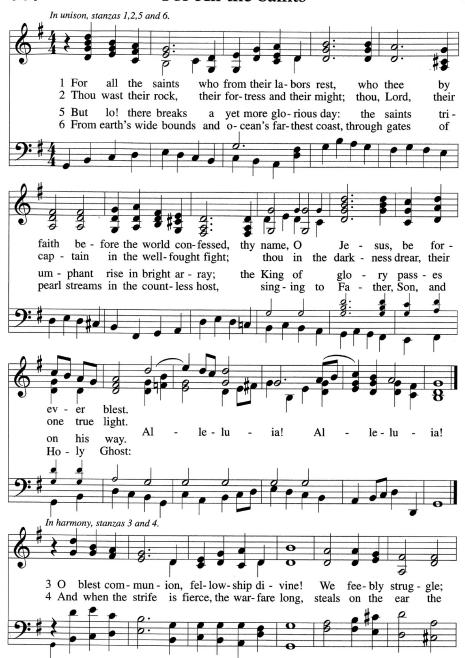
For sympathy and fellowship with the needy, for the cultivating of love toward all people, for essential unity with all believers in Christ; for fostering good citizenship, for resisting evil, for promoting righteousness and justice in public life, for missionary endeavor at home and abroad, for worldwide evangelism and Christian discipleship, until "the kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ," we now, the people of this church and congregation, grateful for our heritage and mindful of the sacrifices of those who have gone before, consecrate ourselves anew to the worship of God in spirit and truth, and to the service of all people in the spirit of Christ, and we dedicate this window and this bricks and all that they symbolize in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### **CLOSING PRAYER**

The congregation is invited to join in fellowship and refreshments in the downstairs parlors.

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### For All the Saints





The heavenly citizens are all weak, imperfect, failing, faith-people who ought to have been perfected by appropriating God's grace, who ought to have lived as saints, yet people for whom the thing has gone to pieces so that they are now without any merit or comfort except to hasten to the Comforter and in everything rely on God. Often, indeed, we are ashamed because of what we are and confess that we are poor Christians, but if we rely on the Lord and live the hidden life in God, confessing ourselves to be pilgrims and strangers, he is not ashamed to own us as his own. Well do we know our weaknesses and failures, but if we cannot live without him we are nevertheless blessed, for our life in the faith does not rest on any shifting sand, but on the sure rock which shall not pass away.

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# Great Are You, Lord

Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan, and David Leonard

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#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. We praise you for saints and martyrs, for the faithful in every age who have followed your Son and witnessed to his resurrection. From every race and tongue, from every people and nation, you have gathered them into your kingdom.

You have shown them the path of life and filled them with the joy of your presence.

How glorious is your heavenly realm where the multitude of your saints rejoice with Christ.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels,

with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place,

who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Sent to be our Savior, he took our flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

His words are true. His touch brings healing.

To all who follow him, he gives abundant life.

When evil sought to destroy him, and he lay in the darkness of death, you raised him from the grave. He is our risen Lord forever.

We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus, on the night before he died, took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me. Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this cup from the gifts you have given us, and

celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of faith:

#### Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and cup, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ, and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Number us among your saints, O God, and join us with the faithful of every age, that strengthened by their witness and supported by their fellowship, we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us, and may with them receive the unfading crown of glory when we stand before your throne of grace.

Give us strength to serve you faithfully until the promised day of resurrection, when with the redeemed of all the ages we will feast with you at your table in glory.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

# Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 48







### 821 | Psalm 84

#### RESPONSE



- I How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

  <sup>2</sup>My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.
- 3Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars,
   O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
   4Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

#### RESPONSE

- III 5Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. 6As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. 7They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.
- I <sup>8</sup>O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

  <sup>9</sup>Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

#### RESPONSE

- II <sup>10</sup>For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
  I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.
- III <sup>11</sup>For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
   he bestows favor and honor.
   No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk uprightly.
- ALL 12O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

#### RESPONSE

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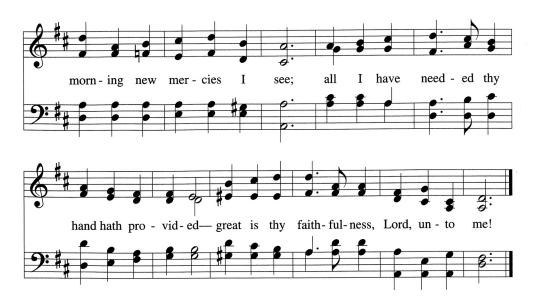
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## Great Is Thy Faithfulness



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11.10.11.10. with Refrain FAITHFULNESS



# 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 <u>copastors@npcovenant.org</u> 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 east side of the 5500 block of N. Bernard and the south side of the 3400 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 activity continues in the area; we pray for safety, justice, compassion, and peace
- Lynn Pearson, back at home after a time in Brandel Care Center
- Eileen Thorpe, recuperating at home after undergoing a cardioversion procedure this past Monday
- **Don Olson**, recuperating after undergoing angioplasty this past Tuesday, and anticipating another procedure that is still to be determined
- Paula Schuetz, recuperating following an endoscopy this past Thursday
- family and friends of Gunnel Brunsell, who passed away on October 18
- **JP DeNeui**, who shared during last Sunday's Prayer for the Journey moment: grateful for NPCC, his new church home since the closing of Grace Covenant, and that God is faithful everywhere, allowing us to build and be built wherever we are
- Sally Engebretson, recuperating well after her second knee-replacement surgery on October 15
- Sandy Edstrom, recuperating after Mohs surgery last Monday
- Melanie Jones, for strength to live with chronic pain
- Bonnie Borgeson, Cheryl Borgeson's sister, undergoing chemo treatments through mid-November
- Steve Brown, who has been dealing with pancreatic cancer
- 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 remains in a detention center in California

**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.

**Today is a Benevolence Sunday.** Envelopes are available in the pews today for those who wish to give to our benevolence fund, which is used to help those in need in our community.

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.

**Memorial Service for Gunnel Brunsell:** A memorial service for Gunnel Brunsell, who passed away on October 18, will take place in our sanctuary on Saturday, November 8, at 11 am, with a service of inurnment in the columbarium and a reception to follow in the parlors. All are invited to attend this service of remembrance and witness to the resurrection. Peace to her memory.

**Join Us for a Special Anniversary Coffee Hour:** Next Sunday, November 9, all are invited to a special coffee hour to celebrate the 60th

# Lectionary texts for Sunday, November 9:

Job 19:23-27a
Psalm 17:1-9
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5
and 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

wedding anniversaries of Kay and Don Olson (married June 25, 1965) and Jan and Chuck Olson (married July 2, 1965). Come enjoy some cake and congratulate the couples!

**Christmas is coming!** And that means it's time for our annual Christmas Greens fundraiser to support our youth ministries! Greens orders are due by November 9, <u>using this link</u>. 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!

**Donations and Volunteers Needed!** The Hollywood-North Park Community Association (HNPCA) is collecting new and used clothing (clean and in good condition), diapers (especially sizes 5-7), and hygiene products for more than 300 people living in the family shelter at 3034 W. Foster. They have been supporting shelter residents since October 2023, when the facility first opened, and it now houses both migrant and native-born families.

Donations are being accepted in person on Saturday, November 15, from 1 to 4 pm outside the Peterson Elementary School auditorium at Christiana and Catalpa. New items also can be purchased directly on their <u>Amazon Wish List</u>, and they will be delivered straight to the shelter. To volunteer to collect and/or deliver clothing, please <u>sign up here</u>.

November 23 is Covenant World Relief and Development (CWRD) Sunday! Each year, we ask our members and friends to designate some of their savings for CWRD. Whether you collect your coins in a soup can, write a check, or make an online donation, you may bring those funds to church either on Sunday, November 23, or at the Thanksgiving Eve worship service on Wednesday, November 26. Soup can labels and lids are available in the narthex today! Thank you for joining us in raising funds to aid in the work of our denomination with local partners around the world to reduce human suffering for the most vulnerable people and support healthy communities.

**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 <a href="www.npcovenant.org/give">www.npcovenant.org/give</a> and selecting "Refugee Family/Immigrant Support Fund" from the drop-down menu.

**Benevolence Assistance Available:** With the current government shut down and the loss of SNAP benefits expected for at least this interim period, NPCC would like to be supportive in ways that we can. If you are a SNAP benefits recipient and will be facing financial difficulty in the coming weeks, please let Pastor Jeff or Pastor Libby know and we will make arrangements to help. Alternatively, if you are in a position to give to our benevolence fund for the support of individuals who need additional funds for groceries, we welcome those gifts given online or in the weekly offering.

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!

How to Keep Up with the News while Drowning: InterVarsity's Women Scholars and Professionals is hosting a discussion with InterVarsity Press author Felicia Wu Song on her recent article entitled "How to Keep Up with the News while Drowning." In this article, Felicia writes about how overwhelming the news is these days and offers helpful strategies for managing one's own energy and capacity while still staying informed.

You are invited to participate in an online conversation about this article on Monday, November 17, at 8 pm. There will be an interview with Felicia and some Q&A time. Although the conversation will be somewhat geared toward Christian women in academics, participants from all walks of life are welcome. To register to attend, please fill out the form found here.

**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! <u>Click here</u> to put your name down for a Sunday or two. *Please note: this is a new link.* 

The Church Calendar This Week
The calendar is available at www.npcovenant.org/calendar and is updated as changes occur.

9:15 am 10:30 am 11:30 am 4 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Monday, November 3 Women's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room) Staff Meeting (Staff Conference Room) NPCCP Board Meeting (Parlors) Tutoring (Parlors) Geezerball (Gym) Centering Prayer (Staff Conference Room)
7.30 pm	
8 am 4:30 pm 6 pm 6:30 pm	Tuesday, November 4  Men's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room) Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary) Cudahy Basketball (Gym) CPBC Pizza Party (Parlors)
Wednesday, November 5	
10 am	Women's Bible Study (Edstrom Home)
6 pm 6:30 pm	Gather Dinner (Parlors) Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Side Balcony, Sanctuary)
7 pm	Contemporary Music Rehearsal (Choir Room) Knit or Not (Coffee Lounge)
<sup>7</sup> Piii	Middle-school Youth Group (Youth Room near the Gym)
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday, November 6	
4:30 pm	Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6:30 pm	Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Gym)
1 pm 7:30 pm	Friday, November 7 Prayer Group Gathering (Edstrom Home) LTAC Girls' Basketball Practice (Gym)
Saturday, November 8 8 am Geezerball (Gym)	
11 am	Brunsell Memorial Service and Inurnment (Sanctuary, Columbarium)
12 pm	Brunsell Memorial Reception (Parlors)
6 pm	Birney/NCP Soccer Team End-of-Season Party (Parlors, Gym)

Sunday, November 9

9 am Confirmation (Staff Conference Room) 9:15 am Adult Formation (Parlors) Bible Journaling (Art Room) Sunday School for Preschool - 6th Grade (Junior Chapel) 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary) 11:45 am Olsons' 60th-anniversary Celebratory Coffee Hour (Parlors) Vida Plena Covenant Church Worship Service (Parlors) 1:30 pm

7 pm AA Meeting (Parlors)

High-school Youth Group (The Attic Youth Room)

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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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