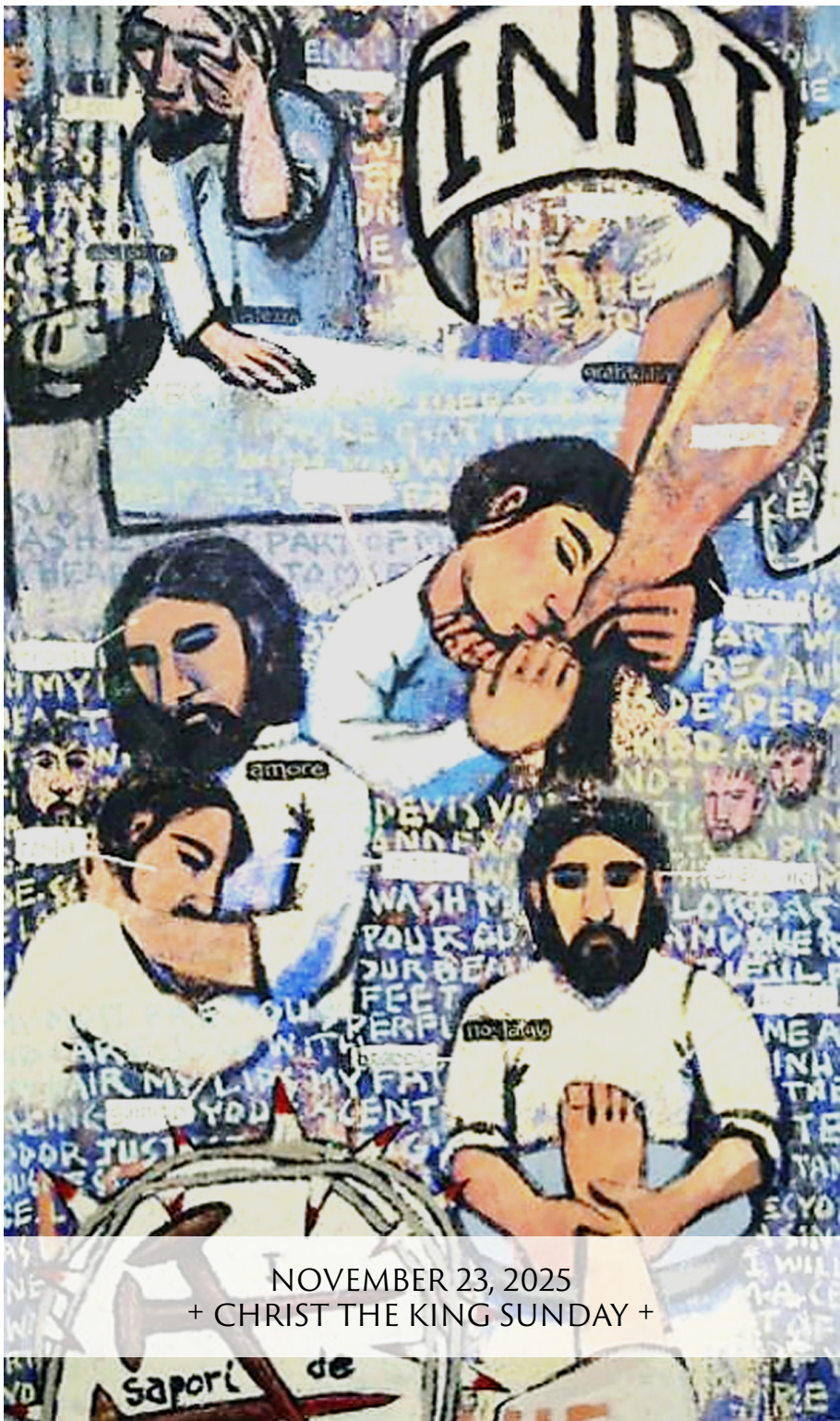




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PRELUDE

When Morning Gilds the Skies
Hymnal Selection 320, arr. Dale Wood
Sam Parnin, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeff Hunter and Libby Piotrowski



CHORAL INTROIT

How Majestic Is Your Name
Hymnal Selection 313
Chancel Choir, Brian Ward, Director

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeanette Mottl
based on Luke 1:68-79
written by Stephen Fleming

Lift up your hearts, people of God,
for the Lord has looked favorably upon us and is sending us his beloved son.

He is raising up for us a mighty savior in the house of his servant David.

God is showing the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant,
the oath he swore to our ancestors Abraham and Sarah, that we might serve him without fear.

We go before the Lord, following John the Baptist, to prepare the way of the Lord.

Come, let us worship God and listen to the voice crying out in the wilderness.

* OPENING SONG

King of Kings
Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram, Scott Ligertwood
Led by Kristen Hunter, Anders Johnson,
Sam Parnin, and Brian Ward

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

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Reading

New Testament Reading

* Gospel Reading

Sarah Hillabrant, Reader
Jeremiah 23:1-6
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

CHORAL ANTHEM

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Hymnal Selection 78, arr. Mark Hayes

MESSAGE

Libby Piotrowski

HYMN OF RESPONSE 312

Meekness and Majesty

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The congregation is invited to join in these words of prayerful gratitude
composed by member Sandy Edstrom as part of this morning's prayer.*

God of everything seen and unseen, we join our hearts in thanksgiving for the past year—
—**for uniting us with the life of our resurrected Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords;**
—**for providing an unshakable foundation that withstands the traumas of our nation and world;**
—**for the rebuilding of the east wall, a reminder of your ability to rebuild our brokenness;**
—**for your gift of our children, and our privilege of training them as we bring them to you;**
—**for new members, as woven together, we all continue discovering the mystery of Christ;**
—**for your consistent and generous provision, enabling us to meet needs within and without;**
—**for opening our own hearts to see and love our neighbors as you would have us do.**
With our lives anchored in hope, we venture forward in partnership with Christ at work in the world. Amen.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Generosity

*This morning, we present our weekly offerings to God, as well as our gifts for Covenant
World Relief and Development and our stewardship pledges for the fiscal year ahead.
As you feel led, please bring your gifts forward and place them
in one of the baskets near the communion table.*

Offertory

“Man of Sorrows.”

Hymnal Selection 220, arr. Oliver Richardson

* Doxology 48

* Prayer of Dedication

* CLOSING HYMN 265

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O Worship the King
arr. Douglas E. Wagner
Brian Ward, Organ

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

King of Kings

Scott Ligertwood, Brooke Ligertwood, and Jason Ingram

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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 - f'ring You saw to



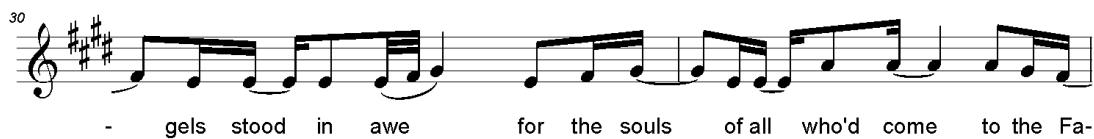
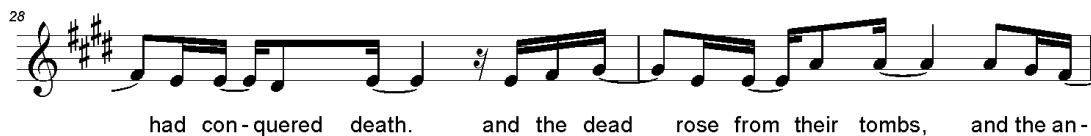
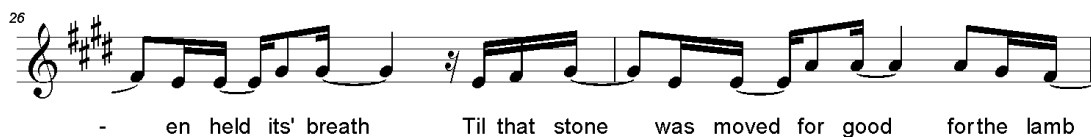
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the o - ther side Know - ing this was our sal - va - tion Je - sus for

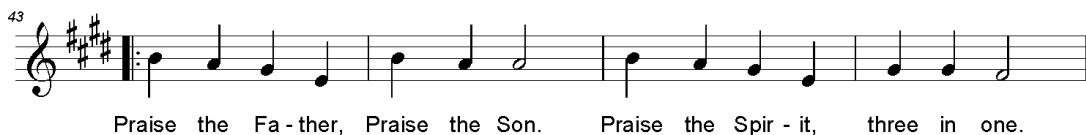
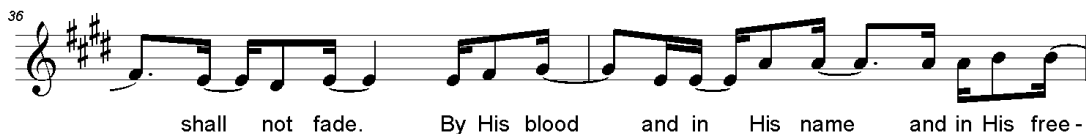


- die in the dirt.
our sake, You died.



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





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

Meekness and Majesty

In unison

C Am Em Am 7

1 Meek - ness and maj - es - ty, hu - man and de - i - ty,
 2 Fa - ther's pure ra - di - ance, per - fect in in - no - cence;
 3 Wis - dom un - search - a - ble, God, the in - vis - i - ble;

C Am D7 Dm/G G7

in per - fect har - mo - ny, the One who is God.
 yet learns o - be - di - ence to death on a cross.
 love in - de - struct - i - ble in frail - ty ap - pears.

C C/Bb F F#dim7

Lord of e - ter - ni - ty, dwells in hu - man - i - ty;
 Suf - f'ring to give us life, con - qu'ring through sac - ri - fice;
 Lord of in - fin - i - ty, stoop - ing so ten - der - ly;

Em Am7 Dm G7 C

kneels in hu - mil - i - ty and wash - es our feet.
 and as they cru - ci - fy prays, "Fa - ther, for - give."
 lifts our hu - man - i - ty to the heights of his throne.

PRAISE TO CHRIST JESUS

Music score for "Praise to Christ Jesus". The score is written for voice and piano, featuring a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The tempo is marked with a common time signature (C). The score is divided into two systems. The first system contains the lyrics "O what a mys - ter - y, meek - ness and maj - es - ty;" and the second system contains "bow down and wor - ship, for this is your God." The piano accompaniment includes various chords and melodic lines. The first system's piano part starts with a Dm7 chord and continues with F/G, G, G/F, E7, G/A, and Am. The second system's piano part starts with F#dim7, C2/G, Am7, G7, Ab, Bb, and C. The score ends with a double bar line.

Dm7 F/G G G/F E7 G/A Am

O what a mys - ter - y, meek - ness and maj - es - ty;

F#dim7 C2/G Am7 G7 Ab Bb C

bow down and wor - ship, for this is your God.

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 48

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The treble staff features a melody of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

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

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a dotted half note for 'be - low' and a half note for 'host;'. The bass staff continues with chords and single notes.

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

The third system concludes the piece. The treble staff ends with a double bar line. The bass staff continues with chords and single notes, also ending with a double bar line.

265 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Descant

4 O that with all the sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - somed from the fall,
 3 Let ev - 'ry kin - dred, ev - 'ry tribe on this ter - res - trial ball,
 4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all;
 bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all;
 hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all;
 to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all;
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all;

we'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all! A - men.
 bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!
 we'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all! A - men.

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 specifically the east side of the 5500 block of N. St. Louis and the 3400 block of W. Catalpa; *"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
- **Huck Johnson**, recuperating after ACL surgery this past Friday
- **Elizabeth Petersen and family**, mourning the passing of her nephew Robert Ramos on November 13 after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer
- **Andrea Feijoo**, Janice Kelly's niece, diagnosed with an aggressive liver cancer
- Joline and Steve Paska's friend **Maggie**, diagnosed with stage 3 endometrial cancer
- **Kurt Peterson**, recovering at home after recent open heart surgery
- **Janet Olfelt**, Joel Olfelt's mother, adjusting to life in assisted living
- **Brittney Smiley, Khalil and Kash**, mourning the passing of partner and father, Keenan Morgan
- **Lynn Pearson**, back at home after a time at Brandel Care Center
- **Don Olson**, recuperating at home after a procedure to have multiple stents inserted
- **Melanie Jones**, for strength to live with chronic pain
- **Steve Brown**, who has been fighting pancreatic cancer
- **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
- James and Rachel Ventress's son **Silas**, diagnosed with a degenerative bone disease in his hip and in need of surgery; and their daughter **Mercedes**, diagnosed with a form of epilepsy

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.

Christmas greens are ready for pick-up today. If you ordered greens in support of our Youth Ministries, those items are in the back yard of the church two-flat (to the south of the south garden) and can be retrieved after the service.

Join us for a Thanksgiving Eve worship service! On Wednesday, November 26, at 7 pm, we will gather together in our sanctuary for a Thanksgiving Eve worship service. This is a time to hear stories of gratitude and maybe share a brief word of your own on the topic during an open-mic moment. The service will be followed by a pie social in the parlors. If you are willing and able to make or purchase a pie for the social, or if you're able to help set up, serve, or clean up, please [sign up here](#). Thank you! All are welcome!

**Lectionary texts for
Sunday, November 30:**

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

Free Thanksgiving Meal: St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, in partnership with Hope's Kitchen, will be hosting a free Thanksgiving lunch on Thursday, November 27, from 11:30 am to 1 pm. St. Demetrios is located at 2727 W. Winona Ave. All are welcome!

Join in an Advent Spiritual Practice: In the midst of Christmas busyness, you're invited to join our Advent spiritual practice group. Emily Cody, our pastoral intern, will lead us in spiritual practices to help us rest and listen during this Advent season. This group will meet on Wednesdays, December 3, 10, and 17 after Gather dinner from 6:30-7:15 pm. All are welcome to join for as many or as few nights as you are able. Our goal is to rest together and listen for God in the waiting of Advent!

From the Stewardship Committee: None of the good work we do here at NPCC, for God's glory and neighbors' good, is possible without the faith and generosity of the whole church body. One way we express that generosity is via pledges. In 2025, the number of pledgers increased from 36 to 53, and those who pledged have been faithful in that giving, which means we are ending the year strong. Thank you!

While it's impossible to know for certain how much money will come in, or what unexpected expenses may pop up, the task becomes easier and more predictable when we have many people pledging for the year. This becomes money that can be counted on. Whether you wish to give once a month, once a year, or whenever you can, please consider making a pledge for 2026. Pledge cards can be found in the pews today, and [there is a pledge page on Realm](#). North Park Covenant Church has always been a generous church. Thank you for joining us in mission for 2026!

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.](#)

The Church Calendar This Week

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

Monday, November 24

- 9:15 am Women's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting (Staff Conference Room)
- 6:30 pm Geezerball (Gym)
- 7:30 pm Centering Prayer (Staff Conference Room)

Tuesday, November 25

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

Wednesday, November 26

- 10 am Wednesday Women's Bible Study (Edstrom Home)
- 7 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 8 pm Thanksgiving Eve Pie Social (Parlors)

Thursday, November 27 - Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed

Friday, November 28 - Office Closed

Saturday, November 29

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

Sunday, November 30 - The First Sunday in Advent

- 9 am Confirmation (Staff Conference Room)
- 9:15 am All-church Advent Breakfast (Parlors)
- 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 1:30 pm Vida Plena Covenant Church Worship Service (Parlors)
- 7 pm AA Meeting (Parlors)
- High-school Youth Group (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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