



NORTH PARK

COVENANT CHURCH

OCTOBER 11, 2026
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PRELUDE

Jesus Loves Me
Hymnal Selection 443
Sophia Schukas, Violin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Word About Our Bake Sale

Libby Piotrowski
Faye Kiltz



INTROIT

Rejoice in the Lord, Always
Sunday School Children

* CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 106
Kajsa Ward and Amari Berg

Thank God! And why? Because God is good, because God's love lasts.

Remember me, God, when you enjoy your people; include me when you save them;

I want to see your chosen succeed, join the Hallelujahs of your pride and joy!

We've sinned a lot, both we and our parents; we've fallen short, hurt a lot of people.

After our parents left Egypt, they took your wonders for granted,

forgot your great and wonderful love.

They were barely beyond the Red Sea when they defied the High God.

They cast in metal a bull calf at Horeb and worshiped the statue they'd made.

They traded the Glory for a cheap piece of sculpture—a grass-chewing bull!

They forgot God, their very own Savior, who turned things around in Egypt.

Thank God! And why? Because God is good, because God's love lasts. Amen.

* OPENING HYMN 469

How Can I Keep from Singing?

* INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER 887 (Using *sins*) Jude Kiltz and Scott Applequist

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Amari Berg

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 32:1-14 - Pastor Libby, Reader

New Testament Reading

Philippians 4:1-9 - Kajsa Ward, Reader

* Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:1-14 - Amari Berg, Reader

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

DISTRIBUTION OF BIBLES TO OUR THIRD GRADERS

Owen Meyer

Nizar Spinner

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

What an Awesome God

Jonathan Smith, Phil Wickham, Richard Mullins

Led by Kristen Hunter, Anders Johnson,

Samantha Johnson, and Brian Ward

MESSAGE

Ladybug Girl and the Best Ever Playdate

written by Jacky Davis, illustrated by David Soman

Libby Piotrowski

ANTHEM

Dona Nobis Pacem (Grant Us Peace)

Mary Lynn Lightfoot

Youth Vocal Ensemble, Brian Ward, Director

PRAYERS OF 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.

Offertory

Jesus Loves Me/Amazing Grace

Traditional

Kajsa Ward and Maria Ward, Flutes

* Doxology

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Jay Stocker

* Prayer of Dedication

Alyssa Rodriguez

* CLOSING SONG

Same God

Brandon Lake, Chris Brown, Pat Barrett, Steven Furtick

* BENEDICTION

Go Now in Peace

Youth Choir and Children with Orff Instruments

POSTLUDE

O Worship the King

arr. Franklin Ritter

Brian Ward, 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.*

How Can I Keep from Singing?

In unison F Gm/F

1 My life flows on in end - less song a -
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I
 3 When ty - rants trem - ble, sick with fear, and
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a

F/A Gm 9/C C7 F

bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion. I hear the real, though
 hear that mu - sic ring - ing; it sounds and ech - oes
 hear their death - knells ring - ing; when friends re - joice both
 foun - tain ev - er spring - ing. All things are mine since

Gm/F F/C Gm 9/C C F *Refrain (in harmony)*

far - off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 in my soul; how can I keep from sing - ing? No
 far and near, how can I keep from sing - ing?
 I am his; how can I keep from sing - ing?

F C7/G F/A F C7 F

storm can shake my in - most calm, while to that rock I'm

VICTORY IN CONFLICT

clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how
can I keep from singing?

Ending

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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

What An Awesome God

Phil Wickham, Jonathan Smith, and Rich Mullins

2025 Universal Music - Brentwood Benson Publishing (Admin. by Brentwood-Benson Music Publishing, Inc.)

Be Essential Songs (Admin. by Essential Music Publishing LLC)

Cashagamble Jet Music (Admin. by Essential Music Publishing LLC)

Phil Wickham Music (Fair Trade Music Publishing [c/o Essential Music Publishing LLC])

Simply Global Songs (Fair Trade Music Publishing [c/o Essential Music Publishing LLC])

C G D Em7 C G

God is great Give Him all the praise Hal-le-lu-jah

4 D Em7 C G

name a-bove all names. Fi-re in His eyes, Heal-ing in His veins. Ev-ry-where His

6 D Em7 C G

glo - ry on dis-play. Take a look at those stars: He can name them all. Be-fore His

8 D Em7 C G

throne, e-v'ry knee falls. The de-mons have to run, the angels have to praise.

10 D Em7 C G

E-ven the wind and waves o - bey. Our God is an awe - some God. He

12 D Em7 C G 1. D Em7

reigns from hea-ven a-bove with wis-dom pow'r and love; Our God is an awe - some God. Our

15 D Em7 C G

God is an awe - some God. And e-ven when I ran, He did-n't run a-way, He came and put

17 D Em7 C G

death back in its place. Fri-day on the cross, bro-ken for my shame, Sun-day morn-ing

19 D Em7 C G

rose up from that grave. Take a look at those scars on His hand and feet; He saved our

21 D Em7 C G

souls for e-tern - i - ty. Wor - thy is the Lamb. Glo-ry to the King. Oh,

23 D Em7 C G

let all the saints and an - gels sing Our God is an awe-some God. He

25 D Em7 C G 1. D Em7

reigns from hea-vena-bove with wis-dom pow'r and love; Our God is an awe-some God. Our

28 D Em7 C G

God is an awe-some God. Eyes on the sky, there will be a day He will come and

30 D Em7 C G

wipe our tears a - way. No more fear, no more pain. No more

32 D Em7 C G
 sor - row, sin or shame. The King is com - ing back a - gain, a reign of

34 D Em7 C G
 love that will never end. For e - very - thing You've done and e - very - thing You do. and e - very - thing You

36 D Em7 C G
 are, I'll sing to You. My God, You're an awe - some God, You're

38 D Em7 C G
 great in all You do, I'm made to wor - ship You, My

40 D Em7 C G
 God, You're an awe - some God. My Our God is an awe - some God. He

42 D Em7 C G
 reigns from hea - ven a - bove with wis - dom pow'r and love; Our

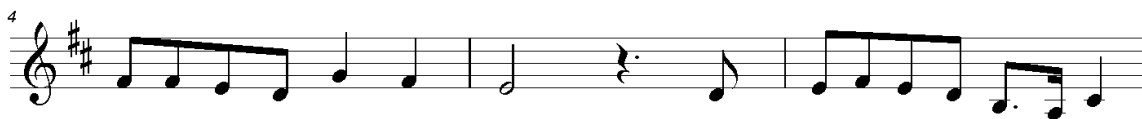
44 D Em7 Am D Em7
 God is an awe - some God. Our God, what an awe - some God.

Doxology

Jay Stocker



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



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



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



Praise to the Fa - ther praise to the Son Praise to the Spi - rit, our



God three in one, praise God praise God praise



God from whom all bless - ings flow.

Same God

Pat Barrett, Chris Brown, Steven Furtick, and Brandon Lake

Brandon Lake Music
Maverick City Publishing Worldwide
Capitol CMG Genesis;
Housefires Sounds
Music by Elevation Worship Publishing
Bethel Music Publishing

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. It consists of eight staves of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. Chord symbols are placed above the staff at various points: A, D/A, A, A, D/A, A, F|m7, D9, A, G|m7, F|m7, E, D9, Esus, A, G|m7, F|m7, E, D9, A/C, D9, and a final 'Fine' symbol. The lyrics are: 'I'm call - ing on the God of Ja - cob, I'm call - ing on the God of Mo - ses, whose love en - dures through gen - er - a - tions. the one who o - pened up the o - cean. I know that You will keep Your co - ve - nant. I need You now to do the same thing for me O God, my God, I need You. O God, my God, I need You now. How I need You now. O Rock, O Rock of a - ges. I'm stand - ing on Your faith - ful - ness.' The score ends with a double bar line and the word 'Fine'.

A

I'm call - ing on the God of Ja - cob,
I'm call - ing on the God of Mo - ses,

3 A

whose love en - dures through gen - er - a - tions.
the one who o - pened up the o - cean.

5 F|m7 D9

I know that You will keep Your co - ve - nant.
I need You now to do the same thing for me

7 A

O God, my God, I need You. O God, my God, I need You

10 D9 Esus

now. How I need You now.

12 A

O Rock, O Rock of a - ges. I'm stand - ing on Your faith - ful -

14 D9 A/C D9 Fine

- - ness.

16 A D
A A

I'm call - ing on the God of Mar - y,
I'm call - ing on the God of Dav - id,

18 A D
A A

whose fa - vor rests u - pon the low - ly.
who made a shep - herd boy cour - a - geous.

20 1. D9

I know with You all things are poss - i - ble

22 2. D9 D.S. al Coda

I may not face Go - li - ath, but I've got my own gi - ants!

24 Coda A F#m7

You heard Your chil - dren then, You hear Your chil-dren now.
You an - swered prayers back then, and You will an - swer now.
You were pro - vid - ing then, You are pro - vid - ing now.
You moved in pow - er then, God, move in po - wer now.
You were a heal - er then, You are a heal - er now.

27 D9 E

You are the same God. You are the same God.

29 D.S. al Fine Bm7

You were a sav - ior then, You are a sav - ior now. You are the same God. You are the same God.

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.

If giving digitally is more your style, this handy QR code will take you directly to our online giving portal. It's a great pathway to one of the most powerful and sustainable ways to support NPCC. In the portal, you can make an account, set up recurring gifts, and even include a little extra to offset processing fees. However you give, know that we are deeply grateful for your generosity and doing all we can to equip this church family to live for God's glory and neighbors' good.



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 an area of our community. They meet at 10 am each week, and this coming Saturday, you can join them at the intersection of Kimball and Berwyn. Please reach out to Janette and Roderick Smith at rjonberber@sbcglobal.net for more details. All are welcome; no need to RSVP!

It's almost Christmas! And that means it's time for our annual Christmas greens fundraiser! This year, all the money we raise will go toward scholarships for students attending Unite. Christmas greens will be available for order starting today through November 8. They will be available for pickup after church in the alley parking lot on Sunday, November 22. Paper order forms are available in the parlors and the narthex, or you can use the [online registration form](#) on Realm. Please reach out to Pastor Jeanette if you have any questions!

A memorial service for Eileen Thorpe will take place in our sanctuary on Saturday, October 17, at 2 pm. All are invited to this witness to the resurrection and celebration of life. A service of inurnment and a reception will follow. Peace to her memory.

All are invited to attend Intergenerational Sunday School next Sunday, October 18, at 9:15 in the church parlors. We'll have a light breakfast, followed by a time to learn together across the generations!

A few people in our church are Biking for Congo! If you'd like to join the team, [please click here](#). Wally Ebner's fundraising page can be [found here](#). Sue Vandervoort's fundraising page can be [found here](#). Whether you bike, walk, run, or donate, we look forward to Biking for Congo with you!

**Lectionary texts for
Sunday, October 18:**

Exodus 33:12-23

Psalms 99

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

Do you need offering envelopes for 2027? 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 church office by Tuesday, October 20, to let her know. Thank you!

The Board of Christian Formation invites you to a Unite fundraiser! Do people request your deviled eggs by name? Is your Swedish meatball recipe basically a family heirloom? Could your brownie bites win the Great British Baking Show? Or do you just love a good appetizer or sweet treat? Then you'll want to join us on Saturday, October 24, at 5:30 pm for our second Small Plates Showdown! Bring your bite-sized creation to the parlors and enjoy a night of great food, friendly competition, and prizes. All proceeds will support Unite scholarships, helping make Unite possible for more students. If you register to bring a dish, Jeanette will reach out to you with more details. [Please register here by Saturday, October 17](#), whether you plan to enter a dish or not!

The next meeting of the North Park Readers will be on Tuesday, October 27. We will be reading *There Is No Place for Us* by Brian Goldstone. The book discusses America's homeless problem, following five Atlanta families as they struggle to remain housed in a gentrifying city. We will meet at Karen Darelius' house at 7 pm. Please [contact Helen Arkema](#) if you have any questions.

We will hold a blood drive through Versiti donation center on Saturday, November 21, from 10 am to 2 pm. [You may sign up here](#), and we hope you'll take part in this important community event.

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

for your prayers this week

- **Community prayer:** those in our community struggling with their physical health; for people living with illness, injury, or chronic pain, we pray for strength, healing, and compassionate care
- **the family of John Hunter**, longtime member of NPCC, who passed away at the age of 89 on October 2 after a time on hospice care
- Jackie Spinner's mother, **Donna Spinner**, diagnosed with leukemia and lymphoma
- **the Thorpe, Olfelt, and Hosek families** as they mourn the passing of Eileen Thorpe on September 17
- **Paula Schuetz**, who will undergo surgery on her ankle on October 12
- Marti Hindaileh requests prayer for a dear friend's mother, **Missy Baker**, who is battling with breast cancer and currently in intensive care in grave condition
- **Ann Marie Strom**, now on a new infusion medication to help with severe pain
- **Diane Haglund**, undergoing a series of shots in preparation for back surgery in October
- **Sandy Edstrom**, still struggling with sciatica pain
- **Sara Gortner**, Ann Boyd's mother, on hospice care

The Church Calendar This Week

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

Monday, October 12

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, October 13

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



Wednesday, October 14

- 10 am Wednesday Women's Bible Study (Edstrom Home)
6 pm Gather Dinner (Parlors)
6:30 pm Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Side Balcony, Sanctuary)
Contemporary Music Rehearsal (Choir Room)
7 pm Knit or Not (Coffee Lounge)
Middle-school Youth Group (Youth Room near the Gym)
7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, October 15

- 4:30 pm Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Friday, October 16

- 1 pm Prayer Group Gathering (Edstrom Home)

Saturday, October 17

- 8 am Geezerball (Gym)
10:15 am Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
2 pm Thorpe Memorial Service and Inurnment (Sanctuary, Columbarium)
3:30 pm Thorpe Memorial Reception (Parlors)

Sunday, October 18

- 9 am Intergenerational Sunday School (Parlors)
10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
1:30 pm Vida Plena Covenant Church Worship Service (Parlors)
2 pm Youth Group Great Pumpkin Hunt (Northwest Covenant Church)
6:30 pm Youth Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
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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