

NORTH PARK
COVENANT CHURCH

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PRELUDE — Fugue on God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending
Hymnal Selection 633, arr. Carl Franz Pitsch
Sam Parnin, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Jeff Hunter and Libby Piotrowski
Moment for Mission — Brian Ward, for the Chancel Choir

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CHORAL INTROIT — I Lift My Eyes to the Quiet Hills
Hymnal Selection 398, verses 1 and 2
Chancel Choir, Brian Ward, Director

* CALL TO WORSHIP — from Psalm 123

To you I lift up my eyes,
O you who are enthroned in the heavens!
As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master,
as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he has mercy upon us.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
for we have had more than enough of contempt.
Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease,
of the contempt of the proud.

* OPENING HYMN 23 — O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

* INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER 887

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES — Sally Engebretson, Reader
Old Testament Reading — Judges 4:1-7
New Testament Reading — 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
* Gospel Reading — Matthew 25:14-30

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM — Beau George Peterson
Sung Response 87 — Children of the Heavenly Father

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN — Acacia Gin

CHORAL ANTHEM — Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing
Gordon Young

Now let us all praise God and sing our great Redeemer's praise,
that we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise. Sing Alleluia!
All ye servants of the Lord, praise Him forever.
Sing Jehovah's mighty pow'r, praise Him forever.
Sing of His righteousness, praise Him forever.
So let us all praise God and sing our great Redeemer's praise,
that we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise. Sing Alleluia!

MESSAGE — Libby Piotrowski

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG — Create in Me a Clean Heart
Led by Johanna Frisk, Teg Piotrowski,
Erik Ward, and Anna Wargaski

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Invitation to Generosity
Offertory — Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy
Hymnal Selection 324, arr. Gordon Young
Brian Ward, Organ

* Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication

* CLOSING HYMN 439 — Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE — O Worship the King
Hymnal Selection 23, arr. Franklin Ritter

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

23 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above



WORDS: Robert Grant, 1779-1838
MUSIC: William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies* 1815; arr. Johann M. Haydn, 1737-1806, last st. arr. and desc. Herbert Colvin, 1928-, © 1986 Word, Inc.

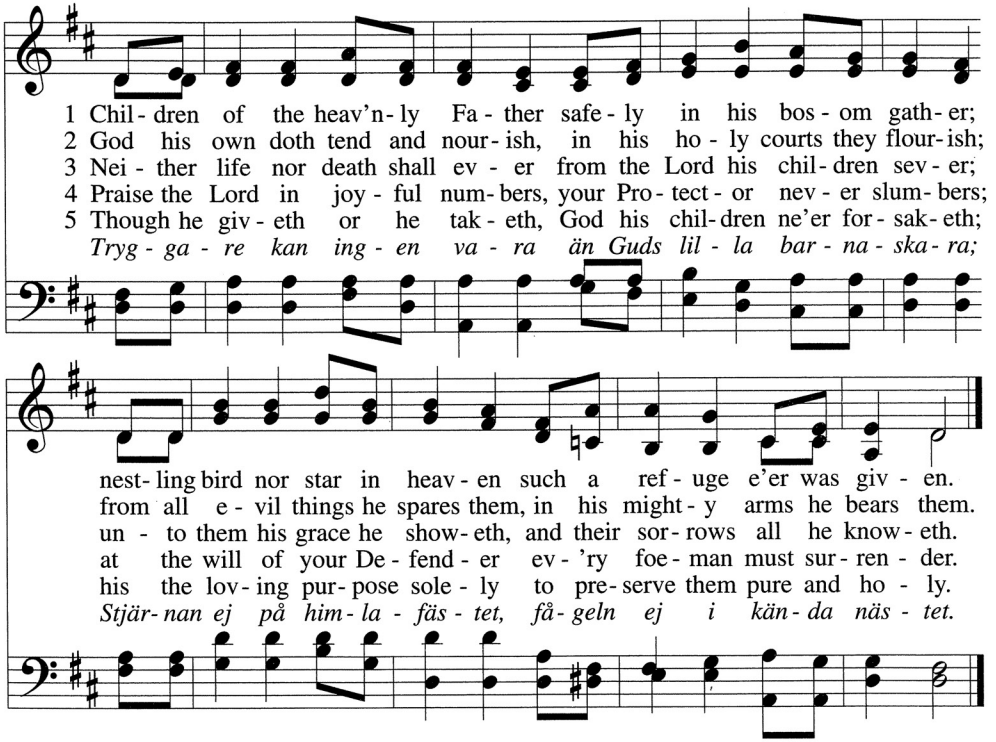
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THE LORD'S PRAYER

887 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

Children of the Heavenly Father 87



WORDS: Lina Sandell, 1832-1903, tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870-1958,
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MUSIC: Swedish melody, 1874

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Create in Me a Clean Heart

Keith Green

1984 For the Shepherd Music



Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 48



439 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.
MUSIC: John Zundel, 1815-1882

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BEECHER

Alternate tune: HYFRYDOL, 219

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 part of a Saturday-morning trash brigade, working to clean up an area of our community inspired by this month's community prayer. Please reach out to Janette and Roderick Smith at rjonberber@sbcglobal.net for more details.

The Friendship Center needs additional help to bring holiday meals to our neighbors in need. On Saturday, November 21, from 11 am to 6 pm, the Friendship Center (2711 W. Lawrence Ave.) needs people for two-hour shifts to pack boxes of holiday food. If you'd like to assist, please go to The Friendship Center website, click on "Take Action" at the top of the page, and then select "Volunteer with Us". Another opportunity to pack food boxes will take place on Saturday, December 19. Registration to volunteer for December 19 will open on December 5. Let's help to make the holidays merry and bright for everyone!

Covenant World Relief and Development Sunday is November 22! We invite you to begin collecting coins in a soup can or to write a check or make an online donation to assist those in need around the world. You may bring your gifts to church either on Sunday, November 22, or to the Thanksgiving Eve worship service on Wednesday, November 25. Soup labels and lids are available in the narthex this morning or from the office during the week. 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.

We will hold a blood drive through Versiti donation center on Saturday, November 21, from 10 am to 2 pm. It is Versiti's goal to have at least 15 donors at any event, and we've hit that marker, but there are still a few spots available! You may sign up here, and we hope you'll take part in this important community event.

Lectionary texts for Sunday, November 22:

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 100
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service and Pie Social on November 25: As has become something of a tradition here at NPCC, we will hold a Thanksgiving Eve worship service on Wednesday, November 25, at 7 pm, followed by a pie social. If you are willing and able to bring a pie or two, or if you would like to help set up, serve, or clean up, please sign up here.

It's a Little Town of Bethlehem year! Mark your calendars for December 6, from 4 to 6 pm. This Christmas, everyone is invited to experience the sights and sounds of Bethlehem at this free community event! North Park Covenant Church will be transformed into the streets and markets of Jesus' day, complete with vendors, musicians, and townspeople. Members of our congregation will take on the roles of various local characters; each pointing the way to the manger where they hear that a very special child has been born.

We need lots and lots of help! Committees are being organized and there is a spot for everyone, whether you're interested in advertising, recruiting, costumes, props for shops, or set design. You may receive a call from someone on the recruiting team, asking for you to help. If you don't get that call, but are interested in jumping on board, please contact either Lisa Applequist or Pastor Libby. We need people with all kinds of gifts and all kinds of time to give! Also, be sure to invite your neighbors and friends and family and spread the word!

Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth! Worship the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing with joy.
~ from Psalm 100 ~

Sandy Edstrom and family invite you to an epicurean rendezvous following Christ the King worship on Sunday, November 22. This special coffee hour, featuring desserts that have been a part of the Edstrom family for generations and that will be specially prepared by Sandy's son, Tim, will celebrate the end of this church year and all that God has done in and through North Park Covenant Church in the last year. We hope that you will join us for worship that morning and plan to stay for yummy dessert and fellowship.

Homemade Iranian Meals and Home Services: A recent immigrant and friend of our congregation is working hard to support her family and cover essential living expenses, including rent and everyday costs. She is offering fresh, homemade Iranian meals for order and pick up. She is also available for house cleaning and companionship or assistance for elderly individuals. By choosing any of these services, you can support a hardworking member of our community while receiving quality services in return. If you are interested in any of these services, please reach out directly to 312-835-3200.

Support the Viking Pantry: From November 4 to November 22, we encourage you to donate non-perishable food items and household items to support the North Park University Viking Pantry. The pantry needs support during winter break, as it is available to any student in need of support. Please use the list provided so we can give the items the pantry needs the most! Please bring or ship all items to church. Reach out to Pastor Jeanette if you have any questions!

- Snacks (chips, cookies, granola bars, etc.)
- Mac and cheese cups
- Ramen cups
- Peanut butter crackers
- Shelf-stable milk
- Canned beans and meat (Spam, tuna, and and chicken)
- Instant oatmeal/cereal cups
- Microwavable rice, pasta, and other ready to-make meals
- Paper towels and toilet paper
- Bar soap and body wash
- Feminine hygiene products

From the Board of Community Concern: Our personal hygiene cabinet has been very well-utilized so far, which speaks to the great need in our community. It is a blessing to be able to help meet some of the needs of our neighbors.

Below is a list of what seem to be the most sought-after items. However, any personal hygiene items and basic household cleaning supplies are welcome. The next time you're at Costco, Jewel, Target, or the like, please think about picking up something and adding it to the hygiene closet just inside the south doors. Thank you for loving our neighbors in this tangible way!

- Baby wipes
- Deodorant
- Dish soap
- Feminine hygiene products
- Laundry detergent pods
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste

An Invitation to Prayerful Giving: An email went out recently encouraging all members and friends to prayerfully consider pledging to support the ministries of North Park Covenant Church in 2027. Pledge cards will be in the pews for the next few weeks. You may fill out one of those cards and place it in the offering plate on a Sunday morning, or you may click here to pledge online.

Please note: If you choose to pledge online, you will need to set up your initial pledge and then schedule your giving in two separate steps. You can set your recurring gift to have an end date or to be ongoing.Thank you for your support in the coming year!

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! Please click here to put your name down for a Sunday or two—thank you!

for your prayers

- **Community prayer:** In a month marked by an emphasis on gratitude and thankfulness, we pause to give thanks to God for God's faithfulness, patience, and presence in our lives.
- **Jeremiah Arnold**, who spoke in last Sunday's Prayer for the Journey moment, as he continues on his journey of faith; that he will be able to balance the joy it brings him with the sadness he has experienced due to loss of relationships
- **Brad and Julie Dahlgren**, mourning the loss of Brad's brother, Douglas Dahlgren, on November 4
- **Sheryl and Paul Noren**, as they recoup following a robbery at their home in Congo, as well as for the two guards who were injured in that incident
- **Michael Shawn Sanders**, mourning the passing of his father, Wilburn Sanders, on October 23
- Jackie Spinner's mom, **Donna Spinner**, who has been diagnosed with leukemia and lymphoma
- Rosemary Slaughter's cousin **Joanie Mykesell**, back in the hospital related to her broken ribs
- **Peter Joly**, Rosemary Slaughter's building manager, who is back in treatment as the cancer has returned
- Janice Finney's uncle **Walt Leeman**, diagnosed with bone cancer and on hospice care, and for her aunt **Joyce Leeman**, as she walks this difficult journey with her husband
- **Paula Schuetz**, recuperating after surgery on her ankle on October 12
- **Diane Haglund**, whose back surgery has been scheduled for Friday, December 11
- Marti Hindaileh requests prayer for a dear friend's mother, **Missy Baker**, seeing improvements in her battle with breast cancer and expecting to have surgery in the near future
- **Ann Marie Strom**, now on a new infusion medication to help with severe pain
- **Sandy Edstrom**, still struggling with sciatica pain
- **Sara Gortner**, Ann Boyd's mother, on hospice care

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At Church This Week

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

Monday, November 16

9:15 am	Women's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)
10:30 am	Staff Meeting (Staff Conference Room)
4 pm	Tutoring (Parlors)
5:30 pm	Tutoring Movement Time (Gym)
6:30 pm	Geezerball (Gym)
7:30 pm	Centering Prayer (Staff Conference Room)

Tuesday, November 17

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

Wednesday, November 18

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, November 19

4:30 pm	Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Friday, November 20

1 pm	Prayer Group Gathering (Edstrom Home)

Saturday, November 21

8 am	Geezerball (Gym)
10 am	Blood Drive (Parlors)
10:15 am	Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

Sunday, November 22 - Christ the King Sunday

9 am	Confirmation (Staff Conference Room)
9:15 am	Adult Formation (Parlors)
	Art Journaling (Art Room)
	Sunday School for Preschool - 6th Grade (Junior Chapel)
	Tabletop Sundays for High Schoolers (Attic Youth Room)
10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
11:45 am	Christmas Greens Pick-up (Alley behind Church)
1:30 pm	Vida Plena Covenant Church Worship Service (Parlors)
6 pm	Youth Group Friendsgiving (Parlors)
7 pm	AA Meeting (South Chapel)

Little Town of Bethlehem

Sunday, December 6 , 4-6 PM



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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.