

Christ the King Sunday



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PRELUDE — Rejoice, the Lord Is King!
Hymnal Selection 271, arr. Percy Whitlock
Sam Parnin, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Jeff Hunter and Libby Piotrowski
Moment for Mission — Nancy Ebner, for the Stewardship Committee

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CHORAL INTROIT — Another Year Is Dawning
Hymnal Selection 644, verses 1 and 3
Chancel Choir, Brian Ward, Director

* CALL TO WORSHIP — from Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.
Know that the Lord is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him; bless his name.
For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever
and his faithfulness to all generations.

* OPENING HYMN 269 — Jesus Shall Reign Where're the Sun

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

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES — Dave Dawson, Reader
Old Testament Reading — Ezekiel 34:11-24
New Testament Reading — Ephesians 1:15-23
* Gospel Reading — Matthew 25:31-46

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

CHORAL ANTHEM — My Eternal King
Jane Marshall

MESSAGE — Jeff Hunter

* COMING TO THE PRAYER TREE

All are invited to write their prayers of gratitude on the paper leaves provided and bring them forward to place on the prayer tree during the congregational song.

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG — Shepherd
Bart Millard, David Crowder, Hank Bentley, Mia Fieldes
Led by Kristen Hunter, Anders Johnson, Samantha Johnson, Sam Parnin, and Brian Ward

GIVING OF OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND CWRD GIFTS

Invitation to Generosity

If you have brought your Covenant World Relief and Development offering, please place it in an offering plate as the Trustees bring them around this morning.

Offertory — Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
Hymnal Selection 407, arr. Marianne Kim

* 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

* LITANY OF PRAISE — Written by Sandy Edstrom
Led by Donn Engebretson

* CLOSING HYMN 72 — To God Be the Glory

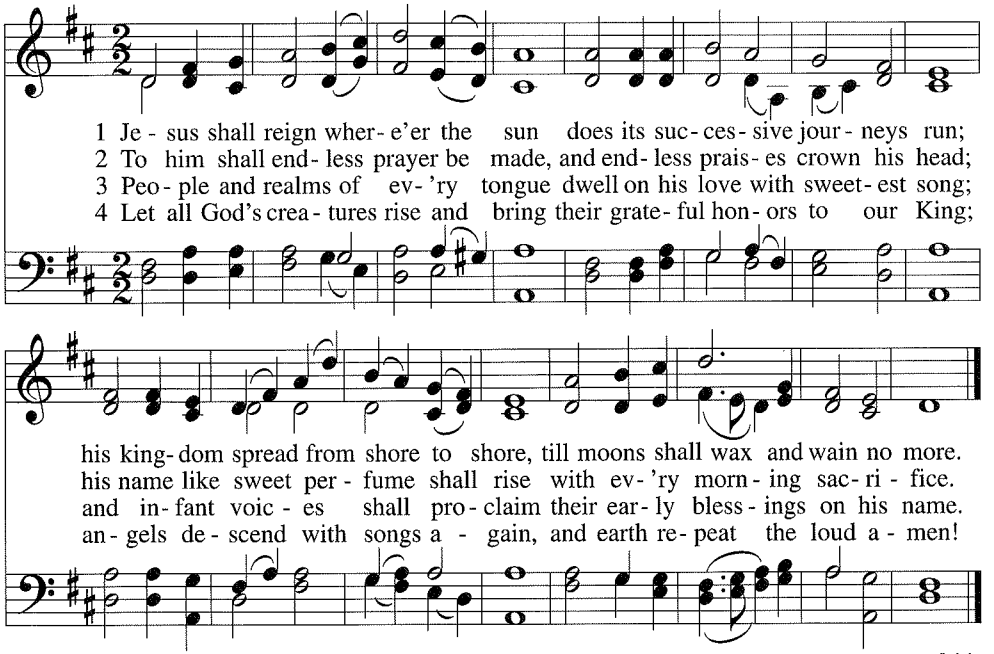
* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE — Ye Servants of God
arr. Douglas E. Wagner

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.*

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun 269



WORDS: Based on Psalm 72, Isaac Watts, 1674-1748
MUSIC: John Hatton, 1710-1793

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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

Shepherd

David Crowder

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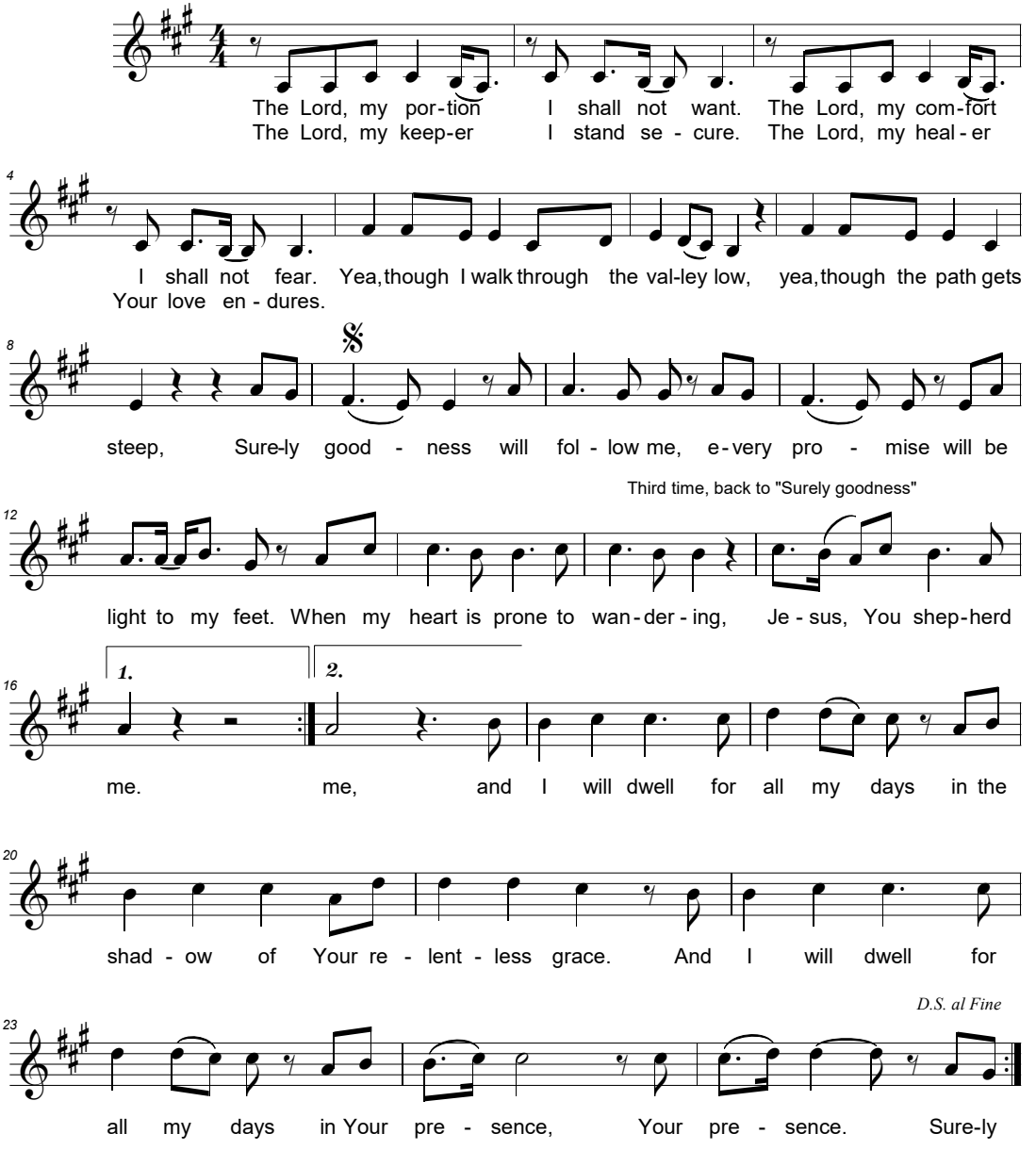
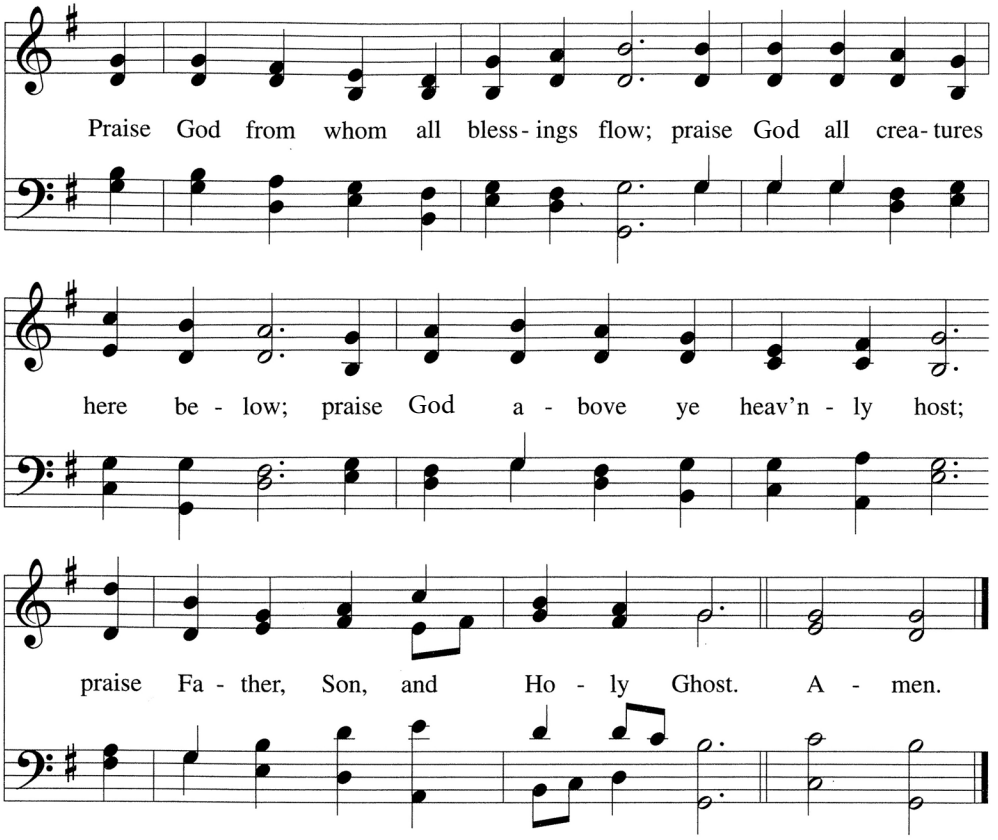


Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 48



Litany of Praise

For the ministry of North Park Covenant Church, here in this neighborhood since 1898,
Lord, we praise you!

For bringing us together as a congregation in this place and time,
Lord, we praise you!

For your great command to love you with all that we are and to love our neighbor as ourselves,
Lord, we praise you!

For the ways our church is grounded in the word of God,
Lord, we praise you!

For the many expressions of music offered in worship,
Lord, we praise you!

For our three talented pastors, their excellent preaching and their care for us,
Lord, we praise you!

For our church staff who so graciously support us,
Lord, we praise you!

For the children you have entrusted to our care,
Lord, we praise you!

For the neighborhood you have placed us in and with whom you have invited us to share blessings,
Lord, we praise you!

For your financial provision that enables us to move forward with gusto and join with you in meeting the needs all around us,
Lord, we praise you!

Lord Jesus, you have invited us to walk in your footsteps even as you walk beside us. Help us to wait for, work toward, and welcome your kingdom as it comes here on earth as it is in heaven. In the precious name of Jesus, we all pray, saying,
Amen!

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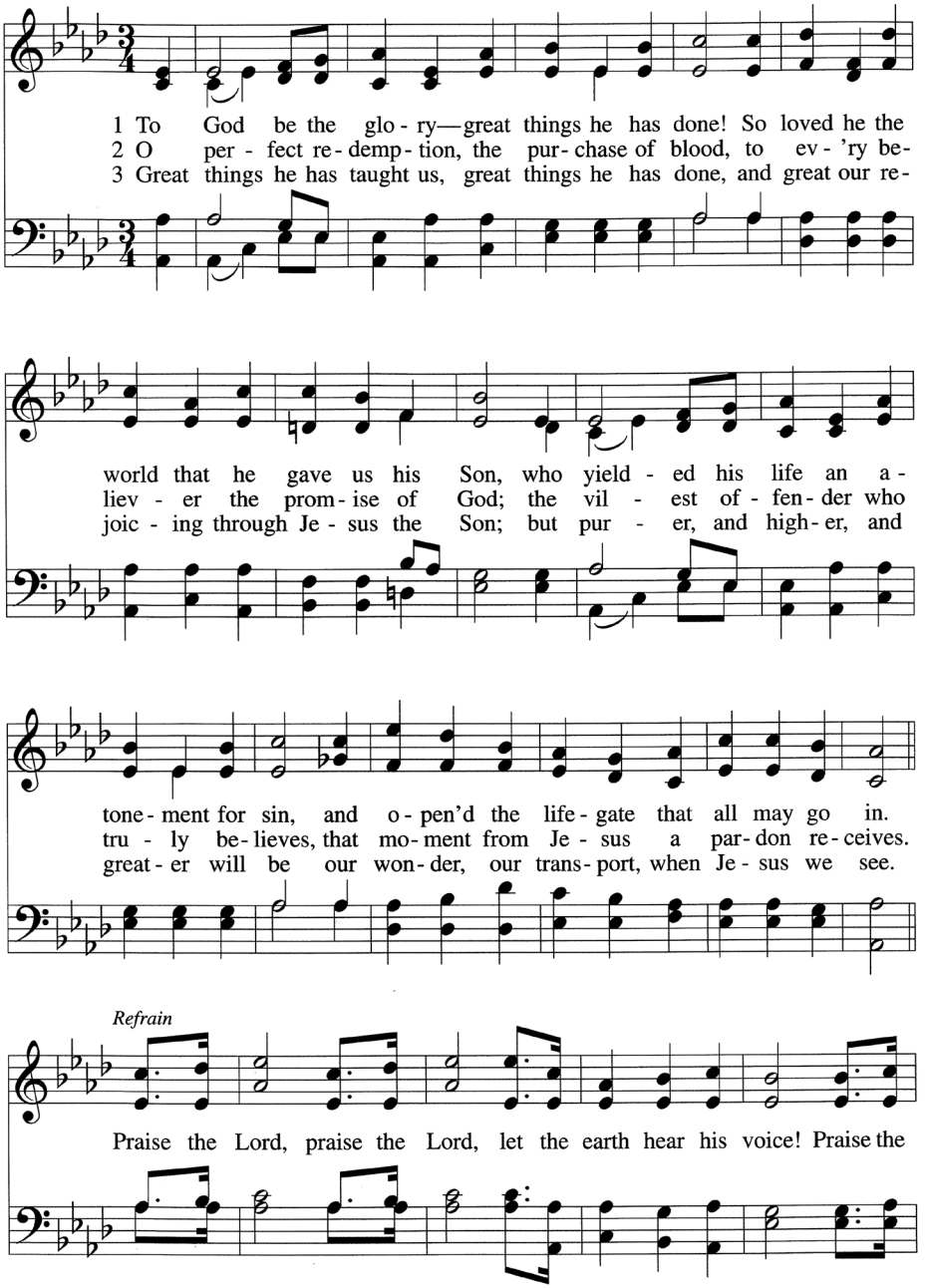

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915
MUSIC: William H. Doane, 1832-1915

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TO GOD BE THE GLORY

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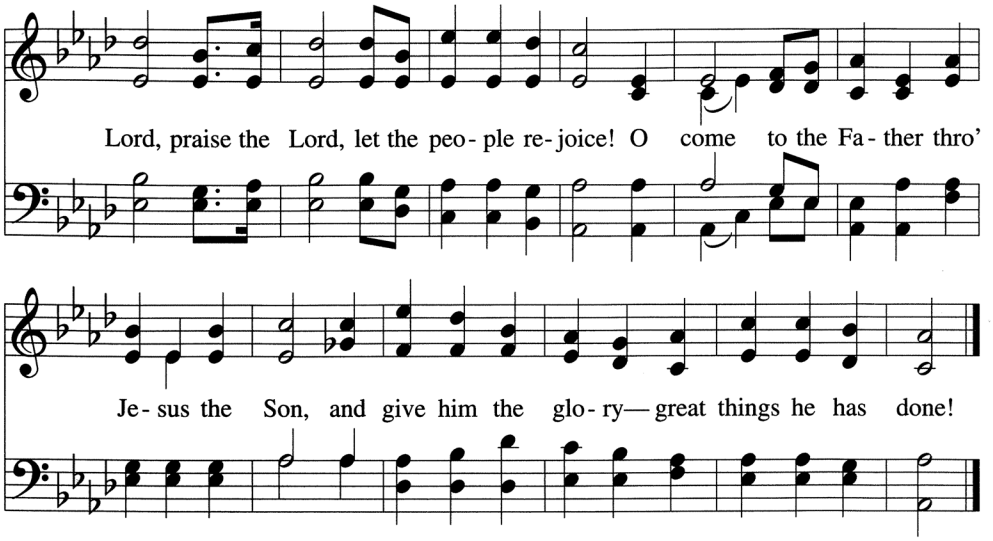
Lord, praise the Lord, let the peo- ple re- joice! O come to the Fa- ther thro'
Je- sus the Son, and give him the glo- ry— great things he has done!

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 worship for any wee ones ages 0 through 5 needing a place to wiggle and play. We always welcome children in the service but recognize that sometimes parents need a break so they can focus on worship.

If giving digitally is your style, this 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.

Today is Covenant World Relief and Development Sunday! If you've been collecting coins in a soup can or other receptacle, we invite you to place them in the offering plate today. If you didn't bring them today, you can bring them to the Thanksgiving Eve worship service on Wednesday, November 25. Thank you for joining us in raising funds to aid in the work of our denomination to reduce human suffering for the most vulnerable people and support healthy communities.

All are welcome to a special coffee hour after the service today to celebrate Christ the King Sunday and give thanks for all that God has done and is doing in and through North Park Covenant Church. We'll gather in the parlors on the lower level for a time of fellowship and some special treats!

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.

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.

Your Cookbook Is Ready to Order! Thanks to all the wonderful contributions and support from so many of you, we have finished creating the 2026 North Park Covenant Church cookbook! *We Give Thanks: A Cookbook for the Church Family* will be ready for distribution in early December. Pre-order your copy here—you can choose a coil-bound paper copy (5"x8" or large-print) or a digital download, each for a suggested donation of $18. Buy one for yourself and several more for friends! This lovely book makes great Christmas gifts for friends and family near and far. Proceeds will go to support the benevolence fund. Let's start cooking!

You are invited to extend Christmas greetings to the members and friends of North Park Covenant Church by donating an amount of your choice, which will go toward camping scholarships. You are also welcome to share your own Christmas letter with the church family by bringing a copy to the church office for display in the parlors. Paper forms will be included in the bulletins for the next few Sundays, or you can fill out the Realm form found here.

The deadline to submit forms is Wednesday, December 9, and the names of those who fill out the form will appear in the bulletin on Sunday, December 13.

Christmas for Our Missionaries: Throughout the year, we as a church support missionaries in five areas of the world via a percentage of General Fund donations. Now it's time to remember these missionary servants with a special Christmas gift. To make a special donation, write "missionary gift" in the memo line on your check and drop it in the offering plate (using the ivory envelopes in the pews) or select "Missionary Gift" from the drop-down menu at www.npcovenant.org/give. *The deadline for these gifts is Sunday, December 13.* Thank you!

Lectionary texts for Sunday, November 29:

Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

From the Church Co-chairs, Nancy Ebner and Dave Schlensker: In more ways than we might realize, the ministries of each of our gifted and dedicated staff members are part of God's ongoing work in our lives. Pastoral, musical, administrative, and property care excellence all contribute to this community in and through which God blesses us and our neighbors.

You can contribute to the 2026 staff gift at www.npcovenant.org/give, by selecting "Staff Gift" from the drop-down menu, or by mailing or bringing your gift to church. Label your envelope "staff gift," and if you write a check, please designate "staff gift" on the memo line. Small green envelopes are available in the pews. Simply enclose your gift and put it in the offering plate during worship. Money received will be divided among the staff members. *We ask that all contributions reach the church by Sunday, December 13.* May the Spirit of God move among us all this Advent season, as we wait and pray: "Come, Lord Jesus."

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 one 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!

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 go to tinyurl.com/2027-npcc-pledge 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!

Support the Viking Pantry: Through the end of the day today, 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 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

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.
- Pastor Libby's five-year-old nephew, **Mo Johnson-Collins**, whose recent heart catheterization went well, and now they are waiting to hear from the surgeon about a date for surgery to remove a tumor on his liver, and also remove his gallbladder
- Sarah Hillabrant's dad, **Bob**, as he transitions from the hospital to rehab
- **Diane Haglund**, whose back surgery has now been rescheduled for Friday, December 18
- **Krist Werling and family**, mourning the passing of his father, Arnold Werling, on November 14
- **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, 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
- 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

Monday, November 23

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 24

8 am	Men's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)
6 pm	Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, November 25

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

Thursday, November 26 - Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed

Friday, November 27 - Office Closed

1 pm	Prayer Group Gathering (Edstrom Home)

Saturday, November 28

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

Sunday, November 29 - The First Sunday in Advent

9:15 am	All-church Advent Breakfast (Parlors)
10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
1:30 pm	Vida Plena Covenant Church Worship Service (Parlors)
2 pm	Andersen Meeting (Staff Conference Room)
6:30 pm	Youth Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7 pm	AA Meeting (Parlors)
	High-school Youth Group (Attic Youth Room)

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

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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.