

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST +

SEPTEMBER 16, 2012

8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Take the World , but Give Me Jesus
Brian Ward, Piano
Allemande
Sharon Peterson, Organ

J.A. Hultman

Maurice Green

TIME OF SILENCE

INVOCATION

**Give us a pure heart that we may see you,
A humble heart that we may hear you,
A heart of love that we may serve you,
A heart of faith that we may abide in you,
A heart of openness that we may worship you in Spirit and in truth.**

CHORAL INTROIT (#453) Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord Felix Mendelssohn

*CALL TO WORSHIP

By God's grace, we are who we are:

People who are called, but afraid to follow.

By God's grace, we are who we are:

People who are called, and gifted with courage.

By God's grace, we are who we are:

People who are called, and given good news to share.

By God's grace, we are who we are:

People who are called, and worship a God of second chances.

*GREETING ONE ANOTHER



*OPENING HYMN #590

We Are a New Creation



THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM

I Will Praise Thee, O Lord

Knut Nystedt

The Chancel Choir; Charles Olson, Director

I will praise thee, O Lord, with my heart; I will show forth all thy marv'ulous works. I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High!



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE DAY

Anders Johnson, Reader

Old Testament

Isaiah 50:4-9 (p.594)

Psalter

Psalms 19 (Selection #788, the hymnal)

New Testament

James 3:1-12 (p.981)



A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Libby Piotrowski



PULPIT HYMN #687

So Send I You

SERMON

If these walls could talk

Elise Brimhall

**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Music:

Refiner's Fire

Brian Doerksen

Text: Purify my heart; let me be as gold and precious silver. Purify my heart; let me be as gold, pure gold. Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire is to be holy, set apart for You, Lord. I choose to be holy, set apart for You, my Master, ready to do Your will. Purify my heart; cleanse me from within and make me holy. Purify my heart; cleanse me from my sin deep within.

All who are in Christ are invited to participate in this sacrament through which we celebrate the simplicity and mystery of the whole Gospel.

ANTHEM (#399) What a Friend We Have in Jesus Harold Best

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory ** Make Me a Servant Kelly Willard
Largo (3rd Sonata for Flute & Cembalo) J.S. Bach

*Doxology #48
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Prayer Over the Offering



*CLOSING HYMN #671 On Our Way Rejoicing

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE **Allegretto Joseph Haydn
Oh, That I Had A Thousand Voices Flor Peeters

Please be seated for the postlude or leave quietly, holding conversation until you leave the sanctuary.

*We Stand to Praise God.
**8:30 worship

Attendance on Rally Sunday:

September 9, 2012:

Worship: 279

Childcare: 11

Total: 290



The Weekly Calendar:
September 17-22, 2012

Mon	NP Preschool classes	
	7:00pm	Men's Basketball
	7:15pm	Centering Prayer
Tue	9:30am	Staff Meeting
	7:00pm	Executive Council Meeting
Wed	9:30am	Men/Women's Bible studies
	9:30am	More for Moms begins (parlors)
	7:00pm	Junior High Youth Group
Thu	10:00am	Retired Pastors' Meeting
	6:30pm	Chancel Bells
	7:45pm	Chancel Choir
Fri		
Sat	8:00am	Geezerball
	8:00am	"S" Anon (Lg. Conference Rm)
	10:00am	Innebandy

Next Lord's Day: September 23rd:

Worship services: 8:30 and 11:00am

8:45am – Children's Choir

9:45am – Sunday School Classes begin

12:30pm – Chancel Choir Centennial Committee

2:00pm – Memorial Service for Helen Swanson

2:30-4:30pm- Baby Shower Open House/Krissy Hakanson

5:00pm – Senior High Northside Collision/Edgebrook Covenant

*7:00pm – AA Meeting

*Indicates outside group.



Life and Ministry through North Park Church

● **Welcome to worship at North Park Covenant Church.** It is our hope that you will find this is a place to be renewed in and through worship, to share gifts and to be built up in fellowship and friendship. Please join us for continued fellowship at the **Coffee Hour** that follows in the parlors below.

● **For our continued prayers:** Covenant missionaries, **Paul and Gretchen DeNeui** (North Park Theological Seminary), **Fred Holmgren, Ruth Holmsten, Karen Snow, Richard Carlson.** Remember Jane Swanson-Nystrom and Doug Nystrom and their family on the death of Jane's mother, **Helen Swanson**, who died one week ago today. A memorial service is being planned for Sunday, September 23rd, 2:00pm in the sanctuary. Peace to the memory of a dear and faithful servant of Christ.

● This afternoon at 4:00pm (note time), you are invited to join with the North Park Theological Seminary community for their **Fall Convocation at Anderson Chapel.** The afternoon will include the **installation of Rev. David Kersten as Dean.** All are welcome!



Adult Sunday School – 9:45am

September 16, 23, 30 - A three week series on Generosity led by Christine

Olfelt

October 7 - All-church Retreat - No Sunday School

October 14, 21, 28, November 4 - Faith and Election Issues sponsored by the Board of Community Concern

November 11, 18 - Faith Stories

November 25 - Thanksgiving - No Sunday School

October 14-November 4th our series will be **“Christian Faith - -and this Year’s Election Issues”**. Leaders will be Cal Katter, Elizabeth Collier (Dominican University), Bill Werner, and Vern Wettersten. Issues considered will be the economy, immigration, health care, and the role of “big money” in campaign finance. Please join us!

● **Covenant Retirement Communities Celebrates 126 years of Serving Seniors**

In recognition and appreciation of 126 years of serving seniors, Covenant Retirement Communities' Covenant Village of Northbrook will be providing our "Celebration Brew" - take home packets of Door County Coffee -- on Sunday, September 30, 2012. If you, a family member, friend, or neighbor would benefit from Discovering the Possibilities of the Covenant Village lifestyle, please contact Kim Erickson, Church Relations Representative, at 847.412.7008. A tour of Covenant Village and complimentary lunch can be arranged by appointment.

● **Our Peterson School Tutoring Program begins on Monday, October 1st**, and continues every Monday until May whenever Chicago Public Schools are in session. We have both afternoon and evening sessions, but are especially in need of tutors for the evening session, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Mondays. We also need a coordinator or tutor/coordinator for that session. Tutoring is a wonderful way to connect with a family in our community and make a difference in the life of a child. An orientation for new tutors will be held on Monday, September 24th, at 5:00 p.m. Please contact Ruthanne Werner, [\(847\) 673-5398](tel:8476735398) or at wnw716@aol.com, if you are interested or have questions.

● **North Park Readers will resume on Tuesday, September 25, 2012.** Gatherings are held the 4th Tuesday of each month and we encourage "Newcomers" male or female to join. September's selection is "Anna Karenina" by Tolstoy. The group will meet at the home of Lynn Pearson, 5328 N. Spaulding at 7:00 p.m. For more information please contact: RosaLinda Canchola at [773/739-0973](tel:7737390973) or Jill Wettersten at [773/539-7905](tel:7735397905).



Assistant Teacher Position Available!

We are looking to hire an assistant for our three and four year old classes.

Applicants must have Early Childhood or Elementary degree and experience with young children. Assistants are responsible to help with behavior management, weekly curriculum planning, input for annual student assessments, teacher directed activities, and more. If interested, please email northparkpreschool@gmail.com
Preschool Website: Nppreschool.org

Hours/Salary:

- **3 Year Olds- MWF - 9 - 11:30 a.m.**
- + additional 30 min per day
- **4 Year Olds- MW - 12:15 - 3:15 p.m.**
- **Planning Period on Fridays- 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.**
- \$11/hour

● The **Board of Christian Formation** is now currently looking for congregants who would like to be a part of the **Adult Education Committee**. This committee would play a vital role in planning Adult Sunday School, yet the Board would also like to consider ways in which our church can provide adult education opportunities outside of the Sunday School hour. We need leaders, doers, organizers, dreamers, planners - can you fill one of these roles? Please contact Lisa Applequist (theapplequists@gmail.com) or Joline Schultz (jolineks@gmail.com) if you would like additional information about serving on this committee or would like to get on board right away!

Baby Shower Open House

In honor of **Krissy and Tim Hakanson**,
WHEN: Sunday, September 23rd at 2:30pm
WHERE Home of Samantha Johnson (5244 N. Sawyer)
HOSTS: Samantha Johnson, Maria Ward, and Lisa Applequist
Krissy and Tim are registered at amazon.com and Right Start



● **If you are a member of North Park Covenant Church** and have a heart for offering compassionate care in a one-to-one relationship, you are invited to join a **new training class for Stephen Ministry**. This class will meet on **Wednesday evenings, beginning in October**. There will be 20 classes of about 2 1/2 hours each which will help equip you to carry out this ministry. You will be supported as you prepare by peers who join you in training and, when you begin your ministry, by the other Stephen Ministers of our church. Stephen Ministry leaders, Wilma Cruz, Roger Thorpe, and Grace Nelson, will be pleased to talk with you about this ministry. There are applications and some information sheets on our bulletin board in the church parlors.

● **A coordinator for the evening session of the Peterson School Tutoring Program is needed for the coming year**. The session meets from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. on Monday evenings, from October 1st through the beginning of May, whenever Chicago Public Schools are open. This is a wonderful way to connect with some young residents of our community and their families. For further information, please contact Ruthanne Werner, 847-673-5398, or at wnw716@aol.com.

● **Assistant Custodian needed** - , 5-8 hours weekly; Fridays/some Sundays; \$12/hour. Please speak with Scott Applequist if you are interested or e-mail him at sapplequist@aaic.com.

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Pastoral Staff

Mark Nilson, Senior Pastor

Elise Brimhall, Associate Pastor for Youth and Young Adults

Libby Piotrowski, Children's Minister

Our Mission around the World

Robert and Janet Thornbloom, Congo Technical Assistance

Peter and Anna Kim, East Asia

Thomas and Janice Kelly, Mexico

John and Letha Kerl, Regional Coordinators for Europe

Paul and Sheryl Noren, Congo/Central African Republic

Eugenio and Pia Restrepo, Spain

James and Rachel Ventress, Alaska

Our Mission to the Community, Members, and Friends

North Park Friendship Center: 773.267.8395

Joey Ekberg, Executive Director

North Park Church Cooperative Preschool: 773.463.0055

Laura Taglioli, Teacher/Director

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