

Welcome to

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*Northbrook Presbyterian Church*

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January 1, 2017



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*We are glad you're here and thankful for the opportunity to worship with you  
and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.*

*We seek to be an open, rational and compassionate people,  
learning each week what it means to live the love of Jesus Christ in worship and work, in word and deed.  
"Everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." ~ John 13:35*

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LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

*Please sign and pass the Welcome Register along your row and back. Please note joys and concerns on the  
Prayer Request Cards and place them in the offering.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeff Wilhelmi

A child is born  
A child to save us  
A child to challenge us  
A child for the world.

**We share the news with great joy.**

\* OPENING SONG 143—*Angels From the Realms of Glory*

Hymnal

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Here we are Lord; we are not many, nor are we very wise or powerful,  
nor rich by the standards of the world,  
but we do come joyful and triumphant on this special day  
because of what you've done.

**All: On this day, we remember your promises:  
that you will never leave nor forsake us,  
that you would show your love for us in a very special way,  
that you would always let us know that you love us,  
despite all our fears.**

—*Silent Reflection*—

One: On this day, we joyfully remember you,  
creeping in very quietly and very vulnerably among us  
in Jesus Christ, born of Mary.  
Born to be with us, born to love us, born to save us, born to free us.

**All: Please forgive us for forgetting this all too often;  
for thinking of you in human terms—  
for imaging you to be a fearsome, far-off sort of God,  
angry and vengeful, or worse yet, disinterested;  
or thinking of you as a petulant parent,  
rewarding us with good things when we are good  
and smacking us into submission when we are bad.**

One: Forgive us for blaming you when things go wrong,  
ignoring you when we think we are in control,  
or for being so busy and caught up in our own concerns  
that we don't even take the time to stop and listen to yours.

—*Silent Reflection*—

One: Help us to come to you this day;

**All: Help us welcome you into our lives.  
Speak your word of power in our hearts and change us, once again. Amen.**

—*Silent Reflection*—

\* THE PEACE

*As we are reconciled to God and to one another, share a sign of Christ's peace with your neighbor.*

\* SONG—*As You Really Are*

Mike Fay and Bruce Muller

Show me Thy way, teach me Thy path, free me from all of my fears. \_\_\_\_\_

Trusting in You is so eas-y to do, when I see You as You real-ly are. \_\_\_\_\_

— As You real-ly are, \_\_\_\_\_ as You real-ly are, \_\_\_\_\_ as You real-ly  
(God and King,) (Lord of ev - 'ry- thing.)

are: Help me to see You as You real-ly are. \_\_\_\_\_ As You real-ly are, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Ris-en and

liv - ing,) as You real - ly are, \_\_\_\_\_ as You real - ly  
(just, and yet for - giv - ing.)

are: Help me to see You as You real - ly are. \_\_\_\_\_

SCRIPTURE READING—*Luke 2:21-38*

SONG 148—*Mary and Joseph Came to the Temple*

Hymnal

WE BRING OUR GIFTS FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST

OFFERING SONG 545—*Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace*

Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

\* SENDING SONG 134—*Joy to the World*

Hymnal

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

\* Please stand if you are able.

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Liturgy adapted from *Candles and Conifers*, Wild Goose Worship, Glasgow, Scotland. 2005.

### LEADING YOU IN WORSHIP TODAY ARE:

LITURGIST: Jeff Wilhelmi

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Angel Gippert

PRAISE BAND: Dan Gross as leader, percussion, guitar & Pete Zajicek on piano

SOUND: Dave vander Weide

VISUALS: Bill Jordan

SANCTUARY DOOR GREETERS: Walt & Donna Young

COMMUNION SERVERS: Bill Jordan, Patty Van Loo, Dorothy Warren

PRAYER REQUESTS: Marilyn Nesbitt, Doug Joppie, Dorene Adams, Vera McBride, Dick & Alma Ross, Al & Mary Alice Shrosbree, Nancy Schaefer, Ruth Krebs, Georgenia Keoleian, Seglinda Kelle-Pritchard, Margaret Babb, Karen Keier, Tom Sandercock, Jim Grady, Dick Forbush, Keith & Celia Metcalf

*Please continue to pray for those with health or personal issues. If a member's name has been inadvertently left off this list, please notify the church office. Also, let the church know when a member is entering the hospital or might like a supportive phone call.*

The Board of Deacons also requests prayers for: Church members whose last names begin with the letters P and R and for increased family harmony, tolerance and acceptance.

UNDECKING THE HALLS

We will be “undecking the halls” on Sunday, January 8 after worship. Please lend a hand as we put our Christmas decorations away until next year.

**2017 GIVING**—The Finance Committee reminds you to submit your 2017 pledges. We've heard from about 85% of pledging households so far, but those missing commitments leave a gap in our ability to plan accurately. So, if you haven't already done so, please take a moment to submit your 2017 pledge. Thank you for your faithful stewardship.

#### GIVING ENVELOPES

The 2017 Giving Envelopes have arrived and are available for pick up at the church.

#### JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Due to the holidays and office closures, you will find the January edition of the Northbrook newsletter in early January.

#### SENIOR SOUPER SUPPER

Senior Souper Supper will resume on Thursday, January 12 at 5:30 p.m.

#### MEN'S CONNECTION

Men's Connection will resume on Thursday, January 5 at 8:00 a.m.

#### CHANCEL AND WINDOW FLOWERS

The 2017 Chancel and Window Flower sign up sheets are in Fellowship Hall. The cost of chancel flowers is \$45 and a pair of window flowers is \$25.

#### COFFEE HOUR

Coffee and conversation are a match made in heaven. Please consider signing up to host coffee hour in the coming year. The sign up sheet can be found in Fellowship Hall. Please see Judy Owen if you have any questions.

#### LITURGISTS WANTED

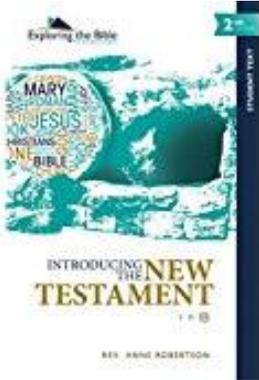
The sign up sheet for liturgists is posted in Fellowship Hall.

#### ANNUAL MEETING—SAVE THE DATE

Northbrook will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, January 29 following worship. A light luncheon will be served. We hope to see everyone there as we celebrate our accomplishments and look forward into the new year.

#### ZUMBA AT NORTHBROOK

**New Year, New You!** You're sure to keep those New Year's Resolutions if you come to Zumba and see how fun a workout can be! During January, all newcomers get their first class free! For non-newcomers, if you come to three classes in January, you will get the fourth for free. Classes meets every Tuesday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Contact Abby Adair with any questions at (248)798-8530 or email her at [abagaeladair@gmail.com](mailto:abagaeladair@gmail.com).



## PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY—INTRODUCING THE NEW TESTAMENT

A comprehensive and refreshing introduction to the Bible, this study by Rev. Anne Robertson, is designed to meet you where you are as far as knowledge of the Bible goes. If you've never opened the cover before, this study will help orient you to the books of the New Testament and give you a solid introduction. If you've explored deeply and want to know more, there is plenty here for you that will be new. And if you're simply curious about the Christian faith and would like a non-threatening way of learning more, we welcome you. The **study starts Wednesday, January 11 and runs for 6 weeks in the library.** You can join the morning class at 10 am, or the evening class at 7 pm, or feel free to switch between the two as your schedule permits. The

book is available from Amazon.com in paperback, Kindle edition, or Kindle Unlimited. If you would like us to order the paperback for you, please email [Marjorie@northbrookpc.org](mailto:Marjorie@northbrookpc.org). As always, your sign ups help us prepare enough space for everyone. Please RSVP to Marjorie or Becky in the church office.

# Northbrook Calendar

SUNDAY, January 1—*Happy New Year!*

10:15 a.m.      Worship & Communion

MONDAY, January 2

OFFICE CLOSED

8:00 p.m.      AA Meeting—Men's Group

TUESDAY, January 3

6:30 p.m.      Zumba

7:00 p.m.      Mission Connection Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, January 4

5:00 p.m.      LOGOS

THURSDAY, January 5

8:00 a.m.      Men's Connection

SUNDAY, January 8

10:15 a.m.      Worship

10:15 a.m.      KIDS' Connection

11:15 a.m.      Undeck the Halls

11:30 a.m.      Deacons' Meeting

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**Office Hours**

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m.—Noon

**Worship:** Sundays at 10:15 a.m.

More news and calendar information can be found online at [www.northbrookpc.org](http://www.northbrookpc.org)