

Welcome to

Northbrook Presbyterian Church

January 8, 2017



*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*

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.*

THE GATHERING

* OPENING SONG—*Hear the Call of the Kingdom*

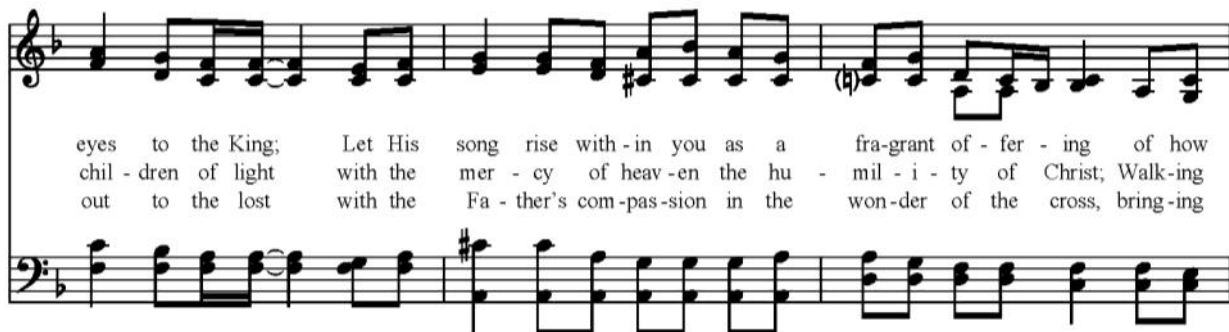
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Hear The Call Of The Kingdom

Words and Music by
Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty



1. Hear the call of the king-dom, lift your
(2. Hear the) call of the king-dom, to be
(3. Hear the) call of the king-dom to reach



eyes to the King; Let His song rise with-in you as a fra-grant of-fer-ing of how
chil-dren of light with the mer-cy of heav-en the hu-mil-i-ty of Christ; Walk-ing
out to the lost with the Fa-ther's com-pas-sion in the won-der of the cross, bring-ing



God, rich in mer-cy, came in Christ to re-deem all who trust in His un-fail-ing
just-ly be-fore Him, lov-ing all that is right, that the life of Christ may shine through
peace and for-give-ness, and a hope yet to come: Let the na-tions put their trust in



grace. 2. Hear the us. King of heav-en, we will
Him.

an - swer the call. We will fol - low, bring - ing hope to the world, filled with

pas - sion, filled with pow - er to pro - claim sal -

-va - tion in Je - sus' name. D.S. II

3. Hear the

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Linda Hermes

One: Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness:
to the ways I wound my life, the lives of others, and the life of the world.

**All: May God forgive you, Christ renew you,
and the Spirit enable to grow in love.**

One: Amen.

**All: Before God, with the people of God, we confess to our brokenness:
to the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others, and the life of the world.**

One: May God forgive you, Christ renew you,
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

All: Amen.

* THE PEACE

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

* SONG 634—*To God Be the Glory*

Hymnal

SCRIPTURE READING—*Luke 3:1-14 (The Message Paraphrase)*

SERMON—*Beginning to Wonder*

Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi

Luke 3:15-22

REMEMBERING YOUR BAPTISM

Every day we journey on this earth is a day in which we make choices:

left or right, up or down, in or out, yes or no?

Some choices are simple, and some are very complex, but one choice informs all the others:

Who will be our God? Who will we trust to see us through this journey?

Who has been with us from before the beginning, bringing us into existence?

Who has named us and claimed us as his own?

Who has loved us and blessed us and sent us on our way?

Who pointed us toward the path and posted the signs we need to find our way?

Who has been at our side when the road has been smooth and easy to travel?

Who has guided us through hairpin turns, construction zones and detours?

Who will celebrate with us when we complete our course?

Only One. The One and Only.

Holy One. The One and Holy.

Will you choose this day to stay faithful to the One who is faithful to us?

Count us in.

Will you choose this day to place your whole trust in the One who is trustworthy?

Count us in.

Will you choose this day to commit your life to the One who gave it to you?

Count us in.

Will you choose this day to love the One who loved us first?

Count us in.

Praying together, let us say:

Almighty God, Your Spirit swept over the waters of creation;

You are sweeping over us now, creating something new.

Call us away from the distractions of the world

to experience what You are doing now, in us,

and through us, and in our world.

Open us to a new awakening, a new beginning,

where we look through the lens of the goodness of Your creation,

experiencing all possibilities in You.

Turn us away from anything that deters us from your call to us,

and lead us to the light.

We pray in the name of Jesus, who leads us into life. Amen.

ANOINTING AND PRAYER

Those who so desire, may come to the front of the Sanctuary via the center aisle. As you feel led, you may reach into the font and put water on your forehead. If you like, the pastor will place hands on you and pray for you in reaffirmation of your baptism. You may remain standing or kneel if you choose. Please return to your seat via the side aisles.

BAPTISMAL SONG 488—*I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*

Hymnal

WE BRING OUR GIFTS FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST

OFFERING SONG—*Come Down, Lord*
Chancel Choir

Stan Pethel

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* SENDING SONG 539—*We Will Go Out with Joy*

Hymnal

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

* Please stand if you are able.

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Liturgy adapted from *Freshly Squeezed Liturgy* by Rev. Christine Sobania

LEADING YOU IN WORSHIP TODAY ARE:

LITURGIST: Linda Hermes

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Angel Gippert

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

SOUND: Dave Vander Weide

VISUALS: Bryan Adair

SANCTUARY DOOR GREETER: Liz Hurbis

CENTER DOOR GREETER: Mary Beth Parks

COFFEE HOUR: In honor of Stephanie Wicker, Donna Young, Peggie Schiller, Paulette Lein and LeeAnne Hemberg

PRAYER REQUESTS: 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, 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.

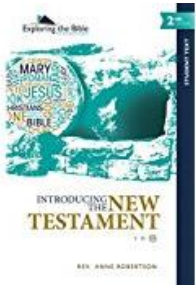
The Board of Deacons also requests prayers for: Church members whose last names begin with the letters S, T and U and for students starting a new semester at school.

UNDECKING THE HALLS—TODAY

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

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY—JANUARY 19 AT 7 P.M.

We are excited to be participating in this worship service with other churches in the area and encourage everyone to attend. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18-25) involves Christian communities across the world and from almost every denomination, and is motivated by the wish to fulfill God’s desire “that all may be one,” as Jesus prayed in John 17. As we worship and pray together with our brothers and sisters in Christ from other denominations, we communicate God’s love to the world, cooperate in God’s purpose to unite all things in Christ, and show the Church as an instrument and sign of the unity of God’s kingdom. The worship service will be held at **St. Regis Church** and will be led by pastors and laity from St. Regis Catholic Church, First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, Cross of Christ Lutheran Church and Northbrook.



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. As always, your sign ups help us prepare enough space for everyone. Please RSVP to Marjorie or Becky in the church office.

ANNUAL MEETING—SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

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.

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

The January newsletter will be mailed and emailed out next week.

GIVING ENVELOPES

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

MEN’S CONNECTION

Men’s Connection meets in the Library on Thursday mornings at 8:00 a.m. Please join us.

SENIOR SOUPER SUPPER

Join us for a delicious soup dinner on Thursday, January 12 and Thursday, January 26 at 5:30 p.m. in the library.

NORTHBROOK BOOK CLUB

Everyone is invited to join book club discussions! New voices are welcome and desired. In this new year, please plan to join in on one or two discussions and bring a friend! On Monday, January 30, we will discuss *The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto* by Mitch Albom at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

LITURGISTS WANTED

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

KNIT WITS

Knit Wits will meet on Wednesday, January 11 at 7:00 p.m. and **Wednesday, January 25 at 1:00 p.m.** Please note the time change for the second meeting of the month.

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.

PRAYER CHAIN

As we begin this new year, please consider becoming a member of Northbrook's Prayer Chain. This is a group of people who lift up their voices in prayer to support those among us who are experiencing difficult times. We welcome your voice as well. If interested, contact Sallie Dorer at (248)647-1465 or camelotsal@aol.com.

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 much 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 free. Classes meet 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.

MEND ON THE MOVE BENEFIT CONCERT—SAVE THE DATE

Join us for an informal evening of music, treats and silent auction to support Mend on the Move, a non-profit serving Metro Detroit that empowers and employs women survivors of abuse through jewelry making. Performance by accomplished singer/songwriter Olivia Millerschin featuring songs from her latest album release "Look Both Ways." The concert will be held at Northbrook on Friday, February 10 from 7—9 p.m.

Northbrook Calendar

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

MONDAY, January 9

- 10:00 a.m. Adult Education Committee Meeting
- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting—Men's Group

TUESDAY, January 10

- 6:30 p.m. Congregational Life Committee Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Zumba
- 7:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, January 11

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. LOGOS
- 7:00 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Knit Wits

THURSDAY, January 12

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Connection
- 5:30 p.m. Senior Souper Supper
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, January 15

- 10:15 a.m. Worship
- 10:15 a.m. KIDS' Connection
- 11:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 11:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Screening
- February Newsletter Articles Due

MONDAY, January 16

OFFICE CLOSED in observance of Martin Luther King Day

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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