

Welcome to

Northbrook Presbyterian Church

January 14, 2018



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

One: Happy are those who walk in God's ways.

All: Blessed are those who observe God's commandments.

One: Faithful are those whose eyes are fixed on righteousness.

All: Joyful are those whose hearts are filled with praise.

One: Come, let us love the Lord our God.

All: We come to worship the One who leads us in the ways of life.

* OPENING SONG 733—*We All Are One in Mission*

Hymnal

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we pray for forgiveness for times when our own words and actions do not follow the lead of the Holy Spirit. Forgive us for the times when we have used the gifts of your Spirit to enhance our own glory rather than praising yours. Forgive us for the times when we've used your gifts for division and discord rather than increasing understanding and unity. Forgive us for the times when we believed one gift was superior to another rather than celebrating their diversity. O God, forgive any lack of commitment to love as Jesus loved and to serve as he served. Fill us anew with the Holy Spirit so that our worship, witness, and service may reflect our unity and the faithful use of our diverse gifts. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

—*Silent prayer*—

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: The Good News is that God continues to love and save us in and through Jesus, whom we confess as Savior and Lord. Friends, believe these words of grace: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

* THE PEACE

*As we are reconciled to God and to one another, share a sign of Christ's peace and love with your neighbor.
—All Children are invited to go to KIDS' Connection at this time—*

* SONG 761—*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

Hymnal

SCRIPTURE READING—1 Corinthians 12:1-11

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SONG 717—*For the Life That You Have Given*

Hymnal

SERMON—*Living Signs*

Jacqueline Spycher

John 2:1-11

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WE BRING OUR GIFTS FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST

OFFERTORY SONG—*Declare Your Makers Praise*

Lloyd Larson

Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, LORD'S PRAYER

* SENDING SONG 700—*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

Hymnal

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Please stand in body or spirit.

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

*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*

LEADING YOU IN WORSHIP TODAY ARE:

PASTOR: Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi

PASTORAL ASSISTANT: Jacqueline Spycher

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Angel Gippert

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

SOUND: Michael Bauhof

VISUALS: Jeff Wilhelmi

SANCTUARY DOOR GREETER: Betsy Savage

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Dorothy Warren and Mary Jo Johnston

CHANCEL FLOWERS: Placed in honor of Jacqueline Spycher's Ordination

PRAYER REQUESTS: Iva Voight, Georgina Kennedy, Tracey Parker, Dick Keier, Michael Campion, Bob Miller, Roger McGuineas, Margaret Babb, Al & Mary Alice Shrosbree, Georgina Keoleian, Seglinda Kelle-Pritchard

The Board of Deacons also requests prayers for: Church members whose last names begin with the letters N and O members of the Finance Committee.

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.

***You are invited to the
Ordination of Jacqueline Spycher
Today at 4:00 p.m.***

***Please join us in worship this afternoon as we joyously celebrate the ordination
of Jacqueline Spycher as a Presbyterian Minister of Word and Sacrament.
A reception will follow the service in Fellowship Hall.***

Service of Prayer for Christian Unity



“May they all be one, so that the world may believe...” - John 17:21

Participating Churches:

First Baptist Church of Birmingham, First United Methodist Church of Birmingham,
First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, Franklin Community Church, Northbrook Presbyterian Church,
St. James Episcopal Church, St. Regis Catholic Church

**Sunday, January 21, 2018
at 5:00 pm**

**Northbrook Presbyterian
Church**

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Each year, Christians around the world are reminded of Jesus' prayer for his disciples that "they may be one so that the world may believe" (see John 17:21). Since 1908, congregations and parishes everywhere have set aside the week of January 18—25 as a week to come together to pray for Christian unity.

A community prayer service will be held on Sunday, January 21, at 5:00 pm, at Northbrook Presbyterian Church. We hope you will join your neighbors from local congregations for this timely opportunity to reflect the love and unity we share in Jesus Christ to our community.

SEASON OF GIVING FUNDRAISER UPDATE!

A great big THANK YOU to all who donated or purchased goods and services during December's Season of Giving FUNdraiser! Through December 31, we realized \$5,615 in sales and donations, and our generous anonymous #AngelAmongUs elected to give the entire \$10,000 matching grant to the cause, bringing the grand total raised to \$15,615! These FUNds support our annual operating budget, and, just as importantly, they provide a way to come together to share the gifts and talents we each possess. Offerings include all sorts of things: neck massages, picture hanging, cooking, cleaning, transportation, gardening, tutoring, tech support, hospitality and more. In fact, so many great goods and services were offered that we're extending the FUN through January to give our 2018 operating budget a kick-start! Check out the Season of Giving board in Fellowship Hall, and again, THANK YOU for sharing in the FUN!

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: ANIMATE FAITH

Together, we'll explore central topics of Christianity like God: Faith Is a Quest; Religion: Spirituality Is not Enough; Salvation: Abundant Life Now; Cross: Where God Is and Church: An Imperfect Family. These topics will be introduced to us on DVD by contemporary leaders of the Christian faith today like Lillian Daniel, Nadia Bolz-Weber, Bruce Reyes-Chow and Mark Scandrette, leaving plenty of room for us to discuss and explore what these subjects mean for us today. The study began Wednesday, January 10 and will be offered at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. for five weeks. An optional study journal can be purchased for \$14.00. Please RSVP to the church office or to marjorie@northbrookpc.org.

WOMEN'S MARCH TRIP—SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

On Sunday, January 21, a group of women (and men, if they'd like to come) will be traveling from Northbrook to the State Capitol for the Women's March on Lansing. Organized to commemorate the historic Women's March on Washington in 2017, the march in Lansing aims to bring together local and state voices to continue the discussion and movement towards gender equality. The question of why each person marches varies but often includes concerns about human rights, ending violence, women's health, anti-poverty and environmental concerns. As people of faith, we hold these concerns as our own. We will depart from the church immediately following worship on Sunday, January 21. If you would like to join us, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact Jackie Spycher at (248) 642-0200 or jacqueline@northbrookpc.org.

SENIOR SOUPER LUNCH

Senior Souper Lunch will meet on Thursday, January 25 at 1:00 p.m. in the Library.

KNIT WITS

Please join the Knit Wits on Wednesday, January 24 at 1:00 p.m. in the Library.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2018 Offering Envelopes are now available for pick up in the Narthex. Please contact Kathy Brooks with questions at (248)642-0200 or kathy@northbrookpc.org.

PUB THEOLOGY—TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

Are you interested in talking about faith and God but shy away from conventional bible studies? Or, perhaps you just like the idea of sharing a beer and meeting some new folks? Join us on Tuesday, January 30 at 7 p.m. at Brady's Tavern located at 31231 Southfield Road in Beverly Hills for Pub Theology. Come once or every time. We will meet monthly with a new topic each time. New faces and friends are always welcome. We'll supply the first round of appetizers. You will buy your own beer, pop or whatever. Not sure how to find us? Look for the Pub Theology logo on the table. Questions? Contact Jackie Spycher at jacqueline@northbrookpc.org.

MEN'S CONNECTION—THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Men's Connection meets every Thursday morning in the Library at 8 a.m. Come gather for a light breakfast, prayer, thought-provoking conversation and friendship as we discuss an interesting topic to help us broaden and understand our relationship with God. All men are invited to join us. For more information, contact Bill Travis, John Thomas or Phil Owen.

ZUMBA IS BACK!

Now that most of the Fellowship Hall renovations are complete, Zumba will resume. **The January through February 13th classes will meet in Fellowship Hall every Monday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. After February 13, classes will take place on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.** Zumba is a Latin-inspired, dance-fitness class that incorporates Latin and international music and dance movements, creating an exciting and effective fitness program. People with all levels of dance and workout experience are welcome to join. Abby Adair, certified Zumba instructor, will be teaching the classes for \$5 per session. Please bring a water bottle and gym shoes and wear comfortable active clothing. Contact Abby Adair with any questions and to let her know you're attending at (248)798-8530 or abagaeladair@gmail.com. Classes must have a minimum attendance or they may be cancelled.

CHANCEL AND WINDOW FLOWERS

The 2018 Flower Chart is in the main hallway. Prices for chancel flowers and a pair of window flowers will remain the same as in 2017. Chancel Flowers are \$45, and a pair of window flowers is \$25. Purchasing and placing flowers in the Sanctuary is a beautiful way to honor or memorialize loved ones.

GIVING STATEMENTS

Giving statements for 2017 have been sent out to all who made any monetary contribution to Northbrook Church. Non-monetary gifts are not noted on the giving statements. If you did not receive yours, contact Kathy Brooks in the office at (248)642-0200 or kathy@northbrookpc.org. Please review your statement for accuracy and completeness. If any changes are necessary, call or email Kathy right away so that corrections may be made before the accounting books are closed in mid-January.

THANK YOU

My sincere thank you for the special 90th birthday celebration last Sunday and for making our church a warm and welcome place to worship.

Hugs and blessings,

Edna Gadsby

SAVE YOUR TREASURES

Begin saving those treasures you no longer use for the 2018 Northbrook Garage Sale. We are beginning to collect donations and they can be stored in the Youth House. Please contact Barb Stetson at bbkstetson@comcast.net for details. Sale dates are June 22nd and 23rd.

This Week at Northbrook

SUNDAY, January 14

- 10:15 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Kids' Connection
- 11:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Screening
- 4:00 p.m. Jacqueline Spycher's Ordination

MONDAY, January 15

OFFICE CLOSED in observance of the
Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

- 6:30 p.m. Zumba
- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting—Men's Group

WEDNESDAY, January 17

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

THURSDAY, January 18

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Connection

SATURDAY, January 20

- 10:00 a.m. Session Retreat

SUNDAY, January 21

- 10:15 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Kids' Connection
- 11:30 a.m. Deacons' Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Mid & Senior Highs
- 5:00 p.m. Prayer of Service for Christian Unity

Office Hours

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

Worship: Sundays at 10:15 a.m.

More news and calendar information can be found online at www.northbrookpc.org

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