

Welcome to

Northbrook Presbyterian Church

January 15, 2017



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

Peggie Schiller

One: The Spirit of the Lord is upon us.

All: The Spirit of the Lord is in us!

One: Anointing us, Sending us!

**All: To bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the prisoners,
recovery of sight to the blind, liberation to the oppressed.**

One: The day of the Lord is coming.

All: This is the day of the Lord. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbors.
We are quick to ask your blessing and power for ourselves
but slow to welcome your forgiveness when it is offered to others.
We have not heeded your call to love our enemies,
to proclaim release to the prisoners or to care for the poor.
Too often we are tempted to seek revenge instead of committing to your justice.
We respond in anger when we don't like what we hear
and we do not easily recognize our own faults and prejudices.
Forgive us our sins, and fill us with your Holy Spirit
that we may be instruments of your justice and mercy now and forever more.**

—silent prayers of confession—

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* THE PEACE

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

* SONG—*These Are the Days of Elijah*

Robin Mark



1. These are ___ the days of E - li - jah, ___ de -
(2.) these are ___ the days of E - ze - kiel, ___ the



-clar - ing ___ the Word ___ of the Lord; ___ And these are ___ the days of Your
dry bones ___ be - com - ing ___ as ___ flesh; And these are ___ the days of Your



ser - vant, Mo - ses, right - eous - ness be - ing ___ re - stored; And
ser - vant, Dav - id, re - build - ing ___ a tem - ple ___ of praise; And



though these ___ are days of ___ great tri - als, ___ of fam - ine ___ and dark - ness ___ and
these are ___ the days of ___ the har - vest, ___ the fields are ___ as white in ___ the ___

— sword; — Still we are — the voice — in the des - ert cry - ing, “Pre -
 — world; — And we are — the la - bour - ers in Your vine - yard, de -
 -pare ye the way — of the Lord.” — Be-hold He — comes, rid -ing on the clouds, .
 -clar - ing the Word — of the Lord. —
 — shin - ing like the sun — at the trum - pet call; Lift your —
 voice, it's the year of Ju - bi - lee, — and out of Zi - on's hill sal - va - tion comes.

SCRIPTURE READING—*Psalm 146*

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SONG 701—*Lord, Prepare Me*

Hymnal

SERMON—*The Fickle Finger of Faith*
 Luke 4:14-30

Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi

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WE BRING OUR GIFTS FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST

OFFERING SONG—*Thy Will Be Done*
 Chancel Choir

Joyce E. Eilers

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* SENDING SONG 772—*Live into Hope*

Hymnal

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

* Please stand if you are able.

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Cover Art: Flying Fickle Finger of Fate Award, Rowan and Martin Laugh-In prop.

*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:

LITURGIST: Peggie Schiller

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Angel Gippert

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

SOUND: Dave Vander Weide

VISUALS: Bozenna Johnson

SANCTUARY DOOR GREETER: Carl von Ende

CENTER DOOR GREETER: Tricia LaSota

COFFEE HOUR: Doug and Diane Joppie

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 V, W and Y and members of the Men's Connection.

NORTHBROOK 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.

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.

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURE

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King Day. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday.

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. If you're simply curious about the Christian faith and would like a non-threatening way of learning more, we welcome you. The **study started Wednesday, January 11 and runs for 6 weeks in the library.** You can join the morning class at 10 a.m. or the evening class at 7 p.m. 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.

SUPER BOWL SUBS ARE BACK!

The Youth Mission Trip participants will be heading to Minnesota this year and they are raising funds by selling Super Bowl subs on Sunday, February 5 immediately following worship. Sub choices are Italian, turkey or veggie and cost \$8 each. They will be taking pre-orders during coffee hour on the next three Sundays or you can call Becky at the church with your order. You can pay when you pick up your order. Any questions, please call Ken Stetson or Barb Stetson at (248)302-3033.

GIVING ENVELOPES

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

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.

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 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library, we will discuss *The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto* by Mitch Albom.

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 26 at 5:30 p.m. in the library.

KNIT WITS

Knit Wits will meet on **Wednesday, January 25 at 1:00 p.m.** Please note the time change.

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.

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.

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 features 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 15

- 10:15 a.m. Worship
- 10:15 a.m. KIDS' Connection
- 11:15 a.m. Session Meeting
- 11:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 11:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Screening
- 11:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 4:00 p.m. Mid Highs
- 6:00 p.m. Senior Highs
- February Newsletter Articles Due

MONDAY, January 16

- OFFICE CLOSED in observance of Martin Luther King Day
- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting—Men's Group

TUESDAY, January 17

- 6:30 p.m. Zumba

WEDNESDAY, January 18

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

THURSDAY, January 19

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Connection
- 7:00 p.m. Ecumenical Prayer Service at St. Regis Church

FRIDAY, January 20

- Youth Retreat (1/20—1/22)

SUNDAY, January 22

- 10:15 a.m. Worship
- 10:15 a.m. KIDS' Connection

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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