

Welcome to

Northbrook Presbyterian Church

February 11, 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 WORSHIP¹

Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi

When God appeared on earth in the person of Jesus,
most of the world did not recognize him and therefore did not worship him.
Today we ask for faith that will open our eyes to see Jesus for who he is,
that we might worship him in truth.
Beloved, behold your God!

We open our eyes to see his glory.
We open our ears to hear his wisdom.
We open our hands to offer him gifts.
We open our mouths to sing his praise.
We open our hearts to offer him our love.
Jesus is Lord! Let us worship him together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

Forgiving God, in a world filled with so much pain, we would rather shut our eyes and be blind than see things as they really are. Grant us the courage to face the reality of our world, and give us the strength to bring your light to those who walk in darkness. Help us see others as you see them, and forgive us when we do not trust you enough to open our eyes to the possibilities before us. Heal our self-inflicted blindness, O God, and lead us in the footsteps of the Light of the World, who reveals your glory in his life, his teachings, and his love. In his holy name, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Christ came to lead us in paths of righteousness and to guide us through our lives. Christ is with us in times of danger and times of peace. The goodness and mercy of God are given to us each and every day of our lives. God forgives us for our failings, upholds us in love, and leads us to the place that Christ has prepared for us. Believe in your heart that God loves you and forgives you.

In the light of God, all is made clear. We see how much God loves us and how much God loves all people. We see Christ, the Light of the World, in Scripture and in our lives; and although we once were blind, now we see!

* 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 450—*Be Thou My Vision*

Hymnal

SCRIPTURE READING—Ephesians 5:8-14

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SONG 182—*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

Hymnal

SERMON—*Seeing Jesus*

John 9:1-11, 35-39

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

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WE BRING OUR GIFTS FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST

OFFERTORY SONG—*Let It Shine!*
Chancel Choir

arr. Don Besig

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, LORD'S PRAYER

* SENDING SONG 853—*We Are Marching in the Light of God*

Hymnal

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Please stand in body or spirit.

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1 Adapted from *Reformed Worship*, December 2003

2 ministrymatters.com, March 26, 2017

LEADING YOU IN WORSHIP TODAY ARE:

PASTOR: Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi

ASSISTANT PASTOR: Rev. 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

CENTER DOOR GREETER: Tricia LaSota

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Congregational Life Committee

CHANCE FLOWERS: Placed by Bob and Lori Sandercock and Brooke, Cassidy and JoJo in honor of Tom Sandercock's 90th Birthday.

PRAYER REQUESTS: The family and friends of Martin Dinsmore who died on February 4, Iva Voight, Tracey Parker, Michael Campion, Bob Miller, Roger McGuineas, Margaret Babb, Al & Mary Alice Shrosbree, Georgia Keoleian, Seglinda Kelle-Pritchard

The Board of Deacons also requests prayers for: Church members whose last names begin with the letter A and members of the Northbrook Prayer Chain.

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.

ANNUAL MEETING & LUNCHEON—TODAY FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Please join us for our Annual Meeting and Luncheon today following worship. We will celebrate our past year as well as the completion of the renovations to Fellowship Hall.

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

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER—TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Whether you call it Mardi Gras or Shrove Tuesday, customarily the day before Lent has been a time of enjoying sweet food and upbeat music. Join us for our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 13 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Folks of all ages are encouraged to come and bring along friends and family for an evening of good food and good times. Besides pancakes and toppings, we will have sausage, King Cake and gluten-free options. A goodwill offering will be taken. If you are interested in helping to set-up, cook or clean-up, contact Jackie at jacqueline@northbrookpc.org. Sign-up sheets to attend and/or help can be found in Fellowship Hall.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Please join us on Wednesday, February 14 at 7:00 p.m. for our Ash Wednesday service.

LENTEN BOOK STUDY

From the *New York Times* bestselling author, Barbara Brown Taylor, *Learning to Walk in the Dark* provides a way to find spirituality in those times when we don't have all the answers. With her characteristic charm and literary wisdom, Taylor will be our guide through a spirituality of the nighttime, teaching us how to find our footing in times of uncertainty and giving us strength and hope to face all of life's challenging moments. If you are interested in joining a group, sign up on the board in Fellowship Hall. Dates and locations for the study will vary between the groups.

NORTHBROOK BOOK CLUB—MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Please join the discussion of ***Detroit Hustle: A Memoir of Life, Love and Home*** by Amy Haimerl on February 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. **All book clubbers should bring a list of three to five suggested titles for future reading to the February 12 meeting. Please note the change in the order of upcoming books to read:** March 26— *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah and May 7— *The Good Chinese Daughter: Growing Up in China and America* by Elizabeth Chiu King

NORTHBROOK PRAYER CHAIN

Please consider becoming a member of our Northbrook Prayer Chain. This is a group of members who offer prayers of support for those among us who are experiencing some difficult times. Prayer is a powerful force, and we welcome anyone interested in adding their voice to our prayers. For more information about becoming a member of the Prayer Chain, contact Sallie Dorer at (248)647-1465 or camelotsal@aol.com.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Kathy Bauhof will do blood pressure screenings on Sunday, February 18. If you would like your blood pressure taken, please visit her in the office after worship.

MEN'S CONNECTION

Men's Connection meets every Thursday morning in the Library at 8:00 a.m. All men are invited to join us.

KNIT WITS

Please join the Knit Wits on Wednesday, February 28 at 1:00 p.m. in the Library.

SENIOR SOUPER LUNCH

Senior Souper Lunch will meet on Thursday, February 22 at 1:00 p.m. in the Library.

WORLD MEDICAL RELIEF

World Medical Relief (WMR) gathers unused medical supplies and equipment and ships these materials to countries all over the world where medical care is difficult to find and medical supplies are scarce. Volunteers are needed to sort and pack these supplies. A typical work day starts around 9:00 am and ends around 2:00 pm. Volunteers are asked to bring a bag lunch. For those of you who have volunteered at WMR before, the good news is that it has moved closer to us. It is now located at 21725 Melrose in Southfield, just East of Lahser and North of 8 Mile. Some suggested work days are February 22 or February 23. Other dates could be arranged. If you are interested, please e-mail Carl von Ende at vonende@millercanfield.com.

ZUMBA

Zumba will be held on Monday, February 12th from 6:30—7:30 p.m. On February 20th, Zumba will resume its usual Tuesday night time slot from 6:30—7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Classes are \$5 per session. Bring a water bottle, gym shoes and wear comfortable active clothing. Contact Abby Adair at (248)798-8530 or by email abagaeladair@gmail.com to let her know you will be attending. Classes must have a minimum attendance or they may be cancelled.

PUB THEOLOGY—TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Are you interested in talking about faith and God but shy away from conventional bible studies? Perhaps you just like the idea of sharing a beer and meeting some new folks. Then, join us on Tuesday, February 27 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.

KIDS' CONNECTION

KIDS' Connection will take a break on February 18th and 25th and resume again on March 4th.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

From April 20-22, Northbrook will be joining with Orchard Lake Community Church, Presbyterian for a women's retreat in Grass Lake, MI. Reflecting on the inspirational stories of biblical women from varying generations, we will also be exploring our own stories. We welcome women and girls of all generations, school-aged to senior citizens. We will enjoy large and small group discussions, crafts and other activities, as well as unhurried time for personal reflection. Come for the weekend or just Saturday. Sign up by March 11th and contact Jackie Spycher with questions at jacqueline@northbrookpc.org.

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.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you haven't picked up your 2018 Offering Envelopes, please contact Kathy Brooks in the office at (248)642-0200 or kathy@northbrookpc.org.

This Week at Northbrook

SUNDAY, February 11

- 10:15 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Kids' Connection
- 11:15 a.m. Annual Meeting & Luncheon
- 11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

MONDAY, February 12

- 6:30 p.m. Zumba
- 7:00 p.m. Northbrook Book Club Meeting
- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting—Men's Group

TUESDAY, February 13

- 5:00 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

WEDNESDAY, February 14—Ash Wednesday

- 5:00 p.m. LOGOS
- 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

THURSDAY, February 15

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Connection
- March Newsletter Articles Due

SATURDAY, February 17

- 7:00 p.m. Coffee House Concert

SUNDAY, February 18

- 10:15 a.m. Worship
- No KIDS' Connection today
- 11:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Screening
- 11:30 a.m. Session Meeting

Northbrook Presbyterian Church

Coffee House Concert - No Cover Charge



February 17 at 7p.m.

FEATURING JEAN WATSON

Jean is an internationally acclaimed singer-songwriter and is a classically trained violinist. Jean's musical style is eclectic and features an abundance of Celtic-infused violin with her haunting vocals. She has been honored with four Best Female artist awards for Praise and Worship by the UK Christian Alliance. Jean also hosts a daily radio program in Ireland.

Please join us for an inspiring evening of live music,
candle-lit coffee house seating and refreshments.

Goodwill donations received at this concert will support
The Welcome Inn Day Center, South Oakland County's
only daytime winter warming center.

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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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