

Welcome to

Northbrook Presbyterian Church

Palm Sunday, March 25, 2018



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.

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Penny Willey

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever!

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.
**This is the gate of the Lord;
let the faithful come and worship God.**

* OPENING SONG 196—*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

Hymnal

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS³

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And, being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

* THE PEACE

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

SONG—*This is the Day*
Children's Ministry

Natalie Sleeth

CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY

SONG 267—*Come, Christians, Join to Sing* (verse 1)

Hymnal

SCRIPTURE READING—Zechariah 9: 9-10

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SERMON—*The Humble Creature*
Mark 11:1-11

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

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WE BRING OUR GIFTS FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST

OFFERTORY SONG—*With Crowns of Praise*
Chancel Choir

Martin/Angerman

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, LORD'S PRAYER

* SENDING SONG 198—*Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*

Hymnal

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Please stand in body or spirit.

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1 Psalm 118: 1, 19-20

2 *BCW* 236

3 Philippians 2:5-11

LEADING YOU IN WORSHIP TODAY ARE:

PASTOR: Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi

ASSISTANT PASTOR: Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Angel Gippert

LITURGIST: Penny Willey

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

SOUND: Dave Vander Weide

VISUALS: Bill Jordan

SANCTUARY DOOR GREETER: Betsy Savage

CENTER DOOR GREETER: Dave Tengler

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Children's Ministry Committee

WINDOW FLOWERS: Placed by Jeff Keoleian in honor of his mother, Georgenia Keoleian's birthday.

BUNNY BRUNCH—TODAY FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Please join us in Fellowship Hall after the Palm Sunday service for our annual Bunny Brunch courtesy of the Children's Ministry Committee. There will be a nice light brunch for all. During this time, the children, toddlers thru 5th grade, will be invited to participate in an egg hunt.

PRAYER REQUESTS: The Sowle family, Tracey Parker and family, Peggie Schiller and family, Sam Owens, Brad Back, Stephanie Wicker, Michael Campion, Bob Miller, Roger McGuineas, Margaret Babb, Al & Mary Alice Shrosbree, Seglinda Kelle-Pritchard, Georgenia Keoleian

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

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.

Holy Week & Easter Services

Maundy Thursday—Thursday, March 29 at 7 pm

Good Friday—Friday, March 30 at Noon

Easter Sunrise Service—Sunday, April 1 at 7 am at Beverly Park

Easter Service at Northbrook—Sunday, April 1 at 10:15 am

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) works here and around the world to give food, clean water, disaster relief and help to people who want to be self-supporting. Special OGHS offering envelopes can be found in your bulletin.

LABYRINTH WALK

Continue your journey through Holy Week with a prayer walk on the labyrinth. It will be available in Fellowship Hall prior to and after the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday worship services: Thursday, 5:00-9:00 p.m. and Friday, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

PUB THEOLOGY—TUESDAY, MARCH 27

Join us on Tuesday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m. at Brady's Tavern for Pub Theology, an opportunity to meet people outside the walls of the church and talk about faith. On Tuesday, March 27, we will talk about prayer and communicating with God. Come alone or with a friend. Come every month or just once to try it. The church will cover the appetizers. You cover your drink of choice. Contact Jackie Spycher with questions at jacqueline@northbrookpc.org.

FORT STREET OPEN DOOR—THURSDAY, MARCH 29

Join us at 8:00 a.m. in the church parking lot as we travel to the Fort Street Open Door program in Detroit.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Welcome the Resurrection with the light of the new day! Join us at 7:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 1 for an Easter Sunrise Service at Beverly Park located at 18801 Beverly Road in Beverly Hills. Come in your Easter best, in your pajamas or bundled up for the crisp air. New faces, neighbors and dogs are welcome. Contact Jackie Spycher with questions at jacqueline@northbrookpc.org. There will be an Easter Service at Northbrook at 10:15 a.m. in addition to the sunrise service.

NORTHBROOK YOUTH MISSION TRIP—DEPOSITS DUE APRIL 1

Mission Trip registration is now underway! The trip dates are **June 24-30, 2018** in Hamilton, Ohio. The Youth Mission Trip is open to students who have completed 8th grade or above. The price of the trip is based on our fundraising but is typically \$400. We do offer some scholarship assistance to those who need it but also encourage fundraiser participation! For more information and to register for the trip, please follow this link: <http://groupmissiontrips.com/pc/northbrook-presbyterian-church-beverly-hills>. Click on the "Participant Info Form" tab on the left side of the page and fill out each section. **Also, please let Ken Stetson know if your child plans to attend. Deposits of \$100 are due by April 1.** This trip is often regarded as one of the best aspects of our youth program, and we are looking forward to another great week! For more information, please contact Ken Stetson at stetson.kenny@gmail.com.

KIDS' CONNECTION

KIDS' Connection takes a break on April 1st and 8th due to the school spring break week. Children are encouraged to stay in worship for the entire service on those Sundays.

MEN'S CONNECTION

Men's Connection meets every Thursday morning in the Library at 8:00 a.m. ***Please note that Men's Connection will not meet on Thursday, March 29.***

KNIT WITS

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

SENIOR SOUPER LUNCH

Senior Souper Lunch will meet on Thursday, April 12 and Thursday, April 26 at 1:00 p.m. in the Library.

ZUMBA

Join us for Zumba from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in Fellowship Hall. Classes are \$5 per session. Contact Abby Adair at abagaeladair@gmail.com with questions. **There will be no class the week of March 26. The next session will be Monday, April 2.**

RYAN ROCKS! BLOOD DRIVE—WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2018 FROM 1:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

Please consider donating blood on Wednesday, May 2 at Northbrook. To schedule an appointment, visit www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code **northpres** or call Kristin Miller at (248)672-3239. Appointments will be honored first, but walk-ins are welcome if time permits.

NORTHBROOK GARAGE SALE—JUNE 22 AND JUNE 23

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. Contact Barb Stetson at bbkstetson@comcast.net for details. Sale dates are Friday, June 22 and Saturday, June 23rd. Please be selective and donate items that are clean and in working condition and clothing that has no stains or rips. **Accepted items include:** clothing and shoes, art and picture frames, decorative pillows, jewelry and accessories, handbags, holiday items, bicycles, exercise equipment, books, linens, blankets, towels, rugs, sporting equipment, housewares, working electronics, iPads, video games and consoles, flat screen TV's, toys, home and garden items, luggage, furniture, appliances and lamps. **Items we cannot accept include:** textbooks, tires, fragrances, mattresses, cosmetics, old TV's prior to 2004, old computers, cribs or car seats, medications, nonworking electrical items and hazardous materials.

AN EVENING WITH AUTHOR ELIZABETH CHIU KING—MONDAY, MAY 7

On Monday, May 7, the Northbrook Book Club and the Adult Education Committee are sponsoring an evening with author Elizabeth Chiu King. She will be discussing her book *The Good Daughter: Growing Up in China and America*. Elizabeth Chiu King has many talents and has previously shared with us her gifts on meditation here at Northbrook.

Regarding her book, "Elizabeth King has written an absorbing and at times, gripping memoir of a life that began in the troubled times preceding and during World War II. Her story is not merely one of survival but of good and bad luck, determination, love and eventual peace through meditation. In speaking of herself, King has spoken for a generation that lost everything and still found the strength to rebuild a life very much worth living."—Robert Kiely, Professor of English Emeritus, Harvard University

We encourage you to join us in a lively presentation by this delightful woman at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 7 in the Library.

WELCOME SPRING (AND TAX DAY) POTLUCK—SUNDAY, APRIL 15 FOLLOWING WORSHIP

What better way to greet spring and celebrate tax filing day than with a bowl of hot soup and an assortment of potluck accompaniments. Join us on Sunday, April 15 following worship in Fellowship Hall to share a lunch and lots of conversation. Bring your potluck offerings before worship, and we will keep them in the kitchen. The Congregational Life Committee will supply a bowl of delicious soup.

REBUILD TOGETHER OAKLAND COUNTY WORK DAY—SATURDAY, APRIL 28

Northbrook has signed up again to participate in the Rebuild Oakland workday. We will help yet-to-be-named homeowners with whatever problems keep them from having a clean, safe and comfortable home. This year, Rebuild Day is **Saturday, April 28**. Our assigned house will likely be in Southfield. We usually work from 9:00 a.m. or so until 1 or 2 p.m. There will be jobs for folks of all skill levels. To sign up, follow this link: <http://bit.ly/2oNajL3> and fill out the volunteer form. It will take less than five minutes. This project is a wonderful chance to help a neighbor and get to know your fellow Northbrook members better. For more information and to let him know that you will be participating, please contact Carl von Ende at vonende@millercanfield.com

This Week at Northbrook

SUNDAY, March 25—*Palm Sunday*

- 10:15 a.m. Worship
- 10:15 a.m. KIDS' Connection
- 11:15 a.m. Bunny Brunch
- 11:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

MONDAY, March 26

- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting—Men's Group

WEDNESDAY, March 28

- 1:00 p.m. Knit Wits
- 5:00 p.m. LOGOS

THURSDAY, March 29—*Maundy Thursday*

- 8:00 a.m. Fort Street Open Door
NO Men's Connection today
- 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

FRIDAY, March 30—*Good Friday*

- Noon Good Friday Service

SUNDAY, April 1—*Easter*

- 7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service
at Beverly Park
- 10:15 a.m. Easter Worship & Communion
in the Sanctuary

MONDAY, April 2

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

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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