

Welcome to

— *Northbrook Presbyterian Church* —

April 24, 2016



For the
message of the cross
is foolishness
to those
who are perishing,
but to us who
are being saved
it is the
power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18

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

Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi

CENTERING SONG

John Bell

***Behold, behold, I make all things new, beginning with you and starting from today,
Behold, behold, I make all things new, my promise is true, for I am Christ the Way.***

OPENING PRAYER

Penny & Evan Willey

OPENING SONG 20—*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Hymnal

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND SUPPLICATION

**As we pray for a world divided,
may our silences hold our confession and the light reflect our hope.**

—silent prayer as the first candle is lit—

**For the nations who speak too much about differences,
and too little about our rich diversity, we pray.**

—silent prayer as the second candle is lit—

For the people who live in prejudice and seek an exclusive God, we pray.

—silent prayer as the third candle is lit—

For the churches broken by schism and the creeds that divide us, we pray.

—silent prayer as the fourth candle is lit—

**For the people ignored in our communities and churches
through gender, sexuality, culture, or creed, we pray.**

—silent prayer as the fifth candle is lit—

**For our neighborhoods, and divided communities
who have forgotten their common life, we pray.**

—silent prayer as the sixth candle is lit—

Hear us. Hold us. Renew us. 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.

—Children are invited to go to KIDS' Connection at this time—

SONG 300—*We Are One in the Spirit*

Hymnal

SCRIPTURE READING—Acts 18:1-4

NT p. 138

SONG 458—*Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet*

Hymnal

SERMON—*What Foolishness is This*

Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

NT. 165

WE BRING OUR GIFTS FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST

OFFERTORY SONG—*Amazing Grace*

Jack Schrader

Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

* Please stand if you are able.

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Prayer of Confession and Supplication adapted from *Spill the Beans*, Worship & Learning Resources, Issue 18.

*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: Penny & Evan Willey

Director of Music: Angel Gippert

Praise Band: Dan Gross as leader, percussion, guitar; Pete Zajicek on piano

Sound: Dave Vander Weide

Visuals: Bill Jordan

Center Door Greeter: Bill Travis

Sanctuary Door Greeter: Nancy Schaefer

Chancel Flowers: Placed by the Nancy Schaefer in memory of Jim Schaefer.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please pray for the family and friends of Don Upward who died on April 21, the family and friends of Patricia Rutherford who died on April 21, Cliff Dean, Sherrill Heinrichs, John Thomas, Rob Olson, Tom Sandercock, Karen Keier, Mary Alice Shrosbree, Janice Faigle, Dick Forbush, Phyllis Klinger, Bruce & Ruth Thomas, 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 letter R and the 2016 Northbrook confirmands.

YOU ARE INVITED TO AN INQUIRERS' LUNCHEON—SUNDAY, MAY 1

Are you looking for an opportunity to consider your personal faith journey in the context of Christian community? Do you want to know more about what it means to be an actively engaged member of the Body of Christ in the world today? Are you curious about what Presbyterians believe and how we fit into the larger culture of faith around the world? If you'd like to know more about Northbrook to discern if this is the place you'd like to make your home for faith, you are invited to join a discussion on those topics around the lunch table with others who have the same interest. We will meet in the Library immediately following worship on Sunday, May 1 from 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. ***Please RSVP to Marjorie at Marjorie@northbrookpc.org or to Becky at Becky@northbrookpc.org. Let us know if you need child care or have special dietary needs.***

PARDON THE MESS

We will be having some plumbing work performed next week that will likely cause some disruption to the parking lot. Please stay away from the roped off areas in the parking lot until all the repairs have been completed. Thank you for your cooperation.

BATTER UP!

Come on out and join the Northbrook-Adat softball team! We partner with a Jewish synagogue and play our games on Sundays. If interested, please see Mark Best or Frank LaSota.

MISSION TRIP TALENT SHOW FUNDRAISER—SUNDAY, MAY 15 AT 5PM

Calling all talented Northbrook members! Come show off your talents and skills by participating in the Northbrook Talent Show taking place on Sunday, May 15 at 5:00 p.m. Come join us for dinner and an evening filled with entertainment, laughter and fellowship, with proceeds benefitting the Senior High Mission Trip to Princeton, Illinois. If you are interested in participating, contact Ken Stetson at ken@northbrookpc.org. *All ages and talents wanted!* Tickets for dinner and the show are \$10 per person or \$25 per family.

LIVING THE QUESTIONS: SPRING TERM

This DVD-based curriculum attempts to offer an alternative to studies that give us all the answers but rather creates an environment where we are free to interact with each other, live deeply into the questions we all share and explore what relevance Christianity has for us today. We'll listen in on conversations with some of the leading voices of Christianity in our world and discover where we stand on the important questions of faith. This term's study includes such subjects as: Does God's grace truly have no bounds? Realizing God's Vision. Prayer--Intimacy with God. Compassion--The heart of Jesus' ministry. Creative Transformation. Embracing Mystery. Each class stands alone so it is not necessary to have attended Fall or Winter term to enjoy this study. We will meet in the Library on Wednesdays. Choose either the morning session at 10 a.m. or the evening session at 6:30 p.m. and feel free to move between the two as your schedule permits. Cost is \$5 for materials. Spring term classes start on Wednesday, May 4 and run for 7 weeks. Please let the church office know if you plan to attend so we can be sure to have enough materials for everyone.

PEWABIC POTTERY TOUR—SATURDAY, MAY 14

Please join the Adult Education Committee for a trip to Pewabic Pottery for a tour and workshop on May 14. We chose a Saturday to allow for more people to join us. Those traveling in the church van will have lunch at Sinbad's after the tour. Those choosing not to lunch or with other plans will need to provide their own transportation. We will meet in the church parking lot at 9 a.m. The cost of the tour is \$20 and it does not include lunch. There is a sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please contact Liz Hurbis at (248)646-1316 with questions.

KNIT WITS

The Knit Wits will meet on Wednesday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m. Please join us.

SENIOR SOUPER SUPPER

Join us for fellowship and a delicious soup dinner on Thursday, April 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the Library.

TAKE MOM TO LUNCH—SUNDAY, MAY 8

Celebrate Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8 with worship at 10:15 a.m. followed by a delicious bowl of soup, a light salad and a specially decorated cookie by Emily Stetson all served in Fellowship Hall. What a treat and no long restaurant lines. This special event is brought to you by the good cooks on the Congregational Life Committee.

NEW (??) STAFF!

We are pleased to announce the addition of new custodial staff. Larry Brown, yes, THAT Larry Brown, has emerged from retirement to rejoin our staff and to share the care of this facility with Lynn Stephenson. Lynn will work Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Larry will be here Tuesdays and Fridays. In addition, Sue Jaques has joined us as our Preschool custodian, working late afternoons Monday through Friday. When you have a chance, stop in and say hi!

SERMON NOTES:

THIS WEEK AT NORTHBROOK

SUNDAY, April 24

10:15 a.m.	Worship
10:15 a.m.	KIDS' Connection
11:30 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
11:30 a.m.	Session Meeting

MONDAY, April 25

8:00 p.m.	AA Meeting—Men's Group
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WEDNESDAY, April 27

7:00 pm	Knit Wits
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THURSDAY, April 28

8:00 a.m.	Men's Connection
5:30 pm	Senior Souper Supper

SUNDAY, May 1

10:15 a.m.	Worship & Communion
11:30 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
11:30 a.m.	Inquirers' Luncheon

Office Hours

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

Friday: 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Worship: Sundays at 10:15 a.m.

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

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