

Welcome to

Northbrook Presbyterian Church

July 2, 2017



*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 WORSHIP

Clyde Pritchard

One: Hear the voice of my prayers as I lift up my hands in your holy sanctuary (Ps. 28:2)

**All: So I will bless you as long as I live,
I will lift up my hands and call on your name (Ps. 63:4)**

One: Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the Lord (Ps. 134:2)

All: Let us lift up our hearts as well as our hands to God in heaven (Lam. 3:41)

A PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

One: As we remember the birth of our nation and the gifts of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, we give our thanks to you, O God, giver of all good gifts. We lift up our voices in gratitude for all the ways you have blessed us:

All: For the women and men who braved the long journey by sea to come to this new world,

One: For the tribes and nations who inhabited this land for generation upon generation,

All: For patriots who dreamed of, and fought for, a free nation,

One: For the men and women who laid the foundation of our democracy, and who pledged liberty and justice for all,

All: For those who built this country brick by brick, road by road, and town by town,

One: For the brave soldiers who have fought for our country, for all who paid for our freedom by their service, and those who paid by their sacrifice,

All: For the innovators and artists, poets and teachers, farmers and factory workers; for all who labor and provide for the common good,

One: For this land, with its peaks and valleys, coasts and deserts, fields and meadows,

All: For our own community, for those who came before us in this place, and for our neighbors near and far,

One: Lord, we pray for the United States, that we might always be a nation which defends and promotes liberty and freedom, truth and justice.

All: That we might always be a nation where all are free to worship and pray,

One: That we might be a beacon of freedom to all those who live under the shadow of terror and hopelessness,

All: That those who are elected to govern and lead, would be guided by you, and be ever aware of the trust that has been given them,

One: And that we would be a people who repent from our sins, and who always return to you and to your grace.

All: Gracious God, Father of all nations, increase in us your grace and compassion, and lead us in your pathways of kindness, love, and justice for the sake of your kingdom through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG 338—*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies, vs. 1 (sung slowly and reflectively)* Hymnal

* 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 338—*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies, vs. 2-3 (at tempo)* Hymnal

SCRIPTURE READING—*Isaiah 1:10-17*

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SERMON—*A Far Better Country*

Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi

Hebrews 11:1-16

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WE BRING OUR GIFTS FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST

* OFFERTORY SONG 337—*My Country, 'Tis of Thee*

Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION—*This is the Body of Christ*

John Bell

This is the bo - dy of Christ, — bro - ken that we may be
whole; — this cup, as prom - ised by God, true to his
word, cra - dles our Lord: — food for the good of the soul. —

THE LORD'S SUPPER

We welcome everyone who believes in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior to share in this meal. This morning, we serve by Intinction. Please come forward by the center aisle, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and eat. Return to your place via the side aisles. If you are more comfortable to remain where you are, we will gladly bring the bread and cup to you. For those who desire it, you will find gluten-free bread and individual cups of juice on the table.

INVITATION AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, LORD'S PRAYER

SONGS DURING COMMUNION

525—*Let Us Break Bread Together*

Hymnal

498—*Loaves Were Broken, Words were Spoken*

CLOSING PRAYER

* SENDING SONG 340—*This Is My Song*

Hymnal

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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Prayer for our Country written by Rick Morley.

LEADING YOU IN WORSHIP TODAY ARE:

LITURGIST: Clyde Pritchard

PRAISE BAND: Pete Zajicek, piano

SOUND: Michael Bauhof

VISUALS: Jeff Wilhelmi

SANCTUARY DOOR GREETER: Betsy Savage

COMMUNION SERVERS: Michael Bauhof, Bill Travis, Dorothy Warren

PRAYER REQUESTS: The family and friends of Co Abatt who died on June 22, Nancy Schaefer, Roger McGuineas, Tracey Parker, Margaret Babb, Dick & Alma Ross, Al & Mary Alice Shrosbree, Georgenia Keoleian, Seglinda Kelle-Pritchard

The Board of Deacons also requests prayers for: Church members whose last names begin with the letter D and gratitude for the freedoms we enjoy.

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.

OFFICE CLOSURE

The Northbrook office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

PLEASE PARDON OUR DUST

Renovation of the Women's restroom has started. During the restroom renovation, the unisex handicap bathroom and the bathrooms in the preschool rooms will be available for use.

NORTHBROOK KNIT WITS SUMMER SCHEDULE

The Knit Wits will meet once a month on the 4th Wednesday of the month through September. Please join us at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 28, Wednesday, July 26, Wednesday, August 23 & Wednesday September 27. We usually meet in the Library.

SENIOR SOUPER LUNCH

Please join us in the Library on Thursdays, July 13 and 27 for Senior Souper Lunch.

HABATAT GLASS GALLERY TOUR—WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

How did you ever find this place? That is the big question asked after touring the Habatat Glass Gallery near 14 Mile and Coolidge in Royal Oak. Open all year, but until July 21, it is the International Glass Show. It is the largest and oldest studio glass exhibition in the world for the purpose of exposure and education. The Northbrook Adult Education Committee invites Northbrook members and friends to join us for a free tour on Wednesday, July 12. We will meet at the church a 10:45 a.m. to leave for the gallery. After the tour, we have reservations for lunch at the new Three Cats Cafe, located at The Show in Clawson next to Leon and Lulu's. This is part of their new expansion. If you are unable to join the tour, you can still join us for lunch around 12:30 or you may join in the tour even if you can't make lunch. Please let your intentions be known on the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

ECUMENICAL LUNCHEON—THURSDAY, JULY 13

You are invited to attend an ecumenical luncheon with The Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II, the PC(USA) Stated Clerk on Thursday, July 13 from 11 a.m.—1 p.m. at the Henry Hotel. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased from the Presbytery of Detroit Resource Center at (313)345-6550, ext. 215. For more information about tickets and scholarships, email hellis1010@aol.com. The Henry Hotel, formerly the Ritz Carlton, is located at 300 Town Center Drive in Dearborn. The luncheon is sponsored by the Michigan Black Presbyterian Caucus.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Sunday, September 24, we will be putting on a golf outing fundraiser for Second Mile Center. It is their 10 year anniversary and they have done amazing things for children and families in that time! They operate on a very limited budget, barely getting by some months. We are hoping to get more information and recognition for them. This will be open to the entire Detroit presbytery (or more!). The outing will take place at Glen Oaks golf course in Farmington Hills. It starts at noon on Sunday, September 24 and includes 18 holes of golf, dinner, prizes, auction, etc. Please put it on your calendars, think about foursomes or we will find you one. Stay tuned for more information. Questions or offers of help, contact Kathy Bauhof and Terri Hurbis.

THE UGANDAN KIDS CHOIR IS COMING TO NORTHBROOK—SUNDAY, JULY 30 AT 9:45 A.M. The children in the Ugandan Kids Choir bring a message of hope—sharing the power of God’s love through traditional music and dance. As they tour the US, they delight audiences with their high-energy performances and infectious joy. The Ugandan Kids Choir is a group of ten children, five girls and five boys, all blessed with an amazing talent for song and dance! These children come from the poorest parts of Uganda and are chosen for their enthusiasm, ability and dedication, all of which make them potential leaders when they return to their communities. They are currently touring the United States speaking up on behalf of children living in poverty who have yet to be sponsored. ***Put this date on your calendar. Tell your friends and family.*** You won’t want to miss this wonderful opportunity to experience traditional African song and dance right here at Northbrook. The Ugandan Kids Choir is a ministry of Childcare Worldwide which has been dedicated to empowering children in the developing world since 1981. Through child sponsorship, Childcare Worldwide brings hope to children in need by providing them with an education that will set them up for future employment and break the cycle of poverty in their lives.

NORTHBROOK SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Summer worship services begin at **9:45 a.m.** and alternate between indoors and outdoors, weather permitting.

July 9 – Outdoor

July 16 – Indoor

July 23 – Outdoor

July 30 – Indoor (Ugandan Kids Choir)

Aug. 6 – Indoor (Camp Sunday)

Aug. 13 – Outdoor

Aug. 20 – Indoor

Aug. 27 – Outdoor

Sept. 3 – Indoor (Labor Day weekend)

Sept. 10 – Outdoor (Sunday FunDay)

On September 17, we resume our 10:15 a.m. regular worship schedule.

This Week at Northbrook

SUNDAY, July 2—Indoor Worship

9:45 a.m. Worship & Communion

MONDAY, July 3

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting—Men's Group

TUESDAY, July 4

OFFICE CLOSED—*Happy Independence Day*

FRIDAY, July 7

OFFICE CLOSED

SUNDAY, July 9—Outdoor Worship

9:45 a.m. Worship

Office Hours

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

Friday: Closed June, July and August

Summer Worship: Sundays at 9:45 a.m.

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

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