

Welcome to

Northbrook Presbyterian Church

August 26, 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

I. THE PATHWAY OF AWE AND WONDER

We are invited to celebrate! The pulse of creation is singing the goodness of God and God's gift of goodness in all things. We become more aware of the beauty of all that is and tap into gratitude as our first task in creating more goodness in the world.

GATHERING AND WELCOMING

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

God is good!

All the time!

All the time!

God is good!

* EXPANDING OUR ATTENTION 360°

Text and music: Phil Porter, 1990

1 2

Gath-ered here in the mys-tery of this hour, gath-ered here in one strong

3 4

bod - y, gath-ered here in the strug-ple and the power, Spir - it draw near.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves of music in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff contains the first two measures of the melody, marked with a '1' above the first measure and a '2' above the second measure. The second staff contains the next four measures, marked with a '3' above the first measure and a '4' above the second measure. The lyrics are written below the notes.

As people who worship an incarnate God, we recognize that we too are spirit in flesh. We give thanks for the beauty of creation and our place in it.

We give thanks for the dawning of each new day, and for the new beginnings made possible for our Creator.

We give thanks for the light of day, and the gift of the sun that lights our way.

We give thanks for the gifts God has given to us. May we share them with energy and passion.

We give thanks for the gift of the evening that invites us to release and let go.

We give thanks for the gift of the night time with its beauty of stars and moon. May we find our times of rest and east.

* PRAISING 15—*All Creatures of Our God and King*

Hymnal

PRAYING

THE BLESSING OF LEO FRANKLIN PABST

Leo's parents are Abbey and Tom Pabst. His big sister is Noa Beth. His grandparents are Mary Beth and Jim Parks, and Mike and Maureen Pabst. We bless him today in Jesus' name, knowing that Jesus said: "Let the little children come unto me and do not forbid them, for God's kingdom is belongs to such as these" (Luke 18:16).

FRENCH REFORMED BAPTISMAL LITURGY:

For you, little one, the Spirit of God moved over the waters at creation, and the Lord God made covenants to live in love with his people.

It was for you that the Word of God became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth.

For you, Leo, Jesus suffered death and cried out "It is finished!"

For you, Christ triumphed over death,

rose in newness of life and ascended to reign over all.

All of this was done for you, little one, though you do not know it yet.

**But we will continue to tell you this good news until it becomes your own.
And so the promise of the gospel is fulfilled:
We love because God first loved us.**

* SONG 488—*I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*

Hymnal

II. THE PATHWAY OF SURRENDER

We come with open hearts where pain coexists with goodness and gratitude. We listen to the groans of the world and the Spirit helps us to grieve, to intercede on behalf of all those who suffer, and to let go of those fears that can sometimes distort our vision.

LISTENING

“The Word is living, being, spirit, all verdant greening, all creativity.

This Word manifests itself in every creature.”

“Like billowing clouds, Like the incessant gurgle of the brook,

The longing of the spirit can never be stilled.”

~Hildegard of Bingen

SONG 472—*Kumbaya* (to be sung one verse at a time, as directed)

Hymnal

SAFESPACE LORD'S PRAYER

Mark Berry

O Breathing Life, your name shines everywhere!

Release a space to plant your Presence here.

Imagine your possibilities now.

Embody your desire in every light and form.

Grow through us this moment's bread and wisdom.

Untie the knots of failure binding us,

as we release the strands we hold of others' faults.

Help us not forget our Source, yet free us from not being in the Present.

From you arises every Vision, Power and Song from gathering to gathering.

Amen.

III. THE PATHWAY OF DIVINE CREATIVITY

We enter into the space to explore how God is working in and through us and all the universe to renew each day every direction. Each moment offers opportunity to express our God-gifted creativity. We hear messages—ancient and new—that express and affirm the Divine at work and encourage us in our creative collaboration with the Divine.

BRINGING WORDS TO LIFE—*Isaiah 6:1-8*

One: In the year of King Uzziah's death, I saw the Lord sitting on a high and exalted throne, the edges of his robe filled the temple. Winged creatures were stationed around him. Each had six wings: with two they veiled their faces, with two their feet, and with two they flew about. They shouted to each other, saying:

**All: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of heavenly forces!
All the earth is filled with God's glory!**

One: The doorframe shook at the sound of their shouting, and the house was filled with smoke. I said, "Mourn for me; I'm ruined! I am a man with unclean lips and I live among a people with unclean lips. Yet I have seen the king, the Lord of heavenly forces!" Then one of the winged creatures flew to me, holding a glowing coal that he'd taken from the altar with tongs. He touched my mouth and said,

All: See, this has touched your lips. Your guilt has departed, and your sin is removed.

One: Then I heard the Lord's voice saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" I said.

All: Here I am; send me!

One: Lord, my God, I will give thanks to you forever.
This is a Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

One: All creation is a word of God.

All: All creation speaks volumes of God.

MEDITATION—*Awesome*

Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG—*The Tribute*

Andrae Crouch

Doug Joppie, soloist

IV. THE PATHWAY OF COMPASSION AND POWER

We are fed and led out into the world. We pray for movement within our own hearts to embody peace and passion—compassion and power—on behalf of spreading goodness throughout the week. We are not at the mercy of the "way it is," we can claim our agency to be fully present and fully active in the world into which we now go.

HOLDING ON

* GO FOR IT!

* BENEDICTION SONG 543—*God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

Hymnal

POSTLUDE

* Please stand in body or spirit.

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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

CENTER DOOR GREETER: Brian Long

SANCTUARY DOOR GREETERS: Rob & Marcia Olson

PRAYER REQUESTS: The family and friends of Doris Bouchard who recently passed away, Kim and Bonnie Annett, Roberta Campion, Ellie Poster, Paulette Lein, Tracey Parker, Sam Owens, Brad Back, Bob Miller, Stephanie Wicker, 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 L and for clean water.

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.



ABOUT HILDEGARD OF BINGEN

(September 16, 1098 – September 17, 1179) Abbess, artist, author, composer, mystic, pharmacist, poet, preacher, theologian—where to begin in describing this remarkable woman? Born into a noble family, she became a Benedictine nun at the age of 18. She wrote several books and composed short works on medicine and physiology.

Hildegard's visions caused her to see humans as "living sparks" of God's love, coming from God as daylight comes from the sun. Like all mystics, Hildegard saw the harmony of God's creation and the place of women and men in that. In 2012, Hildegard was canonized and named a Doctor of the Church by Pope Benedict XVI. Her Liturgical Feast Day is September 17.

PUB THEOLOGY—TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

Pub Theology will meet again on Tuesday, August 28 at 7 p.m. at Brady's Tavern.

ANGST FILM SCREENING AND PANEL DISCUSSION—TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

Birmingham First United Methodist Church is having a film screening of *Angst—Raising Awareness around Anxiety* along with a panel discussion with mental health experts on Tuesday, August 28 at 6:30 p.m. The goal of this program is to start a local conversation and raise awareness around anxiety. Admission is free and appropriate for middle school students, high school students and adults. For more information, a list of panel experts or to watch a trailer, go to www.fumcbirmingham.org/angst.

FORT STREET OPEN DOOR—THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

Open Door at Fort Street Presbyterian Church is Thursday, August 30. We'll go to serve the morning meal. The group will depart at 8:00 a.m. from the church parking lot, and our time of service will be followed by lunch in Detroit at a surprise location. For more information and/or to sign up, contact Seglinda Kelle-Pritchard at (248)626-6514.

CANS FOR COMMUNION

Beginning on Sunday, September 2 and continuing every Communion Sunday (first Sunday of each month), the Mission Connection Committee will take up a collection of canned goods to be distributed to an area food pantry and distribution centers. Please bring cans of food to church on Communion Sundays so we can help put food on the table for those who are hungry. The collection point will be near the name tag table and main doors leading into the Narthex. No glass and please make sure the cans don't have expired dates on them. Thank you.

SUNDAY FUN DAY—SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Mark your calendars and invite your friends and neighbors. Sunday Fun Day is Sunday, September 9 at 11:30 a.m. and you don't want to miss it! There will be food, games, activities and fun for all ages. We'll need many volunteers to have a great event. To volunteer, please use the Sign Up Genius link here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044badaf2aa4f58-sunday> or sign up after worship.

NORTHBROOK BOOK CLUB—MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

On Monday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m., the Northbrook Book Club will meet in the Library to discuss *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann. Our very own Clyde Pritchard will be there to reveal stories about these tragedies taking place near his hometown in Oklahoma. *Grann revisits a shocking series of crimes in which dozens of people were murdered in cold blood. Based on years of research and startling new evidence, the book is a masterpiece of narrative nonfiction, as each step in the investigation reveals a series of sinister secrets and reversals. But more than that, it is a searing indictment of the callousness and prejudice towards American Indians that allowed murderers to operate with impunity for so long.* (Excerpt from bookbrowse.com)

FAITH IN ACTION WORK DAY & LUNCH

On Saturday, September 22, Northbrook will join with our mission partners for a day of service. Regardless of age, skill level, or physical mobility, we have a job for you! Then, join us for lunch after worship on Sunday, September 23 to share stories and pictures from our work teams. Sign-up following today's worship. For more information, contact Winnie Davies-Hancock at (248)593-8035 or winsomeann@aol.com or Jackie Spycher at jacqueline@northbrookpc.org. Friends, neighbors, and new faces are welcome to join us. Our ministry work day partners include:

- ◆ American Indian Health and Family Services: this team will do orchard and garden work.
- ◆ Baldwin Center: this team will help to organize their holiday store.
- ◆ A Place of Refuge: this team will help with outdoor maintenance and building projects.
- ◆ Fort Street Open Door & Welcome Inn: this team will remain at Northbrook to assemble hygiene and care kits, as well as make greeting cards. This project is appropriate for all ages and abilities.

INQUIRERS' CLASS—SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Are you looking for a place to make your home for faith? Do you want some company on your spiritual journey? Are you curious about what Presbyterians believe? Do you have questions about Christianity, church or what any of this means? Would you like to know more about Northbrook or how to become part of what's happening here? Then, **YOU ARE INVITED** to an Inquirers' Class on **Sunday, September 23** following worship in Room 6. Please RSVP by contacting the church office at (248)642-0200 or by email to marjorie@northbrookpc.org. Childcare will be provided upon request.

SECOND MILE CENTER GOLF OUTING—SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

The Second Mile Center golf outing is coming up on Sunday September 30 at 1:30 p.m. You can sign up for golf and dinner for \$125 or just dinner (which last year was amazing!) for \$65. Sign up with your foursome or we will find you one. You can pay Kathy Bauhof or go to the Second Mile Center of Detroit's secure website and sign up and pay there with credit card. We are also looking for donations for the silent auction, golfer gift bags and sponsors. For more information, please contact Kathy Bauhof at (248)515-5307 or kathybauhof@gmail.com.

RETIREMENT PARTY SAVE THE DATE

Save the date for a party on Sunday, October 28 to celebrate Marjorie's ministry and wish her well in her retirement. Time and details to follow.

SENIOR SOUPER LUNCH

Senior Souper Lunch will resume in September on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. Please join us on Thursdays, September 13 and September 27 at 1:00 p.m. in the Library for a delicious soup lunch.

KNIT WITS

The Knit Wits meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month. Please join us on Wednesday, September 26 at 1:00 p.m. in the Library. All skill levels are welcome.

MEN'S CONNECTION

September is here, and Men's Connection planners are getting ready for Thursday morning fellowship, Bible study and light breakfast. Men's Connection meetings are every Thursday morning at 8 a.m. beginning Thursday, September 28. Come gather for prayer, thought-provoking conversation and friendship as we discuss an interesting textbook we may use to help us broaden and understand our relationship with God. All men are invited to join us. See you on September 20th. For more information, please contact Bill Travis, John Thomas or Phil Owen.

LOGOS—SEPTEMBER 19TH KICK-OFF

This year, LOGOS will be undergoing a few exciting changes. We will be offering a worship service and dinner open to youth and adults! LOGOS meets on Wednesdays starting September 19th. Recreation for youth will be from 5-5:30 p.m., worship will be 5:30-6:15 p.m., and dinner will be from 6:15-7 p.m. The cost for the first half of the school year (12 Wednesdays) is \$55, or individuals coming for dinner can pay \$7 when they come. If you have a child in your life, we would love for them and their parents to participate! Please contact Ken Stetson at stetson.kenny@gmail.com to register ahead of time or for questions.

NORTHBROOK CHOIR

Calling all singers! We will be starting up choir rehearsals for the upcoming year on Thursday, September 13 at 7 p.m. Please come out and join us! Rehearsals alternate between Thursdays from 7-8:30 p.m. and Sundays after the service from 11:30-1 p.m. No experience is needed, only a willingness to have fun and learn! Hope to see you there!

OFFICE HOURS

The office will be closed on Monday, September 3 in observance of Labor Day and resume regular Monday through Friday office hours beginning September 4.

THANK YOU

Heartfelt thanks to the Northbrook congregation for your many cards, your kind thoughts, your care and concern and, most important, your loving prayers. All are truly appreciated. With heartfelt love and blessings to you all.

~Phil Owen

This Week at Northbrook

SUNDAY, August 26

9:45 a.m. Worship

5:00 p.m. Mid & Senior Highs Youth Group

MONDAY, August 27

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting—Men's Group

TUESDAY, August 28

7:00 p.m. Pub Theology at Brady's Tavern

WEDNESDAY, August 29

12:00 p.m. AA Meeting

THURSDAY, August 30

8:00 a.m. Fort Street Open Door

FRIDAY, August 31

Office Closed

SUNDAY, September 2

9:45 a.m. Worship & Communion

Bring Cans for Communion

MONDAY, September 3

Office Closed—*Happy Labor Day*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

WE WILL RESUME OUR 10:15 A.M.
WORSHIP SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY

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Rev. Jacqueline Spycher, Assistant Pastor of Outreach Ministries

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

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

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

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