

Welcome to

Northbrook Presbyterian Church

September 9, 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 WORSHIP

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

Wind upon the waters: rippling, waves swelling, breaking.

Wind whistling through the woods: trees dancing and swaying.

Wind sweeping the desert sands: dunes shifting and moving.

Wind buffing ice fields: snow swirling, drifting, sparkling.

Wind rattling the rushes: seeds hurled, floating, dancing in space.

Wind rushing through canyons like water: stone whistling and moaning.

Wind inhaled and expelled from your lungs: breath rising and falling.

All creation alive with wind, with breath, with the spirit of life.

Blow fresh upon and through us, calling us to be the body of Christ in this place and time.

* OPENING HYMN 22—*God of the Sparrow*

Hymnal

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

By mortal love, our hearts are drawn to love's eternal spring: the love that life greets every dawn, the love that sparrows sing, the love that feeds an infant's trust, the love that nurtures ours, the love that blesses our frail dust with love's redemptive powers, the love our violent world rejects and fear and hatred scorn, the love that each of us neglects when weighed down and worn, the love that even then persists and nudges us with grace as gentle as the morning mists that wreathes this hallowed place, love as constant as the waterfall cascading from the pond that echoes love's profounder call to respond in love, setting the wooded mountainside ringing with our praise: the spring of love we crucified, eternal love has raised!

(Silent prayer)

We come overfilled. Before we can take in one more experience or idea, relationship or dream, first we need to stop in sabbath. We need to pour out everything settled within us, all we have consumed. Then in silent emptiness to consider what we want, what we are passionate about, to yearn and search for God. Purged, cleansed and empty, we now begin this day with Assurance of God's love. On this foundation of assurance, we listen to God's word read and preached and lived.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

* THE PEACE

*As we are reconciled to God and to one another, share a sign of Christ's peace and love with your neighbor.
During the song, the children are invited to come forward for a special message.*

* HYMN 432—*How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord*

Hymnal

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING—Psalm 125

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SERMON—*Be Open*

Mark 7:24-37

Rev. Dr. Craig Lindsey

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WE BRING OUR GIFTS FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST

OFFERTORY HYMN 641—*When in Our Music God is Glorified*

Hymnal

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* SENDING HYMN 384—*Soon and Very Soon*

Hymnal

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

* Please stand in body or spirit.

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1 Washington Island Forum worship, Wisconsin Council of Churches, 2018

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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:

Please extend a warm welcome to the Rev. Dr. Craig Lindsey. Dr. Lindsey and his wife, Judy, were both preacher's kids and are the parents of two sons ages 30 and 32. He is a Michigan-native, a graduate of Ann Arbor Pioneer High School, The College of Wooster in Ohio, Union Seminary in New York and Columbia Seminary in Georgia. Dr. Lindsey is a founding board member of the John Dau Foundation. In 2005, he traveled solo to isolated war-torn villages to reunite Lost Boy families. The foundation has provided a decade of health care in South Sudan serving over 215,000 people. He is the justice from Synod of the Northeast on the General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission of the PC(U.S.A.). Dr. Lindsey serves as the host to the Skaneateles Chamber Music Festival and Presbyterian Manor congregational living for Seniors. He is a published author, and he is a recipient of the Peace Action Award and the Synod of Northeast's Excellence in Evangelism Award. Craig and Judy have been in the Finger Lakes of Central NY for the last 22 years. They enjoy card games, home renovation projects, entertaining and long walks with their four-legged companion, Annie.

ASSISTANT PASTOR: Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Angel Gippert

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

VISUALS: Bryan Adair

SOUND: Dave Vander Weide

CENTER DOOR GREETER: Lee Anne Hemberg

SANCTUARY DOOR GREETER: Bill Travis

PRAYER REQUESTS: Kim and Bonnie Annett, Roberta Campion, Ellie Poster, 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 N and for people with mental illness and their caregivers.

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.

SUNDAY FUN DAY—SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Today is Sunday FunDay! Following worship, join us for food, games, activities and fun for all ages.

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.

FAITH IN ACTION WORK DAY & LUNCH—SEPTEMBER 22 AND SEPTEMBER 23

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.
- Sign up sheets can be found in the main hallway.

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 in Room 6 following worship. Please RSVP by contacting the church office at (248)642-0200 or by email to marjorie@northbrookpc.org. Lunch will be served and 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, <http://www.secondmilecenter.org/>, and sign up and pay there with credit card. We are also looking for donations for the silent auction (e.g. sports tickets, gift baskets, gift cards for a gift card tree. Donate any amount card to large chain store or restaurant, etc.). We could also use donations for golfer gift bags which is a good way to get your company logo in! Finally, we are looking for sponsors for holes or tables. We are doing it a little different this year:

- ◆ \$1500 Platinum Sponsorship: You sponsor a hole and get 4 tickets for your team and dinner and a sign at the banquet and a public thank you.
 - ◆ \$700 Gold Sponsorship: You sponsor a hole and get 2 tickets for golf, dinner and a sign in the banquet room.
 - ◆ \$250 Silver Sponsorship: You sponsor a hole and get recognition at the banquet.
 - ◆ \$100 Bronze Sponsorship: You sponsor a table, or closest to the pin, or longest drive sponsor.
- 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—SEPTEMBER 13 AND SEPTEMBER 27

Senior Souper Lunch will resume meeting 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—SEPTEMBER 26

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 20. 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.

PUB THEOLOGY

Pub Theology has been cancelled for the month of September due to a conflict with a Presbytery meeting.

PRAYER CHAIN

Summer is over, and fall activities will resume. Please consider joining the Northbrook Prayer Chain, a group of our members who offer prayers for those among us who are going through difficult times. Prayer is a powerful force, and we welcome anyone interested in adding their voice to the group. For more information or to join, please contact Sallie Dorer at (248)647-1465 or camelotsal@aol.com.

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 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!

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The office has resumed its regular hours. The office is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. until Noon.

CHANCEL/WINDOW FLOWERS

We still have many openings to purchase Chancel or windows flowers this fall. This is a wonderful way to memorialize or honor a loved one or special occasion. Chancel Flowers are \$45 and a pair of window flowers is \$25. The sign up sheet can be found in the main hallway.

CALLING ALL LITURGISTS AND COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

We are in need of liturgists and coffee hour hosts. You will find sign up sheets in the main hallway. If you have any questions about being a liturgist, please see or contact Pastor Marjorie or Pastor Jackie. If you have questions about being a coffee hour host, please see or contact Judy Owens. Thank you!

CANS FOR COMMUNION

On 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 are not expired. Thank you.

WORKING FOR A SAFER ENVIRONMENT

Your Session has approved a new arrangement for accessing the building during office hours. In an attempt to provide greater security and peace of mind, particularly for our Preschool, the center doors will remain locked during the day, Monday through Friday, effective September 3. If visiting the church for classes, meetings or business between the hours of 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., please enter the building through the north door by the church steeple. The center doors will be unlocked for LOGOS and evening classes and events and on Sunday mornings. An exception to this will be in the case of memorials or funerals or special events that may take place during office hours. We know it may take some time to get used to these new arrangements. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we make this change together!

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY - IMMORTAL DIAMOND: A STUDY IN SEARCH OF THE TRUE SELF

This study will be unlike any other we have done together. Using Richard Rohr's book, *Immortal Diamond* (Jossey Bass) as our text, we will undertake a spiritual pilgrimage, exploring through the book, additional articles and poetry, video, personal reflection, discussion and contemplation of the real you—your True Self, your God-given identity and calling. It can't be overstated that this course is not your usual Bible study. This is not a course of information or factual learning, but rather an exploration of the soul, a spiritual journey. This book and course may challenge your preconceived notions of who you are, who God is and how you want to live. Practices will be introduced in this course that may challenge and inspire you to "mine" deeper than you have ever gone before. All practices are invitations to be integrated into your life. Some will resonate and others won't, and that's OK.

Classes will be on Wednesdays: 10 am – noon, and 6:30 – 8:30 pm in the Library. Our first meeting will be on September 19. Class will meet on October 3, 10, 24, and 31 (NOTE: No class September 26 or October 17 and YES, we will meet on Halloween!)

The book is available through online booksellers, like Amazon, and at Barnes and Noble. You must have read the book to participate in class. Additional handouts in class will be provided. A donation of \$5 helps cover our printing costs.

Advanced registration for this class is required. This study will take commitment on your part. If it calls to your soul, make the commitment and sign up today by contacting becky@northbrookpc.org or calling the church office (248)642-0200. Any questions? Ask Marjorie!

This Week at Northbrook

SUNDAY, September 9

10:15 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Sunday FunDay

MONDAY, September 10

7:00 p.m. Northbrook Book Club Mtg.

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting—Men's Group

TUESDAY, September 11

6:30 p.m. Congregational Life Comm. Mtg.

7:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Comm. Mtg.

WEDNESDAY, September 12

12:00 p.m. AA Meeting

THURSDAY, September 13

1:00 p.m. Senior Souper Lunch

SUNDAY, September 16

9:45 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. KIDS' Connection

11:30 a.m. Deacons' Meeting

11:30 a.m. Session Meeting

5:00 p.m. Mid & Senior Highs

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OFFICE HOURS

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

Worship: Sundays at 10:15 a.m.

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