

Welcome to

— *Northbrook Presbyterian Church* —

September 16, 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<sup>1</sup>

One: The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky shows God's handiwork.

**All: Day to day they speak,  
night to night they reveal knowledge.**

One: There is no speech, no words,  
where their voice goes unheard.

**All: Their voice has gone out to all the earth  
and their words to the end of the world.**

One: The words of God are always love  
for God is love.

**All: Let us celebrate that love and be transformed.  
Let us worship God together!**

\* OPENING HYMN 157—*I Danced in the Morning*

Hymnal

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving and Holy God, it is easy for us to say that we will follow you, but difficult to live that out in our daily lives. Jesus calls and challenges us to take up our crosses and follow, and yet we continually fall short. Forgive our lack of commitment and faith. Forgive our unwillingness to allow you to transform our hearts and our lives. Heal us and give us courage to be disciples and enable us to joyfully proclaim your healing mercies and your transformational love. It's in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

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 hymn, the children are invited forward for a special message.*

*They are then dismissed to KIDS' CONNECTION*

\* HYMN 188—*Jesus Loves Me!*

Hymnal

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

BAPTISM OF JACKSON TUCKER BACK

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, Jackson, 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.**

HYMN 475—*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Hymnal

SCRIPTURE READING—James 2:14-17, 3:1-12

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WE BRING OUR GIFTS FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST

OFFERTORY HYMN 726—*Will You Come and Follow Me*

Hymnal

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

\* SENDING HYMN 749—*Come! Live in the Light!*

Hymnal

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

\* Please stand in body or spirit.

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1 Based on Psalm 19 (TLV)

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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*

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LEADING YOU IN WORSHIP TODAY ARE:

ASSISTANT PASTOR: Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

LITURGIST: Judy Owen

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Angel Gippert

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

VISUALS: Bozenna Johnson

SOUND: Dave Vander Weide

CENTER DOOR GREETER: Bill Travis

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Judy & Phil Owen

SANCTUARY DOOR GREETERS: Doug & Diane Joppie

PRAYER REQUESTS: Kim and Bonnie Annett, Roberta Campion, Ellie Poster, Tracey Parker, Steve Sicora, 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 O and for members of the Mission Connection Committee.

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.

### 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. ***Even if you did not join a service team, please stay for lunch and hear about the day of service.*** 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](mailto: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 following worship in Room 6. Please RSVP by contacting the church office at (248)642-0200 or by email to [marjorie@northbrookpc.org](mailto:marjorie@northbrookpc.org). Lunch will be served and childcare will be provided upon request.

### 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! Contact Ken Stetson at [stetson.kenny@gmail.com](mailto:stetson.kenny@gmail.com) to register or for questions.

## MEN'S CONNECTION—THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

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.

## 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](mailto: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.

## 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.

## SENIOR SOUPER LUNCH—SEPTEMBER 27

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

## PRAYER CHAIN

Summer is over, and fall activities have resumed. 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](mailto:camelotsal@aol.com).

## NORTHBROOK CHOIR

Calling all singers! Choir rehearsals have begun and we hope you will 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!

## 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. – 5 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!

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

## 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 don't have expired dates on them. Thank you.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7  
Please join us on Sunday, October 7 following worship for a  
Congregational Meeting to elect officers.

## 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 a.m. – noon, and 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. 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](mailto:becky@northbrookpc.org) or calling the church office (248)642-0200. Any questions? Ask Marjorie!

## This Week at Northbrook

### SUNDAY, September 16

- 10:15 a.m. Worship
- 10:15 a.m. KIDS' Connection
- 11:30 a.m. Deacons' Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Mid & Senior Highs

### MONDAY, September 17

- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting—Men's Group

### WEDNESDAY, September 19

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. LOGOS
- 6:30 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study

### THURSDAY, September 20

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Connection

### SATURDAY, September 22

Faith in Action Day of Service

### SUNDAY, September 23

- 10:15 a.m. Worship
- 10:15 a.m. KIDS' Connection
- 11:30 a.m. Inquirers' Class
- 11:30 a.m. Faith In Action Luncheon  
(All are welcome to attend!)

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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](http://www.northbrookpc.org)