

Welcome to

Northbrook Presbyterian Church

September 17, 2017



Growing in God

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

Jeff Wilhelmi

One: Creator of the cosmos, of eternity and time:

All: Be with us in this time.

One: Savior of the world, healer of the nations:

All: Be with us in this place.

One: Breath of all that lives, of people near and far:

All: stir within our lives.

One: Maker-Spirit-Son, God of here and now:

All: Be present in our worship, that we may find new ways to be present in your world.

* OPENING SONG—*Creation Sings the Father's Song*

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1. Cre - a - tion sings the Fa - ther's song; — He calls the sun to wake the dawn and
 (2. Cre) - a - tion gazed up - on His face; — The age - less One in time's em - brace, un -
 (3. Cre) - a - tion longs for His re - turn, — when Christ shall reign up - on the earth; The



run the course of day, till eve - ning falls in crim - son rays. His
 - veiled the Fa - ther's plan of rec - on - cil - ing God and man. A
 bit - ter wars that rage are birth pains of a com - ing age. When



fin - ger - prints in flakes of snow; — His breath up - on this spin - ning globe; — He
 sec - ond Ad - am walked the earth, — whose blame - less life would break the curse, — whose
 He re - news the land and sky, — all heav'n will sing and earth re - ply — with



charts the ea - gle's flight, com - mands the new - born ba - by's cry. Hal - le - lu -
 death would set us free to live with Him e - ter - nal - ly.
 one re - splend - ent theme: The glo - ry of our God and King!



-jah! Let all cre - a - tion stand and sing: "Hal - le - lu - jah!" Fill the



earth with songs of wor - ship, tell the won - ders of cre - a - tion's King.



2. Cre -
 3. Cre -

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: God, we are here,

we have come into this church to meet with you;
we are here as your family because this is where we need to be,
together seeking your wholeness and love.

**All: God, we need you: when faced with a choice between good and evil,
we choose the things that harm us and those around us,
we've failed to love other people, we've held grudges,
we've ignored injustices, we've been jealous and unforgiving.**

**God, we're ashamed at times,
we want to run away from you, to hide from you,
and yet, as we turn to go, we hear your calling us back,
calling us by name.**

And so we are here, God.

**Some of us are angry, some of us are afraid, some are just plain tired,
but we're here and we turn to you in silence
seeking your understanding, your compassion and forgiveness.**

—Silent Prayer—

One: God have mercy on us.

All: Christ, have mercy on us.

One: Listen then to Jesus.

Feel his touch, know his love, for through him God says to us,
'Your sins are forgiven, you are loved, you are free.'

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

—silent prayer—

* THE PEACE

As we are reconciled to God and to one another, share a sign of Christ's peace and love with your neighbor.

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

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

Hymnal

SCRIPTURE READING—*Psalm 147:1-11*

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SONG 614—*Great Are You, Lord*

Hymnal

616—*Our God is an Awesome God*

WE BRING OUR GIFTS FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST

* OFFERTORY SONG—*Can God Spread a Table in the Wilderness*
Chancel Choir

Joseph Martin

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, LORD'S PRAYER

* SENDING SONG 687—*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Hymnal

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

* Please stand if you are able.

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Liturgy from *Acorns and Archangels*, Wild Goose Worship Group, Glasgow, Scotland. 2009.

*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*

NORTHBROOK: A PLACE TO GATHER AND GROW IN GOD

It has begun! Our church building is in the midst of transformation as we proceed with the plans we unfolded earlier this year. It is exciting to see ideas and dreams be formed into tangible reality. But, we know that the building is only a tool, an opportunity, a resource we are blessed by in order to bless others. We pray that this re-NEW-vation may enable us to expand our ministry into the community, provide updated, flexible space for worship, fellowship, youth programs, musical offerings, community events and gatherings. We also know that the energy, life and love that make these things possible has its source in, flows from, and draws us toward God—the One in whom we all “live, and move and have our being” (Acts 17:28). Ultimately, Northbrook is a place where we meet God, where we gather to worship, learn more about who God is and how we are created to reflect that Divine Presence to the world, a place from which we are sent to share God’s love and light with the world. As you consider your financial commitment to the ministries of Northbrook for 2018, do so in the knowledge that your monetary contribution is a vital way to say YES to that reality.

LEADING YOU IN WORSHIP TODAY ARE:

LITURGIST: Jeff Wilhelm

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Angel Gippert

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

SOUND: Dave Vander Weide

VISUALS: Bill Jordan

SANCTUARY DOOR GREETERS: Rob & Marcia Olson

CENTER DOOR GREETER: Joyce Hamburg

CHANCEL FLOWERS: Placed by Joyce Hamburg in memory of loved ones no longer with us.

WINDOW FLOWERS: Placed by Nancy Schaefer in celebration of the birth of her great granddaughter, Sirena Eve Snyder.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Michael Campion, Roger McGuineas, Tracey Parker, Margaret Babb, Al & Mary Alice Shrosbree, Georgina Keoleian, Seglinda Kelle-Pritchard

The Board of Deacons also requests prayers for: Church members whose last names begin with the letter P and those dealing with the aftereffects of Hurricane Irma.

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.

LIVING THE QUESTIONS—PAINTING THE STARS: SCIENCE, RELIGION AND AN EVOLVING FAITH

You are invited to participate in *Painting the Stars*, a weekly bible study led by Pastor Marjorie.

Celebrating the communion of science and faith, *Painting the Stars* explores the promise of evolutionary Christian spirituality. The study began Wednesday, September 13 and runs every Wednesday through October 25 for 7 weeks in the Library. You can join the morning class at 10 a.m. or the evening class at 7 p.m. or feel free to switch between the two as your schedule permits. There is a \$5 fee for materials. Please RSVP to Marjorie@northbrookpc.org or Becky at (248)642-0200 in the office so that we can prepare enough space and materials for everyone.

SECOND MILE CENTER GOLF OUTING—SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

The Golf Outing fundraiser for Second Mile Center is Sunday, September 24 starting at 1 p.m. at Glen Oaks Golf Course in Farmington Hills. The cost is \$125 for golf and dinner or \$65 for dinner only. There will be prizes, raffles, silent auction and lots of fun. There will also be a church challenge cup! The church with the most golfers and/or best score will win a trophy!! Let's bring one home for Northbrook. It all benefits the children of Detroit! BUT, WE NEED YOUR HELP! We need golfers and/or donations of money or baskets or gifts for raffle, and we still have holes left to sponsor. Donations and sponsorship are all tax deductible. You or your business will get your name displayed at the dinner. Please consider helping Second Mile with whatever you can. To register to golf or for dinner, please give a check made out to Second Mile Center to Terri Hurbis, Kathy Bauhof, the church office or you can go to the Second Mile website, www.secondmilecenter.org, and follow the link for golf outing. You can use your credit card on their secure site. Don't miss out on the fun!

LOGOS—WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

LOGOS, our Wednesday night program for youth K-12, starts back up on Wednesday, September 20th! LOGOS offers students the opportunity to be a part of a community of faith during the week with fun lessons, music, dinner together and recreation. Contact Ken Stetson at stetson.kenny@gmail.com for registration information and any questions.

OAKLAND COUNTY PIONEER & HISTORICAL SOCIETY TOUR—WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Our own Amy Annett will conduct a tour of Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society and Pine Grove Historical Museum. Amy and Bruce are long-time active volunteers and board members of the organization, now Directors Emeritus. Located at 405 Cesar Chavez Dr. in Pontiac, this tour will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 20, and is sponsored by the Northbrook Adult Education Committee. If you would like to join us for lunch before the tour, please meet at the church at 11:45 a.m. Lunch will be at Heroes at 998 Huron Street with the tour scheduled to start at 1:30 p.m. Call Paulette Lein or Liz Hurbis for more information. This unique community activity with a tour of our county's historical past will be enjoyable and enriching. All are welcome! Sign-up outside Fellowship Hall.

SENIOR SOUPER LUNCH—THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Senior Souper Lunch returns this month! We meet at 1:00 p.m. in the Library on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays. Bring a friend, and no reservations are required. See you all then.

KNIT WITS—WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

We invite you to join us and remind everyone of our schedule change. We will meet each month on the 4th Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. We usually work until about 3:00, but you are welcome to participate whenever your schedule permits, so do not worry about arriving late or leaving early! In September, please join us on Wednesday, September 27 in the Library. Hope to see you there.

MEN'S CONNECTION—THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Men's Connection resumes on Thursday, September 28 at 8 a.m. Come gather for a light breakfast, 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 on Thursday mornings at 8 a.m. For more information, contact Bill Travis, John Thomas or Phil Owen.

MEALS FOR MEMBERS IN NEED

The ministry of deacon has many facets and one of those is providing nourishing meals for Northbrook members in time of need. Whether they have been recently hospitalized or experiencing a loss or struggle the deacons are responsible for organizing meals on a short term basis if desired. We currently have a group of compassionate cooks who have offered to be a part of this ministry and have served faithfully over the years. The meals are a wonderful gift but more important is the opportunity to provide conversation, compassion and a connection to your fellow Northbrook members and their families. If you would like to volunteer to provide an occasional meal please contact Lee Anne Hemberg at Lhemberg@aol.com or (248)762-9919 to be added to the list. Thank you!!

FLU SHOTS AT NORTHBROOK—SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

Flu shots and Pneumonia shots will be offered again this year at Northbrook on Sunday, October 8 from 9:30 a.m.—Noon in the kitchen. For Information, contact Patty Van Loo at pattyvanloo@gmail.com.

NORTHBROOK PRAYER CHAIN

Summer is over and now thoughts will turn to fall activities and new opportunities. It is our hope that you will consider joining the Northbrook Prayer Chain, a group of members who offer prayers of support for those among us who are going through some difficult times. Prayer is a powerful force, and we welcome anyone interested in adding their voice to our prayers. Contact Sallie Dorer at (248)647-1465 or camelotsal@aol.com for more information or to be added to the Prayer Chain.

HELP WANTED: CHURCH CUSTODIAN

Northbrook is seeking an energetic individual to contribute daily to the smooth functioning of programs and facilities that support the work of this caring congregation. Job responsibilities include routine maintenance and sanitation of the facility, setup and teardown of room arrangements for activities and ongoing interface with the Building & Grounds Committee, user groups and vendors. Our ideal candidate will be someone who is professional, proactive, self-motivated and trustworthy. The physical demands of this job will require lifting up to 50 lbs. Flexible work hours and friendly environment. \$12 - \$13.50/hr based on experience. For more information or to apply, email resume Attn. Personnel Committee, to: info@northbrookpc.org, or 22055 West 14 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025.

SHOE DRIVE

Max Van de Vyver and his family are holding a Shoe Drive for the organization Soles 4 Souls and have invited Northbrook to be a part of this incredible effort. Five year old Max did a geography project this past spring on Kenya and learned so much about the culture and people. He then had the opportunity to hear the Ugandan Kids Choir perform at Northbrook! He learned that not all kids are afforded the same privileges, safety, education and care that he has. Max was inspired to organize the shoe drive for Soles 4 Souls, an organization that distributes shoes to impoverished countries around the world, including America. The Shoe Drive goal is to collect 50,000 pairs of gently used shoes. This is no small task, and they will be partnering with many organizations, schools and businesses to collect shoes for the entire school year. If you have a pair of gently used shoes, any size, color, children's, men's or women's that you are willing to part with, please leave them in the box in the main hallway or you can email MaxShoeDrive@gmail.com for more information. Thank you so very much for considering to donate your gently used shoes and help Max reach his goal!

ZUMBA

Zumba is held on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. For questions and more information, please contact Abby Adair at abagaeladair@gmail.com.

SIGN UP SHEETS DURING THE RENOVATIONS

While Fellowship Hall is being renovated, all sign-up sheets can be found in the main hallway.

OPPORTUNITIES TO HEAR DR. WALTER BRUEGGEMANN

The Northbrook Adult Education Committee invites you to hear Dr. Walter Brueggemann, scholar-in-residence, at the Kirk in the Hills, speak In October.

- ◆ On Friday, October 6, Dr. Walter Brueggemann's presentation will be *The Psalms*. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Kirk Refectory. The cost of the presentation and meal is \$25, or \$10 for just the presentation. RSVP to www.kirkinthehills.org under Resources/Online Registration.
- ◆ On Saturday, October 7, from 1—4 p.m. join clergy from the surrounding area for a presentation titled *The Psalms, The Prophets, and Today's Church*. This event is free of charge but registration is required. Reserve your spot at www.kirkinthehills.org under Resources/Online Registration.
- ◆ On Sunday, October 8, Dr. Brueggemann will be preaching at both Kirk worship services. In addition, he will conclude his theologian-in-residence weekend with his final presentation titled *Rules of Neighborliness* at 1:00 p.m.

Dr. Brueggemann will also be participating in an adult ministry series titled *Psalms and Prophets: Then and Now* beginning September 24. Visit the Kirk in the Hills website for more information.

This Week at Northbrook

SUNDAY, September 17

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

MONDAY, September 18

- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting—Men's Group

TUESDAY, September 19

- 6:30 p.m. Zumba

WEDNESDAY, September 20

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 1:30 p.m. Historical Museum Tour
- 5:00 p.m. LOGOS
- 7:00 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study

THURSDAY, September 21

- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, September 24

- 10:15 a.m. Worship
- 10:15 a.m. KIDS' Connection

Office Hours

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

Friday: 9 a.m.—Noon

Worship: 10:15 a.m.

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

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