

Welcome to

Northbrook Presbyterian Church

September 23, 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

Matt Broadwell

One: We come here today not because we are clever
but because God welcomes the slow learners.

**All: We come here not because we are wise,
but because God loves us in spite of our foolishness.**

One: We come knowing that the greatest persons will be found
among those who humbly serve like Jesus did,
and that the brightest ideas and the deepest truth will come
from those who see themselves as little children in Christ's school.

All: O Lord, open up our minds and our hearts that our lives may declare your praise!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Each week, as we gather together for worship, we turn our attention fully Godward,
aware how often we have not been faithful, not attentive to the Spirit.
Let's take a moment now to surrender before the throne of Grace,
and reflect on all the ways we need a Savior.

—*silent reflection*—

Let us pray:

**All: Lord Jesus Christ, we call you Lord, yet it is too easy for us to worship other things,
other activities, other relationships, other gods.
You tell us we cannot serve two masters,
yet we spend more time focusing our energies elsewhere,
diverting our time, our energy, our money, our attention away from you.
Forgive us, gracious Savior, when our hearts are led astray,
when we serve other gods and worship them.
Help us to turn away from our distractions and sin.
Strengthen us to set our faces toward Jerusalem,
to take up our cross and follow you.
We pray this, counting on your grace. 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!*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

BAPTISM OF OLIVER PATRICK HEMBERG

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, Oliver, 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 488—*I Was There to Hear Your Morning Cry* Hymnal

SCRIPTURE READING—James 3:13-4:2 NT p. 230

SERMON—*Afraid to Ask* Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi
Mark 9:30-37 NT p. 45

WE BRING OUR GIFTS FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST

OFFERTORY SONG—*He is the Everlasting God* Joseph Martin
Chancel Choir

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* SENDING HYMN 835—*Just a Closer Walk with Thee* Hymnal

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

* 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

LITURGIST: Matt Broadwell

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

VISUALS: Bill Jordan

SOUND: Michael Bauhof

CENTER DOOR GREETER: Brian Long

SANCTUARY DOOR GREETER: Henry Horltd

LUNCHEON HOSTS: The Mission Connection Committee

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, Dick Forbush, 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 P and for members of the Northbrook Book Club.

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 LUNCHEON—TODAY FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Yesterday, many Northbrook members performed a day of service with our mission partners. Today, please join us for lunch after worship to listen and share stories and pictures from our Faith In Action Work Day. ***Even if you did not join a service team, please stay for lunch and hear about the day of service.***

INQUIRERS' CLASS—TODAY

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 TODAY following worship. Please pick up your lunch in Fellowship Hall and then join us in Room 6.

LOGOS—WEDNESDAYS AT 5 P.M.

LOGOS is undergoing some exciting changes this year. We will be offering a worship service and dinner open to youth AND adults! LOGOS meets on Wednesdays. 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 to register or for questions.

MEN'S CONNECTION—THURSDAYS AT 8 A.M.

Calling all men of the church. Join us at Men's Connection in the Library at 8 a.m. Thursday mornings for fellowship, Bible study and a light breakfast. Come gather for prayer, thought-provoking conversation and friendship as we discuss an interesting book to help us broaden and understand our relationship with God. 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 **next 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, dinner, 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.

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.

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 has resumed 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.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

Help Northbrook continue to be a welcoming congregation by choosing a date to be a coffee hour host. It is very easy. The coffee is already made. There are plenty of goodies in the church freezer or you may choose to add some fruit or cheese or bake some cookies. Be the first in your pew to sign up. The sign up sheet can be found in the main hallway. Please see Judy Owen with questions.

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. – 4 p.m., please enter the building through the north door by the church steeple. The center doors will be unlocked for LOGOS, evening classes 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!

AREA AGENCY ON AGING NEWSLETTER

The Area Agency on Aging sends us their quarterly newsletter, and the newsletter this fall will be their last one as after 25 years they are discontinuing this publication. There is good information about caregiving and other topics, and there are also flyers about a Family Caregivers Expo at the Suburban Collection on October 13th. The information is in the entryway by the name tag table.

BIRTHDAY CARDS FOR KATHIE DOCTOR

Northbrook member, Kathie Doctor, will be celebrating her 93rd birthday on October 5th, and it would be wonderful to shower her with birthday wishes from Northbrook! Kathie Doctor's address is: Preferred Care at Wall, 2350 Hospital Road, Room 229, Allenwood, NJ 08729.

CANS FOR COMMUNION—SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

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.

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 was 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!

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

This Week at Northbrook

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!)

MONDAY, September 24

- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting—Men's Group

WEDNESDAY, September 26

- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting
 - 1:00 p.m. Knit Wits
 - 5:00 p.m. LOGOS
- No Pastor's Bible Study this week

THURSDAY, September 27

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Connection
- 1:00 p.m. Senior Souper Lunch
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, September 30

- 10:15 a.m. Worship
- 10:15 a.m. KIDS' Connection
- 1:30 p.m. Second Mile Golf Outing & Dinner
- 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