

Welcome to

Northbrook Presbyterian Church

September 25, 2016



*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*

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.

SUNG INVOCATION 406—*We are Standing on Holy Ground*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Bozenna Johnson

One: God of wonder and love,
God of dreams and visions,
God of hope and forgiveness,
here we are.
We come. We dream. We hope.
We worship.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (based on Ephesians 2: 11-22)

—*the congregation is invited to reflect silently as this prayer is spoken—*

Merciful God, we give thanks that through the gift of your son, Jesus Christ, you bring unity and peace to all people.

We remember that Jesus broke down longstanding walls of prejudice and hostility between Jew and Gentile, male and female, slave and free.

He told us clearly that the greatest commandment is to love you and love one another as you have loved us.

And yet, Dear God, walls of prejudice still exist and barriers of racism still hold us all captive

and keep us from experiencing our full humanity in you.

We hear Jesus' great message of reconciliation, and yet we still hesitate to reach out to people when they are different in some way from us.

We stand silently by when our brothers and sisters face discrimination and injustice, not knowing what to do to make a different world.

Forgive us when we create barriers rather than tear them down.

Forgive us when we are complicit in social norms and mores that uphold the status quo.

Remove the scales from our eyes and make us see how we can be brothers and sisters without restraint — extending love in the place of fear

hospitality in place of distrust, embrace instead of enmity.

Make us brave enough, Lord, to stand up and speak up for love's sake, to take risks for the gospel's sake.

May we be in this place, and in all the places where we work, live and play, a community that reflects your grace.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

—*Silent prayer—*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

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

* SONG 753—*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (Prayer of St. Francis)*

SCRIPTURE READING—*Genesis 37:3-8, 12-24a, 26-28, 31-34*
The Voice Translation

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SERMON—*I Have a Dream*
Genesis 50:15-21

Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi
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* SUNG RESPONSE 379—*We Shall Overcome*

Hymnal

WE BRING OUR GIFTS FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST

OFFERING ANTHEM—*Doxology*
Chancel Choir

Stephanie Boosahda

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* SENDING SONG 749—*Come! Live in the Light!*

Hymnal

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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Prayer of Confession adapted from *Worship Ways Archive, United Church of Christ.*

LEADING YOU IN WORSHIP TODAY ARE:

LITURGIST: Bozenna Johnson

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Angel Gippert

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

SOUND: Dave Vander Weide

VISUALS: Jeff Wilhelmi

SANCTUARY DOOR GREETER: Paulette Lein

CENTER DOOR GREETER: Grant Burnham

COFFEE HOUR HOST: The Congregational Life Committee

PRAYER REQUESTS: The family and friends of Phyllis Klinger who died on September 2, the family and friends of Peter Kizer who died on August 24, Dick and Alma Ross, Dorathy Ketai, Nancy Schaefer, Georgenia Keoleian, Ruth Krebs, Marilyn Dean, Seglinda Kelle-Pritchard, Margaret Babb, Marcia Olson, Tom Sandercock, Karen Keier, Dick Forbush, Keith & Celia Metcalf

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.

The Board of Deacons also requests prayers for: Church members whose last names begin with the letter V and tolerance of religious diversity.

LET'S EXPLORE!

A great new class is just getting started next week and it is an opportunity for everyone to meet the Old Testament on your terms.

If you are:

- curious about the Bible but really don't want to be hit over the head with it or made to feel guilty for not knowing it better...
- long out of your last Sunday School class and can't remember much past "In the beginning..."
- well-acquainted with the Bible but know there is always something new to learn...
- interested in finding a safe space to explore and discuss what this collection of books is all about, free from judgment, pressure to believe or conform...
- looking for a place where you can explore faith without having to check your intellect at the door...

then this class is for you!

It's a six-week study in the Library at Northbrook Presbyterian Church. Discussion groups meet at 10 a.m. OR 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings, starting September 28th. We'll be using the book, *Introducing the New Testament*, to guide our discussions. Books are \$14 and are available in class. Pastor Marjorie will be facilitating the class.

Interested? Email Pastor Marjorie at marjorie@northbrookpc.org for more information and to let her know you're coming. Books will be distributed first to those who signed up in advance. Bring your friends and neighbors. This is going to be a great conversation!

NORTHBROOK BOOK CLUB—MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

We are currently reading *Grand River and Joy* by Susan Messer. According to the University of Michigan Press, it's "A novel that puts the reader right in the heart of the 1967 Detroit race riot." We will discuss this book on Monday, September 26 at 7 p.m. in the Library. All newcomers are welcome to join the group. This book is provided by the Farmington Hills Public Library book kit program. Contact Peggie Schiller for availability of books.

FORT STREET OPEN DOOR ON SEPTEMBER 29

Join us as we travel to the Fort Street Open Door program on Thursday, September 29 at 8:00 a.m. We will be leaving, as usual, from the church parking lot. This is a great opportunity to be of service to the broader Detroit metropolitan area. Depending on the interest of the group, we may stop off for lunch at one of the many interesting restaurants opening everywhere in the "D." This is also a great opportunity to share gently used clothing, bedding, towels, etc. Please drop them in the bin in the church hallway. They will be greatly appreciated by their new owners. Call Seglinda Kelle-Pritchard at (248)626-6514 if you have questions.

PEWABIC POTTERY EVENT CANCELED

The Pewabic Pottery tour scheduled for Friday, September 30 from 6—9 p.m. has been canceled.

LOGOS 2016-2017

Northbrook's Wednesday night program for youth has begun! Students from K-12 are welcome to attend this program. Please contact Ken Stetson at (248)642-0200 or kalswim11@gmail.com for more information

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY IS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

In honor of World Communion Sunday and Bread for the World, please bring canned or boxed food items (no glass) to worship on Sunday, October 2. We will bring our food pantry offerings forward during worship. For more information about the wonderful work done by Bread for the World to end hunger and other consequences of poverty, visit their website: www.bread.org.

FLU SHOTS AT NORTHBROOK—SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

Flu shots and Pneumonia shots will be offered again this year at Northbrook on Sunday, October 2. They will be available from 9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. The flu shot is \$33, and the Pneumonia shot is \$95. The shots are covered by most insurances. Please see the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall for more information and to sign-up.

SHARE YOUR BOUNTY WITH THE BALDWIN CENTER THROUGH SEPTEMBER

Let's continue to help feed the hungry with fresh produce by contributing produce you grow yourself or fruits and veggies you purchase at a grocery store or farmers' market. Please deliver your donations to the church or take them directly to The Baldwin Center at 212 Baldwin Ave. in Pontiac. Items brought to Northbrook will typically be delivered to the center on Mondays or Tuesdays.

MEN'S CONNECTION HAS STARTED

Welcome all Northbrook men to the 2016-2017 season of Men's Connection. Join us on Thursday mornings at 8:00 a.m. in the Library. We gather over a light breakfast and, led by one of our leaders, discuss bible related readings or films as they affect our lives today. We look forward to seeing you there! For more information, call Phil Owen at (248)851-6725, John Thomas at (248)827-0507 or Bill Travis at (248)338-3795.

KNIT WITS

Knit Wits will meet on Wednesday, September 28 at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

SENIOR SOUPER SUPPER

Senior Souper Supper will meet on Thursdays, October 13 and October 27 at 5:30 p.m. in the Library.

CALLING ALL COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Be the first in your pew to sign up to be a coffee hour host. It's so easy. We provide the coffee, teach and lemonade. You provide the sweet rolls, a little fruit and perhaps some cheese. Any questions, please see Judy Owen. The sign-up sheet is in Fellowship Hall.

ZUMBA TIME CHANGE TO 6:30

Come try out Zumba® on Tuesdays from 6:30—7:30 p.m. at Northbrook! The Zumba® program is a Latin-inspired, dance-fitness class that incorporates Latin and international music and dance movements creating an exciting and effective fitness program. People with all levels of dance and workout experience are welcome to join. Classes are \$5 per session. Please bring a water bottle and gym shoes and wear comfortable active clothing. RSVP to Abby to let her know you're coming or if you have questions at abagaeladair@gmail.com.

NORTHBROOK PRAYER CHAIN

Now that summer is ending, you may possibly be thinking ahead to your plans for the fall. Hopefully, as part of those plans, you will consider becoming a member of Northbrook's Prayer Chain. Prayer is a powerful force, and we welcome you to join us as we offer our prayers for those in our congregation who may be having some difficult times. If interested, contact Sallie Dorer at (248)647-1465 or camelotsal@aol.com.

ACS MAKING STRIDES WALK

Macy's and Barb Stetson have formed a team, Macys Pink Warriors, to walk in the ACS Making Strides against Breast Cancer Walk on Saturday, October 8 at 9:00 a.m. at Hart Plaza in Detroit. Please consider joining the team at www.MakingStridesWalk.org/DetroitMI. The cost to join is free, but the team is selling t-shirts for \$15. Part of the proceeds will go toward the team goal. Please call Barb Stetson at (248)302-3033 with questions.

**PLEASE JOIN US ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2
FOR A SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR CELEBRATING
ALL OUR MEMBERS IN THE
ROARING 90'S CLUB.**

This Week at Northbrook

SUNDAY, September 25—*Indoor Worship*

- 10:15 a.m. Worship
- 10:15 a.m. KIDS' Connection
- 11:30 a.m. Session Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. Mid Highs
- 6:00 p.m. Senior Highs

MONDAY, September 26

- 7:00 p.m. Northbrook Book Club
- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting—Men's Group

TUESDAY, September 27

- 6:30 p.m. Zumba (RSVP to Abby Adair at abagaeladair@gmail.com)

WEDNESDAY, September 28

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. LOGOS
- 7:00 p.m. Knit Wits
- 7:00 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study

THURSDAY, September 29

- 8:00 a.m. Fort Street Open Door
- 8:00 a.m. Men's Connection
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, October 2—*World Communion Sunday*

- 10:15 a.m. Worship
- 10:15 a.m. KIDS' Connection
- 11:15 a.m. Roaring 90's Coffee Hour
Flu/Pneumonia Shots
- 11:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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

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