

Welcome to

# Northbrook Presbyterian Church

November 20, 2016



## 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

Kim Bowden-Adair

One: In the beginning, before time, before people, before the world began,

**All: God was.**

One: Here and now among us, beside us,  
enlisting the people of earth for the purposes of heaven,

**All: God is.**

One: In the future, when we have turned to dust and all we know has found its fulfillment,

**All: God will be.**

One: Not denying the world, but delighting in it,  
not condemning the world, but redeeming it,  
through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,

**All: God was, God is, God will be. Let us worship God!**



1. You're the Word of God the Fa-ther, — from be- fore the world be- gan; — Ev-'ry  
 (2. Yet You) left the gaze of an-gels, — came to seek and save the lost, — and ex-  
 (3. With a) shout You rose vic- to-rious, — wrest-ing vic - t'ry from the grave, — and as -



star and ev - 'ry pla- net — has been fash - ioned by Your hand. All cre-  
 -changed the joy of heav-en — for the an - gush of a cross. With a  
 -cend - ed in - to heav-en — lead-ing cap - tives in Your wake. Now You



-a - tion holds to - geth - er — by the pow - er of Your voice: — Let the  
 prayer You fed the hung-ry, — with a word You stilled the sea. — Yet how  
 stand be - fore the Fa - ther — in - ter - ced - ing for Your own. — From each



skies de - clare Your glo - ry, — let the land and seas re - joice! — You're the au - thor of cre-  
 si - lent - ly You suffered — that the guilt - y may go free. —  
 tribe and tongue and na - tion — You are lead - ing sin - ners home. —



-a - tion, — You're the Lord of ev - 'ry man; — And Your



cry of love rings out a - cross the lands. —  
 2. Yet You  
 3. With a

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: In you, gracious God,  
the widowed find a caregiver,  
the orphaned find a parent,  
the fearful find a friend.

**All: In you, the wounded find a healer,  
the penitent find a pardoner,  
the burdened find a counselor.**

One: In you, the miserly find a beggar,  
the despondent find a laughter-maker,  
the legalists find a rule-breaker.

**All: In you, Jesus Christ, we meet our Maker and our match.**

One: And if some need to say, 'Help me'  
and if some need to say, 'Save me'  
and if some need to say, 'Forgive me'  
then let these be said now in confidence by us.

—*silent prayer*—

O Christ, in whose heart is both welcome and warning,  
say to us, do to us, reveal within us the things that will make us whole.  
Amen.

\* THE PEACE

*As we are reconciled to God and to one another, share a sign of Christ's peace with your neighbor.  
—Children are invited to go to KIDS' Connection at this time—*

\* SONG 319—*Shout to the North*

Hymnal

SCRIPTURE READING—*Psalm 86:1-12*

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SONG 695—*Change My Heart, O God*

Hymnal

SERMON—*The Heart of the Matter*  
Jeremiah 36 and 31, selected verses

Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi

WE BRING OUR GIFTS FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST

OFFERING ANTHEM—*All Good Gifts*  
Chancel Choir

Schwartz/Leavitt

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

\* SENDING SONG 692—*Spirit, Open My Heart*

Hymnal

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

\*Please stand if you are able.

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## *Deck the Halls*

*Join us after worship today as we deck the halls for the Christmas season.*

*Many hands will make this go fast!*

### LEADING YOU IN WORSHIP TODAY ARE:

LITURGIST: Kim Bowden-Adair

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Angel Gippert

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

SOUND: Dave Vander Weide

VISUALS: Jeff Wilhelmi

CENTER DOOR GREETER: Penny Willey

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Congregational Life Committee

CHANCEL FLOWERS: Placed by Mary Lou Harrison in appreciation of our Northbrook Choir

WINDOW FLOWERS: Placed by Dan Gross in celebration of his mother Carol Gross' 80th birthday

PRAYER REQUESTS: Edna Gadsby and family, Dorothy Warren, Marilyn Nesbitt, Doug Joppie, Dorene Adams, Linda Hermes, Vera McBride, Dick & Alma Ross, Nancy Schaefer, Georgania Keoleian, Ruth Krebs, Seglinda Kelle-Pritchard, Margaret Babb, Karen Keier, Tom Sandercock, Jim Grady, 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 H and for people hungry in our community and throughout the world.

## PASTOR'S STUDY FOR ADVENT: A SEASON OF HOPE AND ANTICIPATION

Advent is the period in the Christian year when we think about God coming into the world as a human being in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. This study examines the four Gospel portrayals of Jesus' origins: Who is Jesus? Where did he come from? What does each Gospel have to say about the Son of God, and his meaning for the early church and for us today. This study will be held in the Library on Wednesdays, at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Come at the time that suits your schedule. A free will offering will be taken to cover the cost of materials. The Study begins on Wednesday, November 30 and ends on December 21. Please RSVP to the church office or email [marjorie@northbrookpc.org](mailto:marjorie@northbrookpc.org).

## ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS PRESENT DRIVE

Our annual Angel Tree Christmas Present Drive begins today and runs through December 9. We are providing Christmas gifts for the families of *Oakland Family Services*, household and personal items for the residents of *A Place of Refuge* and warm winter clothing for the clients of *Open Door Ministries*. Our Angel Tree has been decorated with angel tags detailing the needs and gift wishes. Stop by the Angel Tree in the Narthex for more information about how to adopt an individual. **Please remember to sign out all angels taken from the tree and deliver all Angel Tree gifts by noon on Friday, December 9.**

## PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S 36TH ANNUAL COMMUNION & ADVENT BREAKFAST

The Presbyterian Men's 36th Annual Communion & Advent Breakfast will be held on Saturday, December 10 from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St. in Northville. Please join with the Northbrook Men's Connection for this special event. This gathering is open to ALL men in the Detroit Presbytery to come together to have communion, enjoy breakfast, sing some hymns and hear a message from John George, founder and Executive Director of Motor City Blight Busters and this year's keynote speaker. Previously, an insurance salesman, John George now works with his crews and volunteers to demolish and renovate buildings, turning Detroit around. The cost is \$15.00. Call Phil Owen at (248)851-6725, John Thomas at (248)827-0507 or Bill Travis at (248)338-3795 to RSVP or learn more. **Please RSVP by Friday, November 25.** We can either go together in car pools or arrive separately. The more the merrier!



## 10TH ANNUAL ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET—SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

Northbrook's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Alternative Gift Market will be held following worship on **Sunday, December 4 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Please help spread the word and invite your friends and family to this festive event. Even invite them to attend worship with you before the market! **Many volunteers are needed** to help set-up and/or staff a table and most shifts are only 2 hours. Some help is needed the day before on Saturday, December 3. **Please sign up with Donna Young in Fellowship Hall following worship today or contact Winnie Davies-Hancock** at (248)593-8035 or [winsomeann@aol.com](mailto:winsomeann@aol.com).

## A.J. DESMOND & SONS—COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS

A.J. Desmond & Sons is holding a grief program titled *Coping with the Holidays* on Thursday, December 1 at 7:00 p.m. at their Troy location located at 2600 Crooks Road in Troy. To register or for additional information, call (248)362-2500 or visit [www.AJDesmond.com](http://www.AJDesmond.com).

## MEN'S CONNECTION

Join us on Thursday mornings at 8:00 a.m. in the Library. We will not meet on Thanksgiving.

## KNIT WITS AND SENIOR SOUPER SUPPER

Knit Wits and Senior Souper Supper will take a break during the Thanksgiving week and resume again in December. Knit Wits will meet again on Wednesday, December 14 at 7 p.m. and Senior Souper Supper will meet on Thursday, December 15 at 5:30 p.m.

## FAVORITE THINGS PARTY

Northbrook's Favorite Things Party will take place this year on Friday, December 16 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at the clubhouse of Bingham Woods Condominiums located at 30730 River Crossing Rd in Bingham Farms (just east of Telegraph, south off of 13 Mile Rd). Please bring an appetizer, dessert or drink, a \$3-5 donation per person for rental costs, and a wrapped gift valued at \$25 or less plus. The gift should be something that you love so much that you want someone else to have one just like it! You are not actually giving away your own favorite thing. You are giving away one that you have purchased. We really hope you can be there this year. RSVP in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour or contact Nancy Best at (248)514-2624 or email her at [nancyjbest@gmail.com](mailto:nancyjbest@gmail.com).

## PICK UP YOUR NEW DIRECTORY

The new directories are in! If you haven't picked up your copy, please contact the church office.

## THANKSGIVING WEEK OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25 in observance of Thanksgiving. We will resume our regular office hours on Monday, November 28.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to all my Northbrook friends for all your prayers, cards and a special thank you to Stephanie Wicker, Donna Young, Peggy Schiller, Paulette Lein and Kim Bowden-Adair for the wonderfully, generous meals. You've all been overly caring to someone so new to Northbrook. It made my recovery and homecoming sooooo much easier. I shall be forever in your debt.

Dorothy Warren

p.s. Thank you Terri for the delivery.

## STEWARDSHIP

If you haven't yet submitted your pledge card for 2017, we invite you to submit it during worship today or to send it to the office. To date, we have heard from half our member households. Thank you! We hope to hear from everyone in order to prepare an accurate budget and to make informed decisions for the future. Remember that pledges may be changed if your circumstances change so please take the practical and spiritual step of quantifying your pledge of financial support to the church. Thank you to all for your past, present and future commitments to Northbrook.

# *Christmas Poinsettia Order Form*

The cost of each plant is **\$9.50**. Make checks payable to Northbrook Presbyterian Church with "Poinsettias" written in the memo portion of the check.

\_\_\_\_ **Number of Red Poinsettia Plants**  
\_\_\_\_ **Number of White Poinsettia Plants**  
\_\_\_\_ **Total Number of Plants Ordered**

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the cost of the plant(s).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like my plant(s) placed in memory of/in honor of (circle one):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Please check here if you would like a Deacon to take your Poinsettia plant(s) to a shut-in following the Christmas service.



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***Orders due by Sunday, November 27th***  
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*(Please print clearly. This dedication information will be printed in the Christmas bulletin.)*

## This Week at Northbrook

SUNDAY, November 20

10:15 a.m.      Worship  
10:15 a.m.      KIDS' Connection  
11:15 a.m.      Deck the Halls  
11:30 a.m.      Session Meeting

MONDAY, November 21

8:00 p.m.      AA Meeting—Men's Group

TUESDAY, November 22

6:30 p.m.      Zumba

THURSDAY, November 24—*Happy Thanksgiving!*

OFFICE CLOSED

FRIDAY, November 25

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SUNDAY, November 27

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

### Office Hours

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

Friday: 9:00 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)

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