

Welcome to

Northbrook Presbyterian Church

November 25, 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 WORSHIP¹

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

In his days, justice shall flourish and the voices of those who are oppressed will be heard.

The poor will receive enough on which to live,

and the rich will share gladly the abundance they have received at the hand of God.

ALL: In his days, justice shall flourish and peace abound, till the moon fails.

The wolf will lie down with the lamb:

The fierce will give way to the tame,

the weak will protest the strong,

the powerless will contain the power of the mighty.

ALL: In his days, justice shall flourish and peace abound, till the moon fails.

God will give judgment to the king,

to the one who comes in the name of the Lord

to establish peace and justice

with integrity and with mercy.

ALL: In his days, justice shall flourish and peace abound, till the moon fails.

* OPENING SONG 353—*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

Hymnal

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

Gracious God, we are a people formed by your word in Christ, but we have wandered away from your truth. We have broken your commandments. We have distorted your teachings to serve our own ends. We have failed to trust your promises. We have refused your mercy. Ground us again, O Holy One, in the written wisdom of Scripture and in the living Word which is Christ Jesus. Nourish us on the bread of his teachings until we can taste your goodness. Renew us at the fountain of his wisdom, so we may find joy in obedience and freedom in giving ourselves to you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?
Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

* 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.*

* SONG 463—*How Firm a Foundation*

Hymnal

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING—Micah 6:6-8

OT p. 866

SERMON—*A Firm Foundation*

Rev. Kevin Johnson

Luke 6:46-49

NT p. 65

WE BRING OUR GIFTS FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST

OFFERTORY HYMN—*City Called Heaven*
Chancel Choir

arr. Josephine Poelinitz

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Hymnal

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

* Please stand in body or spirit.

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1 Adapted from Psalm 72:7 and *The Return of the King* by Ruth Burgess

2 thevalueofsparrows.com

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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

LEADING YOU IN WORSHIP TODAY ARE:

Please extend a warm welcome to the Rev. Kevin Johnson. Rev. Johnson recently retired as Pastor of Calvary Presbyterian Church after serving for 24 years. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in social work at Colorado State University and his Master of Divinity Degree at Iliff School of Theology in Colorado. He previously worked with the Sojourners Community in Washington, DC and as a hospital chaplain in Detroit.

ASSISTANT PASTOR: Rev. Jacqueline Spycher DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Angel Gippert

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

VISUALS: Bozena Johnson SOUND: Dave Vander Weide

SANCTUARY DOOR GREETER: Lois Kurta COFFEE HOUR HOST: Judy Owen

PRAYER REQUESTS: The family and friends of Georgenia Keoleian who died on November 8, the family and friends of Richard Forbush who died on November 10, Marilyn Nesbitt, Phil Owen, Joyce Hamburg, Kim Annett, Bonnie Annett, Ellie Poster, Tracey Parker, Steve Sicora, Sam Owens, Brad Back, Bob Miller, Stephanie Wicker, Connie & Roger McGuineas, Margaret Babb, Al & Mary Alice Shrosbree, Seglinda Kelle-Pritchard

The Board of Deacons also requests prayers for: Church members whose last names begin with the letter D and prayers of thanks for our families including our Northbrook family.

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.

SOWING SEEDS FOR GROWING IN GOD...

A whole-hearted THANK YOU to all who have made their 2019 pledges to Northbrook! If you haven't yet pledged, please let us know your intentions by placing your pledge in the offering plate or returning it to the church office. Everyone's gift, no matter the size, makes a difference. Thank you.

How Will You Serve?

Rise to the Challenge

5K Service Challenge

November 2018



Five Churches • 5000 Hours • 5K Run

For the month of November, the congregations of First Presbyterian Church of Pontiac, First Presbyterian Church of Troy, Kirk in the Hills, Northbrook, and Orchard Lake Community Church are collectively tracking individual and communal service hours with a 5,000 hour goal! Join us as we:

Engage: Take time to serve your neighbors in need. Continue to find service opportunities.

Record: Log your hours at <http://northbrookpc.org/celebration/events/>; all hours must be recorded by December 2.

Celebrate: Take pictures and post on social media.
Use the hashtags #5Kto5K and #northbrookpc

Contact Rev. Jackie Spycher with questions: jacqueline@northbrookpc.org

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDERS—DUE TODAY

We will be adorning the Sanctuary on Christmas Eve with poinsettias again this year. Place your order by filling out the order form on the back of the bulletin or picking up an order form in the main hallway. We will also be taking orders in Fellowship Hall following worship today. Poinsettias are \$9.50 each, and you will be able to take your poinsettia plant(s) home after the Christmas Eve service.

Orders are due today.

KNIT WITS—WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Please join us on Wednesday, November 28 at 1:00 p.m. in the Library. Knit Wits will take a break in December and resume in January. All skill levels are welcome.

ADVENTURE—SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

Northbrook's ADVENTure program is on Saturday, December 1 from 9 – 11:30 a.m. Leave your kids (ages 3 and older) so that you can get a jump on your holiday shopping. There will be Advent crafts, breakfast and a holiday movie. A \$10 donation per family is suggested. For more information, please contact Cindy Sowle at csowle@googlemail.com or Terri Hurbis at terri.hurbis@gmail.com.

DECORATING FOR ADVENT—SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

Come deck the halls! On Saturday, December 1 at 9 a.m., we will gather to decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas season. A light breakfast will be served. Contact Rev. Jackie Spycher with questions at jacqueline@northbrookpc.org.

PRESBYTERY OF DETROIT 37TH ANNUAL MEN'S COMMUNION & ADVENT BREAKFAST

On Saturday, December 8, Northbrook and Greenfield Presbyterian Church will be co-hosting this event for our first time. It will take a lot of effort to put this together and our Men's Connection Group needs your help. Specifically, we need your help with the church service with communion and the breakfast for about 175-200 men. We ask that you consider helping to make this event a success by volunteering on a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. This is our chance to play our part in the Detroit Presbytery community. This event is always well received with excellent messages, hearty songs and good food. **The cost is \$15 per ticket which should be given to any of the undersigned so that we can buy them in bulk by December 1 from the Presbytery.** Please see the flyer elsewhere in this bulletin for further information. We hope to see all men there on Saturday December 8.

The Men's Connection – Phil Owen, John Thomas and Bill Travis

ALTERNATIVE GIFT MINI-MARKET—SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

This mini market will feature a new opportunity! Northbrook will have its own custom link to the SERRV website, which allows you and your friends, colleagues, and family to purchase items from SERRV's entire line of over 1000 lovely items, and Northbrook's Mission Fund will earn 20% of the total sales. This means you will be bringing joy to your gift recipient; providing economic support, relief, and empowerment to those in need in the U.S. and around the world; and also contributing to the mission work done by our congregation. In addition to our gift inventory, including a new shipment of soup mixes, we will have a good number of catalogs on hand, along with some computers, if you would like to place orders while at the market. Share our link with friends and family, and our Mission Fund can earn funds throughout the year while we support SERRV partners!

ALTERNATIVE GIFT MINI-MARKET VOLUNTEERS NEEDED SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

Mini-Market volunteers needed for next Sunday, December 2. Please sign-up with Winnie in Fellowship Hall following worship, or call/email her at winsomeann@aol.com or (248)593-8035. Thank you.

HOLIDAY SENIOR SOUPER LUNCH—THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

We will meet on Thursday, December 13 at 1 p.m. in the Library for a delicious soup lunch. All are welcome.

ANGEL TREE—DONATIONS DUE BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

Our annual Angel Tree Christmas Present Drive begins **today** and runs through **December 14**. We are providing gifts to the families and individuals of Oakland Family Services, A Place of Refuge and Open Door Ministries. Our Angel Tree has been decorated with angel tags detailing the needs and wishes of individuals from these organizations. In addition, there are angels requesting household goods and food items for each family. Stop by the Angel Tree for more information about how to adopt an individual. **Please remember to sign out all angels taken from the tree.** Gifts, clothes and boxed household goods and food items should be brought to the church by **noon on Friday, December 14**.

NORTHBROOK BOOK CLUB—MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

Please join in on the discussion of *The Good Earth* by Pearl Buck on Monday, December 3 at 7 p.m. in the Library.

PWN FUN GROUP HOLIDAY EVENT: FAVORITE THINGS—FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

All ladies are invited to the FAVORITE THINGS holiday event! This night is truly a night of great joy and fellowship with your Northbrook “church lady friends”. We’ll enjoy appetizers in a joyous holiday setting while learning a little bit more about each other. Each guest is asked to bring either an appetizer, dessert or drink and a gift to share that is priced \$25 or under. The gift should be one of your favorite things, something you love so much that you want someone else to have one just like it! You are not giving away your own favorite thing! You are giving one just like it that you have purchased. This special night is Friday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the clubhouse of Bingham Woods Condominiums. RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the hallway or email nancyjbest@gmail.com.

This Week at Northbrook

SUNDAY, November 25

10:15 a.m. Worship
No KIDS’ Connection today but
nursery care is available

MONDAY, November 26

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting—Men’s Group

WEDNESDAY, November 28

12:00 p.m. AA Meeting
1:00 p.m. Knit Wits
5:00 p.m. LOGOS

THURSDAY, November 29

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

SATURDAY, December 1

9:00 a.m. ADVENTure
9:00 a.m. Deck the Halls

SUNDAY, December 2

10:15 a.m. Worship & Communion
10:15 a.m. KIDS’ Connection

CANS FOR COMMUNION—SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

On every Communion Sunday (the 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 are not expired. Thank you.



PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERY OF DETROIT

Presbyterian Men's 37th Annual **Communion & Advent Breakfast**

Saturday, December 8, 2018
Northbrook Presbyterian Church
22055 W. Fourteen Mile Road
Beverly Hills, MI 48025-2536

Program

- 7:30 a.m. Welcome
8:00 Communion Celebration
8:30 Breakfast and Fellowship
9:30 **Presentation of the George Irwin Service Award**
Keynote Speaker: John Gallagher, Detroit Free Press Senior Business Columnist

About the Keynote Speaker: John Gallagher



Award-winning veteran reporter John Gallagher has been named Detroit Free Press Senior Business Columnist. Gallagher has expertly covered development news for 29 years, always making the competition nervous delivering in-depth exclusive news and analysis. Among his achievements, Gallagher provided key leadership and insight covering Detroit's 18-month bankruptcy and was co-author of "How Detroit Went Broke," a deeply reported narrative that explored the real reasons behind the city's 60-year slide into insolvency.

Gallagher was born in New York City and joined the Free Press in 1987 to cover urban and economic redevelopment efforts in Detroit and Michigan. He has written several books on development issues and also a biography of architect Minoru Yamasaki, called "Yamasaki in Detroit: A Search for Serenity."

His books on urban development include "Reimagining Detroit: Opportunities for Redefining an American City," "Revolution Detroit," "Great Architecture of Michigan" and was co-author of "AIA Detroit: The American Institute of Architects Guide to Detroit Architecture."

John and his wife, Sheu-Jane, live along Detroit's east riverfront. And John is a member of St Ambrose Roman Catholic Church of Grosse Pointe Park.

Cost \$15 per ticket

Tickets Must be Purchased by December 1, 2018

Purchase your tickets on-line at <http://pbydetroit.org/On-LineDonations.htm> and scroll down to the bottom of the page

Or

Purchase your tickets by mail by following the steps below.

Make checks payable to: Presbytery of Detroit (Memo: Presbyterian Men)
Mail participants' names and check to: Presbytery of Detroit
Attention Sandy Jensen, Director of Operations
17575 Hubbell, Detroit, MI 48235-2708

If you need assistance please call Sandy at (313) 345-6550 x220

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 Eve service.

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Orders due by Sunday, November 25th
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(Please print clearly. This dedication information will be printed in the Christmas Eve bulletin.)

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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