

Welcome to

Northbrook Presbyterian Church

November 27, 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

Jeff Wilhelmi

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Phil and Judy Owen

One: A candle burns, the sign of our hope.
God of hope, come to us again this Advent.

**All: May your hope live within us,
shining forth as a light in our lives.**

* OPENING SONG 82—*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Hymnal

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness,
send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

**All: We who have so much to do
seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.
We who are anxious over many things
look forward to your coming among us.
We who are blessed in so many ways
long for the complete joy of your kingdom.
We whose hearts are heavy
seek the joy of your presence.
We are your people,
walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.
To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"**

* THE PEACE

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

* SONG 95—*Prepare the Way of the Lord*

Hymnal

SCRIPTURE READING—*Luke 1:26-38*

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SONG 101—*No Wind at the Window*

Hymnal

SERMON—*How Can This Be?*

Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS—*Pierce Broadwell, Lauri Dailey and Todd Dolan*

THE BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH (*excerpt*)

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,**

**and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.
In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray with ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth,
praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”
With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

SONG 300—*We Are One in the Spirit, vs. 1 and 4*

Hymnal

WE BRING OUR GIFTS FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST

OFFERING ANTHEM—*Emmanuel, Come Soon*
Chancel Choir

David Angerman

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* SENDING SONG 100—*My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout*

Hymnal

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able.

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LEADING YOU IN WORSHIP TODAY ARE:

LITURGIST: Jeff Wilhelmi

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Angel Gippert

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

SOUND: Dave Vander Weide

VISUALS: Bill Jordan

CENTER DOOR GREETER: Dorothy Warren

SANCTUARY DOOR GREETERS: Terri & Owen Hurbis

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Phil & Judy Owen

—KIDS’ Connection is canceled today. However, nursery care is available.—

PRAYER REQUESTS: Edna Gadsby and family, Bill & Connie Jordan and family, Dorothy Warren, Marilyn Nesbitt, Doug Joppie, Dorene Adams, Vera McBride, Dick & Alma Ross, Al & Mary Alice Shrosbree, Nancy Schaefer, Ruth Krebs, Georgenia Keoleian, 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 letters I & J and for the blessings that come from our family and friends.

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS



TODD DOLAN AND LAURI DAILEY

Todd grew up in Ohio and moved to Farmington Hills, Michigan when he was ten. He attended college at Michigan State University and now builds and renovates homes.

Lauri grew up in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan and earned her undergraduate degree from Michigan State University and her masters degree from Wayne State University. She is a photographer.

Todd and Lauri are married and previously attended Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. Their son, Cole, is a sophomore at Michigan State University and their daughter, Haley, is a junior at Seaholm High School. They also have two dogs, Cooper and Finn. They feel that Northbrook is warm and down to earth and are looking forward to learning more about the Northbrook family.



PIERCE BROADWELL

Pierce grew up in Beverly Hills and graduated from Groves High School. He is currently attending Oakland Community College. Pierce has been attending Northbrook with his family including his father, Matt, mother, Allison, and sister, Madison. He enjoys music and plays both the bass and the guitar. Pierce currently works on Sundays at Northbrook, helping with set up for the worship service.

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.

ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS PRESENT DRIVE

Looking for a meaningful way to share the love of Jesus Christ this Christmas season? Consider adopting an individual from our Angel Tree. Through our annual Angel Tree Christmas Present Drive, we are providing gifts, clothing, household items and food to the families and individuals of Oakland Family Services, A Place of Refuge, and Open Door Ministries. Stop by the Angel Tree in the Narthex for more information about how to adopt an individual or family. Please remember to sign out all angels taken from the tree. **Gifts, clothes and boxed food items should be brought to the church 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. **If you are interested in attending but haven't RSVP'd, please do so today.**

10TH ANNUAL ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET—SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

Northbrook's 10th 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 in Fellowship Hall following worship or contact Winnie Davies-Hancock** at (248)593-8035 or winsomeann@aol.com. See the flyer on the next page for more information.

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.

ADVENTURE PROGRAM ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

From 9 a.m. to Noon on Saturday, December 10th, leave your kids with us so you can get a jump on your holiday shopping. There will be breakfast, Advent crafts and we will be showing *Polar Express* with popcorn and cocoa. A \$10 donation per family is suggested.

SENIOR SOUPER SUPPER HOLIDAY DINNER ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

Senior Souper Supper will a special candlelight event on Thursday, December 8. Please join us at 5:30 p.m. in the Library. Plan to stay for a Christmas Story or two. RSVP to Becky in the church office at (248)642-0200.

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.

PICK UP YOUR NEW DIRECTORY

The new directories are in! Pick up a copy in the Narthex. One copy per family please.

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 ORDERS DUE TODAY

We are now taking orders for Poinsettias which will adorn the Sanctuary during our 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service. Orders are due today, Sunday, November 27. Use the order form below or look for order forms in the main hallway or in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour.

Christmas Poinsettia Order Form—Orders due Today

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. Please indicate how many red or white Poinsettia plants.

____ **Red Poinsettia Plants** ____ **White Poinsettia Plants** ____ **Total # of Plants**

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):

____ Yes, I would like a Deacon to take my Poinsettia(s) to a shut-in following the Christmas Eve service.



Northbrook Presbyterian Church
10th Annual
Alternative & Fair Trade Gift Market

Give a gift that shows your love and blesses others!

Sunday, December 4, 2016

11:30 AM – 2:00 PM

22055 W. 14 Mile (SW corner of 14 Mile & Lahser) Beverly Hills, MI

Northbrook sponsors this event to provide opportunities to purchase meaningful gifts and/or to make donations in honor of someone - gifts that also help improve the lives of fellow world citizens in need. Proceeds from gifts purchased from the organizations below will benefit local and worldwide non-profits and/or help support sustainable economies in developing areas of the world. The majority of items are Fair Trade, and prices are very reasonable - almost all under \$50! **Double the joy of gift-giving** when you purchase gifts for loved ones and friends and bring joy and relief to others who share our world.

Equal Exchange (Fair Trade coffees, teas and chocolates)

Habitat for Humanity (gifts) --- **Breast Cancer Awareness** (gifts) --- **FashionABLE** (scarves)

Cass Community Social Services - Detroit (doormats, coaster sets)

Northbrook Knit Wits & Friends (handmade needlework items & other handmade gifts)

Pal Craftaid (olive wood carvings and woven/stitched items from The Holy Land)

Megan's Mittens (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) --- **Kazuri Beads from Kenya**

SERVV, UNICEF, MayaWorks (a wide variety of gifts from around the world)

Mayan Hands, UPAVIM, Partners for Just Trade (assorted items, including for children)

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and Mission Agency (donations for relief services & supplies)

Heifer International (donations to purchase livestock for developing communities)

Women of the Cloud Forest – Costa Rica/Nicaragua (jewelry, luminaries, vases, & assorted déco)

Indego Africa to support women in Rwanda (assorted items) **On the Rise Bakery**

This Week at Northbrook

SUNDAY, November 27

10:15 a.m. Worship

MONDAY, November 28

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting—Men's Group

TUESDAY, November 29

6:30 p.m. Zumba

WEDNESDAY, November 30

10:00 a.m. Advent Bible Study

5:00 p.m. LOGOS

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THURSDAY, December 1

8:00 a.m. Men's Connection

SUNDAY, December 4

10:15 a.m. Worship & Communion

10:15 a.m. KIDS' Connection

11:30 a.m. Alternative Gift Market

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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