

Welcome to

Northbrook Presbyterian Church

December 2, 2018

Calm & Bright: First Sunday of Advent



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

ALL (spoken): Silent night, holy night

All is calm, all is bright

Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child

Holy Infant so tender and mild

Sleep in heavenly peace

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THE LIGHT ENTERS

One: We enter this season of waiting by lighting this first candle,
anticipating the light of the star that shone over Bethlehem for all to see.
Advent God,
we open ourselves to hear your call today to become those who not only wait,
but also work for peace in our lives, our families, our communities,
and our world.

**All: Fill us with your peace and light,
and bright.**

* OPENING SONG 756—*O God of Every Nation* Hymnal

* THE PEACE

*As we are reconciled to God and to one another, share a sign of Christ's peace with your neighbor.
The children are invited forward for a special message. They are then dismissed to KIDS' CONNECTION*

* SONG 121—*O Little Town of Bethlehem (v. 1)* Hymnal

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING—Isaiah 2:1-4 OT p. 631

SERMON—*Sleep in Heavenly Peace* Rev. Jacqueline Spycher
Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 OT p. 638

WE BRING OUR GIFTS FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST

OFFERTORY HYMN—*Awaken and Prepare Us* Mark Hayes
Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION 314—*Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness (v. 1)* Hymnal

THE LORD'S SUPPER

We welcome everyone who believes in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior to share in this meal. This morning, we serve by intinction. Please come forward by the center aisle, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and eat. Return to your place via the side aisles. If you are more comfortable to remain where you are, we will gladly bring the bread and cup to you. For those who desire it, you will find gluten-free bread and individual cups of juice on the table.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

INVITATION AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

And so we praise you, saying...

**You are the Light. You are our God,
piercing the dark night.**

**Blessed are the ones,
shining their lights, now in your name!**

And so we offer ourselves in union with Christ's offering of salvation:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

SONG 314—*Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness (v. 3)*

Hymnal

SONGS DURING COMMUNION

103—*Come Now, O Prince of Peace*

88—*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

CLOSING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

* SENDING SONG 753—*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

Hymnal

* BENEDICTION

**Go with God into this day
May the Spirit guide your way
Offer [peace] to all you greet
Like Christ, see God in all you meet.**

Sung:

**We need a silent night in here.
We need your presence to be near.
Give us the hope we need
and the peace we seek.
We need a silent night in here.**

**Give us the hope we need
and the peace we seek.
We need a silent night,
we need a silent night,
we need a silent night in here.**

POSTLUDE

* Please stand in body or spirit.

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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:

ASSISTANT PASTOR: Rev. Jacqueline Spycher LITURGIST: Kim Bowden-Adair

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Angel Gippert

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

VISUALS: Bryan Adair

SOUND: Michael Bauhof

SANCTUARY DOOR GREETER: Debbie Smith

COMMUNION SERVERS: Matt Broadwell, Tricia LaSota, Brian Long, Judy Owen

COFFEE HOUR HOST: Judy Owen

CHANCEL FLOWERS: Placed by Meredith Riggan Maurer in memory of Warren P. Riggan.

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

The Board of Deacons also requests prayers for: Church members whose last names begin with the letters E and F.

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.

CANS FOR COMMUNION—TODAY

Today, the Mission Connection Committee is taking up a collection of canned goods to be distributed to an area food pantry and distribution centers. Please put your donated canned goods in the collection box in the Narthex. No glass and please make sure the cans are not expired. Thank you.

ALTERNATIVE GIFT MINI-MARKET—TODAY

Today's Mini Alternative & Fair Trade Gift Market features an exciting new twist! We now have our own Northbrook 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. We 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! **Here is our link, which you have to use in order for Northbrook Mission to earn the extra funds:** <http://serrv.org/?a=Northbrook>. Sign in as a guest or create your own log-in. **Give a gift that shows your love and blesses others!**

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.

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. If you don’t already have a ticket, there will be a small number of tickets available at the door. For more information, please contact John Thomas, Phil Owen or Bill Travis. We hope to see all men there on Saturday December 8.

COOKIES & CAROLS—SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

This popular annual event will be held on Sunday, December 9 immediately following worship. We will have our regular 10:15 a.m. service in the Sanctuary and then move to Fellowship Hall to sing carols and enjoy cookies. Please dust off your favorite cookie recipes and bring a plate to share with your friends and family. Join us as we raise our voices in Christmas song and enjoy some of our sweetest confections!

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.

ANGEL TREE—DONATIONS DUE BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

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 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 14.**

SPECTRUM ORCHESTRA WINTER CONCERT—FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

Spectrum Orchestra will hold its winter concert at Northbrook on Friday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m. The concert will be conducted by Diego Piedra and include works by Mendelssohn: Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage, Op 27: Overture, Dvorak: Suite, Op.98 (American), Smetana: The Moldau, and Schumann: Symphony No. 3 in E-flat Major, Op. 97, “Rhenish”. General admission tickets are \$15, seniors 65+ are \$12 and children under 18 are free. Please visit www.spectrumorchestra.org for ticket information.

90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS—SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

Mary Sandercock will be celebrating her 90th birthday on December 6, Mary Alice Shrosbree on December 12 and John Thomas on December 18. The whole congregation is invited to a special coffee hour to commemorate Mary and John’s birthdays in Fellowship Hall on December 16 after the service. Plan on being there to express best wishes of the day to Mary and John! Due to family commitments we will not be celebrating Mary Alice’s birthday until the new year. Stay tuned as we firm up that date. How fortunate to have these individuals in our midst!

Your Northbrook Deacons

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE—TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

Northbrook will again offer a special worship service for all who are dealing with sadness at this time of year. It is a pre-Christmas service called Blue Christmas for those needing a light in the darkness. It is intended to give people who are grieving or otherwise in distress at Christmas a chance to step away from the endless drumbeat in our culture about the “most wonderful time of the year.” Blue Christmas will be a different kind of worship, one of comfort, of loss and of hope. Join us on Tuesday, December 18 at 7 p.m.

KNIT WITS—WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

Knit Wits will take a break in December and meet again on Wednesday, January 23. All skill levels are welcome.

This Week at Northbrook

SUNDAY, December 2

- 10:15 a.m. Worship & Communion
- 10:15 a.m. KIDS' Connection
- 11:15 a.m. Alternative Gift Mini-Market

MONDAY, December 3

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

TUESDAY, December 4

- 7:00 p.m. Mission Connection Comm. Mtg.

WEDNESDAY, December 5

- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. LOGOS

THURSDAY, December 6

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Connection
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, December 7

- 6:30 p.m. Favorite Things Party

SATURDAY, December 8

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Advent Breakfast
- 7:00 p.m. 1Friday

SUNDAY, December 9

- 10:15 a.m. Worship
- 10:15 a.m. KIDS' Connection
- 11:15 a.m. Cookies & Carols Coffee Hour
- 11:45 a.m. Deacons' Meeting
- 11:45 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

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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