

Welcome to

Northbrook Presbyterian Church

December 9, 2018

Calm & Bright: Second Sunday of Advent



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.

Singing:

Soloist: It was the night when joy was born

ALL: Silent Night

And just as now the world was torn

Holy Night

But all was calm and all was bright

Silent Night

The star above gave out its light

Holy Night

ALL: Dear people all around the world

Let us unite and we will show

How joy can change us,

How joy can help us grow.

Spoken:

One: As we continue our commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the debut of "Silent Night, Holy Night," let's speak the second verse together:

Silent night, holy night!

Shepherds quake at the sight,

Glories stream from heaven afar,

Heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia"!

Christ, the Savior is born,

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THE LIGHT ENTERS

Matt Broadwell

One: We continue this season of waiting by lighting the second candle, anticipating the light of the star that shone over Bethlehem for all to see.

Wondrous God,

We open ourselves to hear your call today

to become those who not only see the joy all around us,

but can also be joy, and bring joy, to all around us—

in our lives, our families, our communities, and our world.

All: Fill us with your peace and light, make the world so calm and bright.

* OPENING SONG 119—*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* Hymnal

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

SONG 314—*Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness (v. 2)* Hymnal

* THE PEACE

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

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

The children are invited forward for a special message. They are then dismissed to KIDS' CONNECTION

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING—Psalm 86: 9-11 OT p. 544

SERMON—*Glories Stream*

Rev. Dr. Kathryn Thoresen

Luke 2: 8-20 (CEB)

WE BRING OUR GIFTS FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST

OFFERTORY HYMN—*Jazz Gloria*

Natalie Sleeth

Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

* SENDING SONG 611—*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* Hymnal

* BENEDICTION

Spoken:

**Go with God into this day
May the Spirit guide your way
Offer joy 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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LEADING YOU IN WORSHIP TODAY ARE:

Please extend a warm welcome to our guest preacher, the Rev. Dr. Kate Thoresen. The Rev. Dr. Kate Thoresen is a familiar face at Northbrook as she has served as pulpit supply over the years here. She was recently at the farewell celebration for her good friend, Marjorie Wilhelmi, and was touched by all the love and warmth from Northbrook that embraced both Marjorie and Jeff. Rev. Kate is Parish Associate at First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham where her ministry focus concerns the 13,000 Michigan children in foster care. She began the Faith Communities Coalition on Foster Care ten years ago. Its mailing list now reaches over 600 congregations, child welfare organizations, foster families, colleges, aging out youth and provides a network for meeting and for collaborating ways to serve our kids in care. Prior to that, she has served in several congregations in our presbytery and often led retreats on spirituality and what it means today.

ASSISTANT PASTOR: Rev. Jacqueline Spycher LITURGIST: Matt Broadwell

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Angel Gippert LIGHT BEARERS: Nancy Best, Peggie Schiller

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

VISUALS: Bozena Johnson SOUND: Michael Bauhof

SANCTUARY DOOR GREETER: Betsy Savage

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: The Congregational Life Committee

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, Tom Sandercock, 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 letter G and members of the Board of Deacons.

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.

COOKIES & CAROLS TODAY FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Following the service today, we will move to Fellowship Hall to sing carols and enjoy cookies. Join us as we raise our voices in Christmas song and enjoy some of our sweetest confections!

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.

ALTERNATIVE GIFTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Do you have more holiday shopping to do? Northbrook now has 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 and 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. **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. If you have any questions, contact Winnie Davies-Hancock at winsomeann@aol.com or (248)593-8035. **Share our link with friends and family, and our Mission Fund can earn funds throughout the year while we support SERRV partners!**

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. Please RSVP to Becky in the church office.

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 will 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's 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 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

MONDAY, December 10

- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting—Men's Group

TUESDAY, December 11

- 6:30 p.m. Congregational Life Comm. Mtg.
- 7:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Comm. Mtg.

WEDNESDAY, December 12

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

THURSDAY, December 13

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Connection
- 1:00 p.m. Holiday Senior Souper Lunch

FRIDAY, December 14

- Angel Tree Presents Due by Noon
- 7:30 p.m. Spectrum Orchestra Concert

SUNDAY, December 16

- 10:15 a.m. Worship
- 10:15 a.m. KIDS' Connection
- 11:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Screening
- 11:15 a.m. 90th Birthday Coffee Hour
- 11:15 a.m. Session Meeting
- 11:45 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Group Holiday Party

MONDAY, December 17

- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting—Men's Group

TUESDAY, December 18

- 7:00 p.m. Blue Christmas Service

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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