

Welcome to

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*Northbrook Presbyterian Church*

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December 30, 2018  
First Sunday of Christmas



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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*

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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

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

*Singing:*

Soloist: It is the day we can be born

**ALL: Silent Night**

Yet all around the world is torn

**Holy Night**

But we bring calm and we bring light

**Silent Night**

Our stars together make things bright

**Holy Night**

**ALL: Dear people all around the world**

**Let us unite and we will show**

**How Light has changed us,**

**How Light has helped us grow.**

*Spoken:* The last verse of *Silent Night* ended with “Christ the Savior is born”...

*Singing:* So let your Light shine in the night

**Silent Night**

And let your life burn warm and bright

**Holy Night**

This love we give the world is balm

**Silent Night**

And in this truth we find our calm

**Holy Night!**

OPENING PRAYER

One: God of this new day,  
We open ourselves to hear your call to new life. As we anticipate the new year and all its possibilities, help us to always remember that nothing is ever finished, God is not done with us. Indeed, God is ever making our lives, our families, our communities, and our world a brighter place.

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

\*OPENING SONG 136—*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

Hymnal

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

As we reach the end of one year and prepare to greet a new one, let us confess the ways we have fallen short of God's commandments.

**Giver of Every Mercy,**

**You call us to clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. However, we often clothe ourselves with different attire: apathy, hatred, arrogance, and brashness. Help us to bear one another and forgive each other even as we ask forgiveness from you. Help us to don the clothing of love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. This we pray in the name of your Child, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Sisters and brothers in Christ,

Hear now the good news of the Gospel: Through the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

SONG 314—*Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness* (v 5)

Hymnal

\* THE PEACE

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

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

Hymnal

*The children are invited forward for a special message.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING—Psalm 148

OT p. 582

SERMON—*Is Born*

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

Colossians 3:12-17

NT p. 201

## WE BRING OUR GIFTS FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST

SONG 147—*The First Nowell*

Hymnal

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: Let us pray to God, saying:

All: **Gracious God, bind us together in perfect harmony.**

\* SENDING SONG—*This Little Light of Mine*

1 This little light of mine,  
I'm gonna let it shine;  
this little light of mine,  
I'm gonna let it shine;  
this little light of mine,  
I'm gonna let it shine;  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2 Everywhere I go,  
I'm gonna let it shine;  
everywhere I go,  
I'm gonna let it shine;  
everywhere I go,  
I'm gonna let it shine;  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

3 Jesus gave it to me;  
I'm gonna let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me;  
I'm gonna let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me;  
I'm gonna let it shine;  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

\* BENEDICTION

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

\* POSTLUDE

\* Please stand in body or spirit.

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## LEADING YOU IN WORSHIP TONIGHT ARE:

ASSISTANT PASTOR: Rev. Jacqueline Spycher      LITURGIST: Bozenna Johnson  
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Angel Gippert  
PRAISE BAND: Dan Gross as leader, percussion, guitar, Pete Zajicek on piano  
VISUALS: Bozenna Johnson & Keith Lee      SOUND: Michael Bauhof  
SANCTUARY DOOR GREETER: Lois Kurta

PRAYER REQUESTS: The family of Veda Harris who died on December 26, Joyce Hamburg, Walt Young, Jim Hothem, Dorene Adams, Tom Sandercock, Margaret Babb, Phil Owen, Steve DeCarteret, 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 Forbush family, the Keoleian family

The Board of Deacons also requests prayers for: Church members whose last names begin with the letter K and for all the Northbrook staff.

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.

### TABLE WORSHIP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL—SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

Have you ever felt the tug to stay home on Sunday and enjoy a warm breakfast verses heading to church for worship? On Sunday, January 6, we will be hosting a creative form of worship combining breakfast, communion and Sunday worship.

Join us for this unique time to praise God and share a meal with your church family.

We will be gathering in Fellowship Hall at 10:15 a.m.

### KIDS' CONNECTION

KIDS' Connection will not meet today but resume again on January 6th. Nursery care will still be available during the Sunday worship service.

### CANS FOR COMMUNION—SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

On Sunday, January 6, 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.

### CHRISTMAS CLEAN-UP—SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

Please plan on staying after worship on January 6 to help us take down and put away the Christmas decorations. Many hands make light (and fun) work!

### MEN'S CONNECTION—THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

Men's Connection will kick off the new year on Thursday, January 3. Men's Connection meets on Thursday mornings at 8 a.m. in the Library. All men of the church are welcome to attend.

### HAT AND MITTEN TREE

The Hat and Mitten tree is now up in the main hallway and will remain up until Sunday, January 6. Please consider donating new winter hats and gloves and mittens to the tree. Items on the tree will be donated to those in need following Christmas.

### STONE SOUP & MOVIE NIGHT—FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

Join us on Friday, January 11 at 6:30 p.m. for a stone soup dinner and viewing of "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" Soup will be provided, but others are encouraged to bring whatever they have to share for the meal. If you don't have time or energy to bring something, just bring yourself or a friend. We'll enjoy a fun meal and a viewing of the critically acclaimed film about everyone's favorite neighbor, Fred Rogers. You may want to bring a lawn chair or blanket for comfortable viewing in Fellowship Hall. Contact Pastor Jackie with questions at [jacqueline@northbrookpc.org](mailto:jacqueline@northbrookpc.org).

### 90TH BIRTHDAY COFFEE HOUR—SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

Join in the celebration of Mary Alice Shrosbree's 90th Birthday on Sunday, January 13 after worship in Fellowship Hall. Join us at this special coffee hour to share in this wonderful milestone event.

~Your Deacons

### NORTHBROOK BOOK CLUB MEETING—MONDAY, JANUARY 14

The Northbrook Book Club will meet on Monday, January 14 at 7 p.m. in the Library to discuss *The Testament of Mary* by Colm Toibin. All are welcome.

### SENIOR SOUPER LUNCH—JANUARY 10 AND JANUARY 24

Make a New Year's resolution to join us at 1 p.m. in the Library on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month for a delicious soup lunch. Invite your friends and neighbors.

### 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.

## YEAR-ROUND SHOPPING VIA SERRV.COM BENEFITS NORTHBROOK'S MISSION FUND

Do you like to shop online and purchase lovely gifts that support Fair Trade and make a positive difference in the world? We now have our own Northbrook custom link to the SERRV website which allows you and your friends, colleagues and family to purchase items year round from SERRV's entire line of over 1000 wonderful items. Purchases made via Northbrook's custom link will allow Northbrook's Mission Fund to 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 number of catalogs on hand at church. **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. For assistance with questions or ordering, contact Winnie Davies-Hancock at [winsomeann@aol.com](mailto:winsomeann@aol.com) or (248)593-8035.

## PUB THEOLOGY

In the New Year, Pub Theology will be undergoing a little facelift. We will still gather at 7 p.m. on the final Tuesday of the month for lively discussion, tasty food (the church will still cover the first round of appetizers!) and good drinks (you cover those). However, we are changing locations and welcoming some new faces to the mix. Pub Theology will now be a joint venture with Northbrook, First Presbyterian Church of Troy and Kirk in the Hills. Because we wanted to be more centrally located to the three churches, we will now gather at Black Lotus Brewery located at 1 E. 14 Mile Road in Clawson. The group will be jointly led by Pastor Jackie Spycher and Rev. Jasmine Smart.

If you're a regular to our Brady's gatherings and sad to hear about the change up, fear not! Because of the popularity of enjoying dinner together with fellow Northbrook folks, we'll continue to meet at Brady's for a time of dinner fellowship. Our first Northbrook at Brady's will be at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 15. All are welcome at both events. If you have questions, please contact Jackie at [jacqueline@northbrookpc.org](mailto:jacqueline@northbrookpc.org).

## WORSHIP AT THE WELCOME INN

The Welcome Inn is the only day warming center to serve the homeless population of southern Oakland County. Housed at Covenant Presbyterian Church near 10 Mile and Lahser, they serve our neighbors in need during the coldest weeks of the year (mid-December-early March). Northbrook has been a ministry partner for years, contributed financially, as well as given food, clothing and toiletries. In the first week of this year's season, we even served as shuttle bus drivers transporting guests from the overnight shelter to the day center. This season, Northbrook is sponsoring a weekly communion service at the Welcome Inn on Thursdays at 4 p.m. Led by Pastor Jackie, the service includes scripture, prayer, music and communion. If you would like to volunteer with the Welcome Inn or attend the service, contact Jackie at [jacqueline@northbrookpc.org](mailto:jacqueline@northbrookpc.org).

## This Week at Northbrook

SUNDAY, December 30

10:15 a.m. Worship

MONDAY, December 31

Office Closed

TUESDAY, January 1—*Happy New Year!*

Office Closed

WEDNESDAY, January 2

12:00 p.m. AA Meeting

THURSDAY, January 3

8:00 a.m. Men's Connection

SUNDAY, January 6

10:15 a.m. Worship & Communion in  
Fellowship Hall

10:15 a.m. KIDS' Connection

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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](http://www.northbrookpc.org)