

Welcome to

# Northbrook Presbyterian Church

January 7, 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 WORSHIP

Jacqueline Spycher

One: In the beginning of God's creating, the Spirit of the Lord swept over the unsettled and unorganized chaos and spoke:

**All: "Let there be light!"**

One: At the beginning of Jesus' ministry, the Spirit of the Lord broke through the unsettled and unorganized wilderness and spoke:

**All: "This is the Light!"**

One: At the beginning of our worship, the Spirit of the Lord moves in the midst of the unsettled and unorganized people of God and speaks:

**All: "Follow the Light!"**

One: Together, let us walk in the Light of Christ!

\* OPENING SONG—*Creation Sings the Father's Song*

Getty & Townend



1. Cre - a - tion sings the Fa - ther's song; — He calls the sun to wake the dawn and  
 (2. Cre) - a - tion gazed up - on His face; — The age - less One in time's em - brace, un -  
 (3. Cre) - a - tion longs for His re - turn, — when Christ shall reign up - on the earth; The



run the course of day, till eve - ning falls in crim - son rays. His  
 - veiled the Fa - ther's plan of rec - on - cil - ing God and man. A  
 bit - ter wars that rage are birth pains of a com - ing age. When



fin - ger - prints in flakes of snow; — His breath up - on this spin - ning globe; — He  
 sec - ond Ad - am walked the earth, — whose blame - less life would break the curse, — whose  
 He re - news the land and sky, — all heav'n will sing and earth re - ply — with



charts the ea - gle's flight, com - mands the new - born ba - by's cry. Hal - le - lu -  
 death would set us free to live with Him e - ter - nal - ly.  
 one re - splend - ent theme: The glo - ry of our God and King!



-jah! Let all cre - a - tion stand and sing: "Hal - le - lu - jah!" Fill the



earth with songs of wor - ship, tell the won - ders of cre - a - tion's King.



2. Cre -  
 3. Cre -

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We try to stop Jesus from coming into our lives, Patient God,  
for we know how disruptive he can be.**

**He wants us to preach the gospel with our lives,  
but we prefer to complain how hard that is to do.**

**He wants us to do what is right, yet wrong-doing comes so easily for us.**

**He would like us not to give up until justice is done,  
but we just don't seem to have the time.**

**We confess because we know we need to be forgiven by you, Glory and Grace.**

**Bathe us in the life giving waters of your mercy so we can come up from the water,  
ready to do good for others, to give you all the praise,**

**to learn justice, grace, and hope from your Servant, Jesus Christ.**

*—Silent prayer—*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: You are God's Beloved. You delight God's heart. Believe this good news, my friends

**All: The Spirit of God rests upon us, anointing us with mercy and peace.**

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\* THE PEACE

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

*—All Children are invited to go to KIDS' Connection at this time—*

\* SONG 192—*Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining*

Hymnal

SCRIPTURE READING—*Genesis 1:1-5*

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SERMON—*Who Are You?*

John 1:19-34

Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi

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REAFFIRMATION OF OUR BAPTISM IN CHRIST

Every day we journey on this earth is a day in which we make choices:  
left or right, up or down, in or out, yes or no?

Some choices are simple, and some are very complex,  
but one choice informs all the others:

Who will be our God? Who will we trust to see us through this journey?

**Who has been with us from before the beginning, bringing us into existence?**

**Who has named us and claimed us as his own? ...**

**Who has loved us and blessed us and sent us on our way?  
Who pointed us toward the path and posted the signs we need to find our way?  
Who has been at our side when the road has been smooth and easy to travel?  
Who has guided us through hairpin turns, construction zones and detours?  
Who will celebrate with us when we complete our course?**

Only One. The One and Only.

**Holy One. The One and Holy.**

Will you choose this day to stay faithful to the One who is faithful to us?

**Count us in.**

Will you choose this day to place your whole trust in the One who is trustworthy?

**Count us in.**

Will you choose this day to commit your life to the One who gave it to you?

**Count us in.**

Will you choose this day to love the One who loved us first?

**Count us in.**

Praying together, let us say:

**Almighty God, Your Spirit swept over the waters of creation;**

**You are sweeping over us now, creating something new.**

**Call us away from the distractions of the world**

**to experience what You are doing now, in us,**

**and through us, and in our world.**

**Open us to a new awakening, a new beginning,**

**where we look through the lens of the goodness of Your creation,**

**experiencing all possibilities in You.**

**Turn us away from anything that deters us from your call to us,**

**and lead us to the light.**

**We pray in the name of Jesus, who leads us into life. Amen.**

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION 377—*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

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.*

INVITATION AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, LORD'S PRAYER

SONGS DURING COMMUNION

507—*Come to the Table of Grace*

510—*We Gather Here in Jesus' Name*

CLOSING PRAYER

\* SENDING SONG 839—*Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!*

Hymnal

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

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Liturgy adapted from *Freshly Squeezed Liturgy* by Rev. Christine Sobania

LEADING YOU IN WORSHIP TODAY ARE:

PASTOR: Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi

PASTORAL ASSISTANT: Jacqueline Spycher

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Angel Gippert

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

SOUND: Michael Bauhof

VISUALS: Bozenna Johnson

CENTER DOOR GREETER: Dorothy Warren

SANCTUARY DOOR GREETER: Lois Kurta

COMMUNION SERVERS: Amy Annett, Grant Burnham, Sue Koss

PRAYER REQUESTS: Georgina Kennedy, the family and friends of Lucille McLeod who died on December 15, the family and friends of Mary Clark who died on December 19, Tracey Parker, Dick Keier, Michael Campion, Bob Miller, Roger McGuineas, Margaret Babb, Al & Mary Alice Shrosbree, Georgina Keoleian, Seglinda Kelle-Pritchard

The Board of Deacons also requests prayers for: Church members whose last names begin with the letter M and warmth and comfort for all those experiencing extreme winter weather conditions.

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.

90TH BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATION—TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

Let's celebrate it again! The 90th birthdays have passed for Edna Gadsby, Mary Lou Harrison and Dick Forbush, and we have held off on a proper Northbrook celebration until Fellowship Hall was finished. Please join us after the worship service today to wish these three great people a belated wonderful 90th birthday and a super 91st year!

## NORTHBROOK BOOK CLUB—JANUARY 8

The next meeting of the Northbrook Book Club will be on Monday, January 8 at 7 p.m. in the Library. They will be discussing *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. All are welcome.

## ORDINATION SERVICE OF JACQUELINE SPYCHER – NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

Please join us in worship as we joyously celebrate the ordination of Jacqueline Spycher as a Presbyterian Minister of Word and Sacrament at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 14, 2018. A reception will follow the service in Fellowship Hall.

## SEASON OF GIVING FUNDRAISER UPDATE!

A great big THANK YOU to all who donated or purchased goods and services during December's Season of Giving FUNdraiser! Through December 31, we realized \$5,615 in sales and donations, and our generous anonymous #AngelAmongUs elected to give the entire \$10,000 matching grant to the cause, bringing the grand total raised to \$15,615! These FUNds support our annual operating budget, and, just as importantly, they provide a way to come together to share the gifts and talents we each possess. Offerings include all sorts of things: neck massages, picture hanging, cooking, cleaning, transportation, gardening, tutoring, tech support, hospitality and more. In fact, so many great goods and services were offered that we're extending the FUN through January to give our 2018 operating budget a kick-start! Check out the Season of Giving board in Fellowship Hall, and again, THANK YOU for sharing in the FUN!

## ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM—THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

On Thursday, January 11, the Adult Education Committee is hosting a favorite speaker, Pat Ochodnicki. Pat has traveled to the Holy Land a number of times, most recently in the fall of 2017. Pat will be sharing with us the current status of life in the Holy Land at 11:30 a.m. preceding the Senior Souper Lunch in the Library.

## SENIOR SOUPER LUNCH

Senior Souper Lunch will meet on Thursdays, January 11 and January 25 at 1:00 p.m. in the Library.

## KNIT WITS

Please join the Knit Wits on Wednesday, January 24 at 1:00 p.m. in the Library.

## PUB THEOLOGY—TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

Are you interested in talking about faith and God but shy away from conventional bible studies? Or, perhaps you just like the idea of sharing a beer and meeting some new folks? Join us on Tuesday, January 23 at 7 p.m. at Brady's Tavern located at 31231 Southfield Road in Beverly Hills for Pub Theology. Come once or every time. We will meet monthly with a new topic each time. New faces and friends are always welcome. We'll supply the first round of appetizers and you'll buy your own beer, pop or whatever. Not sure how to find us? Look for the Pub Theology logo on the table. Questions? Contact Jackie Spycher at [jacqueline@northbrookpc.org](mailto:jacqueline@northbrookpc.org).

## OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2018 Offering Envelopes are now available for pick up in the Narthex. Please contact Kathy Brooks with questions at (248)642-0200 or [kathy@northbrookpc.org](mailto:kathy@northbrookpc.org).

## PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: ANIMATE FAITH

Together, we'll explore central topics of Christianity like God: Faith Is a Quest; Religion: Spirituality Is not Enough; Salvation: Abundant Life Now; Cross: Where God Is and Church: An Imperfect Family. These topics will be introduced to us on DVD by contemporary leaders of the Christian faith today like Lillian Daniel, Nadia Bolz-Weber, Bruce Reyes-Chow and Mark Scandrette, leaving plenty of room for us to discuss and explore what these subjects mean for us today. The study starts Wednesday, January 10 and will be offered at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. for five weeks. A optional study journal can be purchased for \$14.00. Please RSVP to the church office or to [marjorie@northbrookpc.org](mailto:marjorie@northbrookpc.org). See you in class!

## WOMEN'S MARCH TRIP—SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

On Sunday, January 21, a group of women (and men, if they'd like to come) will be traveling from Northbrook to the State Capitol for the Women's March on Lansing. Organized to commemorate the historic Women's March on Washington from 2017, the march in Lansing aims to bring together local and state voices to continue the discussion and movement towards gender equality. The question of why each person marches varies but often includes concerns about human rights, ending violence, women's health, anti-poverty and environmental concerns. As people of faith, we hold these concerns as our own. We will depart from the church immediately following worship on Sunday, January 21. If you would like to join us, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact Jackie Spycher at (248)642-0200 or [jacqueline@northbrookpc.org](mailto:jacqueline@northbrookpc.org).

### This Week at Northbrook

#### SUNDAY, January 7

- 10:15 a.m. Worship & Communion
- 11:15 a.m. Kids' Connection
- 11:15 a.m. 90s Birthday Coffee Hour
- 5:00 p.m. Mid & Senior Highs

#### MONDAY, January 8

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

#### TUESDAY, January 9

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

#### WEDNESDAY, January 10

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. LOGOS
- 7:00 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study

#### THURSDAY, January 11

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Connection
- 11:30 a.m. Adult Education Program
- 1:00 p.m. Senior Souper Lunch

#### FRIDAY, January 12

Youth Winter Retreat (1/12-1/14)

#### SUNDAY, January 14

- 10:15 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Kids' Connection
- 11:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Screening
- 4:00 p.m. Jacqueline Spycher's Ordination

#### MONDAY, January 15

OFFICE CLOSED in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

# Service of Prayer for Christian Unity



*"May they all be one, so that the world may believe..." - John 17:21*

#### Participating Churches:

First Baptist Church of Birmingham, First United Methodist Church of Birmingham,  
First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, Franklin Community Church, Northbrook Presbyterian Church,  
St. James Episcopal Church, St. Regis Catholic Church

**Sunday, January 21, 2018**  
at 5:00 pm

**Northbrook Presbyterian  
Church**

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Beverly Hills, MI 48025  
Phone: 248-642-0200  
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Each year, Christians around the world are reminded of Jesus' prayer for his disciples that "they may be one so that the world may believe" (see John 17:21). Since 1908, congregations and parishes everywhere have set aside the week of January 18–25 as a week to come together to pray for Christian unity.

A community prayer service will be held on Sunday, January 21, at 5:00 pm, at Northbrook Presbyterian Church. We hope you will join your neighbors from local congregations for this timely opportunity to reflect the love and unity we share in Jesus Christ to our community.

## Office Hours

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Friday: 9 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)

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