

Welcome to

*Northbrook Presbyterian Church*

January 20, 2019



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

Brian Long

One: We come this day, Precious God,  
as people desiring your steadfast love:

**All: with you is the fountain of life;  
in your Light we see light.**

One: We gather this day, Lifechanging God,  
as people looking for signs:

**All: with you is the fountain of life;  
in your Light we see light.**

One: We worship this day, Gifting God,  
as people who believe in Jesus as our Lord:

**All: with you is the fountain of life;  
in your Light we see light.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Graceful God, you share with us words of hope, words of Good News.  
But sometimes we are unable to hear them  
because the source is too familiar, or our own voices drown out yours.  
You call us to share the Good News with those around us.  
But sometimes we are reluctant to share,  
because the people know us too well.  
You encourage us to send messengers to other places  
where they will be heard better.  
But we can be jealous,  
wanting the Good News to be for us, not them.**

**There are so many ways we stand in the way of  
your message of freedom, healing, and grace,  
Yet you come to us over and over again offering forgiveness in both miraculous ways,  
and in simple ways. Help us Gracious God to always rely  
upon your Grace to lead us back to you, and may we always be your faithful servants.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* THE PEACE

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

\* SONG 81—*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

Hymnal

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

HYMN 435—*There's a Wilderness in God's Mercy*

Hymnal

SCRIPTURE READING—Psalm 36:5-10

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SERMON—*Everything God Touches Becomes More Beautiful*  
John 1:1-11

Rev. Anne Schaefer  
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WE BRING OUR GIFTS FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST

OFFERTORY HYMN—*Praise His Holy Name*  
Chancel Choir

Keith Hampton

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

\* SENDING SONG 833—*O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

Hymnal

\* BENEDICTION

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*

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CELEBRATION COFFEE HOUR FOLLOWING WORSHIP TODAY  
Please join us for a special coffee hour following worship to welcome our new Interim Pastor, the Rev. Anne Schaefer, to Northbrook and to celebrate Georgina Kennedy who turns 99 years young today.  
Join us for a celebration filled with well wishes, music and cake!

## LEADING YOU IN WORSHIP TODAY ARE:

INTERIM PASTOR: REV. Anne Schaefer                      LITURGIST: Brian Long  
ASSISTANT PASTOR OF OUTREACH MINISTRIES: Rev. Jacqueline Spycher  
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Angel Gippert  
PRAISE BAND: Dan Gross as leader, percussion, guitar, Pete Zajicek on piano  
VISUALS: Bryan Adair    SOUND: Dave Vander Weide  
SANCTUARY DOOR GREETER: Betsy Savage    CENTER DOOR GREETER: Diane Joppie  
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: The Congregational Life Committee  
CHANCEL FLOWERS: Placed in honor of Georgina Kennedy's 99th Birthday today

PRAYER REQUESTS: The family of Dorene Adams who died on Saturday, December 29, the family of Tom Sandercocock who died on January 10, Joyce Hamburg, Walt Young, Jim Hothem, Margaret Babb, Phil Owen, Steve DeCarteret, Ellie Poster, Tracey Parker, Sam Owens, Brad Back, Bob Miller, Connie & Roger McGuineas, Al & Mary Alice Shrosbree, Seglinda Kelle-Pritchard, the Harris family, the Forbush family, the Keoleian family

The Board of Deacons also requests prayers for: Church members whose last names begin with the letter M and members of the Adult Education Committee.

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.

### HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 21 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Regular business hours will resume on Tuesday.

CHILDREN'S BEDDING DRIVE BENEFITTING THE FURNITURE BANK OF SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN  
On a weekly basis, the Furniture Bank of SE Michigan provides beds to more than 15 area children who are living in poverty, transitioning from homelessness, working with child protective services or fleeing crisis and abuse. We can provide these children with some comfort and cheer with the gift of **new Twin Size** sheet sets, comforters and mattress covers. A complete twin bedding set in a bag is another great option. January is a great time to shop for these items due to the customary January White Sales in retail stores. During these cold winter months, let's share some Northbrook love and care as we support this mission initiative. We will collect the new bedding packages in the main hallway near the nametag table. **The Bedding Drive runs from January 13—February 3.** For more information or questions, please Contact Winnie Davies-Hancock at (248)593-8035 or [winsomeann@aol.com](mailto:winsomeann@aol.com).

### NORTHBROOK ANNUAL MEETING—SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

We encourage you to attend Northbrook's Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 10 following worship where we will celebrate our accomplishments of last year. The Congregational Life Committee has planned a light breakfast to be served during coffee hour.

## 2019 GIVING ENVELOPES HAVE ARRIVED

Please pick up your giving envelopes in Fellowship Hall following the Service on Sunday. Thank you.

## SOS SAVE THE DATE—SEPTEMBER 8 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 15

This year, Northbrook will be hosting South Oakland Shelter (SOS) from Sunday, September 8 to Sunday, September 15. This is where homeless guests stay a week at our church in their transition to getting their own home. We do this every other year. It is a truly amazing experience, but we need many hands to accomplish this!!! More details to follow but please save the date. If you have any questions, see Barb Stetson at [bbkstetson@comcast.net](mailto:bbkstetson@comcast.net) or (248)302 3033.

## KNIT WITS—WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

Knit Wits will meet again on Wednesday, January 23. All skill levels are welcome.

## SENIOR SOUPER LUNCH—THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

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.

## MEN'S CONNECTION

Men's Connection meets on Thursday mornings at 8 a.m. in the Library. All men of the church are welcome to attend.

## PUB THEOLOGY—TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

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 and good drinks. The church will still cover the first round of appetizers, and you cover the drinks. 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. All are welcome to attend. If you have questions, please contact Jackie at [jacqueline@northbrookpc.org](mailto:jacqueline@northbrookpc.org).

## FORT STREET OPEN DOOR—THURSDAY, JANUARY 31

Join us for a morning of mission at the Open Door at Fort Street Presbyterian Church on Thursday, January 31. We'll go to serve the morning meal. The group will depart at 8:00 a.m. from the church parking lot and may include a stop for lunch in Detroit at a location to be determined. For more information and/or to sign up, contact Seglinda Kelle-Pritchard at (248)626-6514.

## 1FRIDAY—FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Another 1Friday is on the schedule for Friday February 1st from 7-9:30pm! All middle and high school students are invited to bring friends for a free fun-filled night at Northbrook that includes video games, sports, a game show, team games, funny videos and snacks. For more information, please contact Ken Stetson at [stetson.kenny@gmail.com](mailto:stetson.kenny@gmail.com).

## CHANCEL AND WINDOW FLOWERS

Dedicating Chancel or window flowers is a wonderful way to honor or memorialize a loved one during the worship service. Please see the sign-up sheet for Chancel and Window Flowers in the main hallway. Chancel flowers are \$45 and window flowers are \$25 for a pair.

## YOUR SHOPPING AT 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.

## 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, January 20

- 10:15 a.m. Worship
- 10:15 a.m. KIDS' Connection
- 11:15 a.m. Celebration Coffee Hour to  
welcome the Rev. Anne Schaefer  
and celebrate Georgina Kennedy's  
99th Birthday
- 11:45 a.m. Session Meeting
- 11:45 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

### MONDAY, January 21

OFFICE CLOSED in honor of Martin  
Luther King Jr. Day

- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting—Men's Group

### WEDNESDAY, January 23

- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Knit Wits
- 5:00 p.m. LOGOS

### THURSDAY, January 24

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

### SUNDAY, January 27

- 10:15 a.m. Worship
- 10:15 a.m. KIDS' Connection
- 11:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Screening
- 5:00 p.m. Mid & Senior Highs Youth Group
- 11:45 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

## *Northbrook Presbyterian Church*

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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)