

Welcome to

*Northbrook Presbyterian Church*

February 4, 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

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

One: We meet in the name of God, Creator of the universe,  
source of true humanity, mother and father of all.

**All: Amen.**

One: We meet in the name of Jesus, Word made flesh,  
savior of fallen humanity, lover of all.

**All: Amen.**

One: We meet in the name of the Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life,  
midwife of new humanity, inspirer of all.

**All: Amen.**

One: Come then, eternal God,

**All: Be present here, befriend us here, renew us here.**

One: Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Because you made the world and intended it to be a good place,  
and called its people your children;  
because, when things seemed at their worst,  
you came in Christ to bring out the best in us;  
so, gracious God, we gladly say:

**All: Goodness is stronger than evil, love is stronger than hate,  
Light is stronger than darkness, truth is stronger than lies.**

One: Because confusion can reign inside us, despite our faith;  
because anger, tension, bitterness and envy distort our vision;  
because our minds sometimes worry small things out of all proportion;  
because we do not always get it right, we want to believe:

**All: Goodness is stronger than evil, love is stronger than hate,  
Light is stronger than darkness, truth is stronger than lies.**

One: Because you have promised to hear us, and are able to change us,  
and are willing to make our hearts your home,  
we ask you to confront, forgive, and encourage us, as you know best.

—*silent prayer*—

Then let us cherish in our hearts that which we proclaim with our lips:

**All: Goodness is stronger than evil, love is stronger than hate,  
Light is stronger than darkness, truth is stronger than lies.**

One: Lord, hear our prayer and change our lives  
until we illustrate the grace of the God who makes all things new.

**All: 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 750—*Goodness is Stronger than Evil*

Hymnal

SCRIPTURE READING—Psalm 34:1-8

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SONG 460—*Break Thou the Bread of Life*

Hymnal

SERMON—*Be the Bread*

John 6:35, 41-51

Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi

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WE BRING OUR GIFTS FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST

OFFERTORY SONG—*All That Lasts*  
Chancel Choir

Martin/Angerman

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION 509—*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly, vs. 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.*

INVITATION AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, LORD'S PRAYER

SONGS DURING COMMUNION

509—*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly, vs. 2 and 3*

525—*Let Us Break Bread Together*

527—*Eat This Bread*

CLOSING PRAYER

One: In gratitude, in deep gratitude,  
for this moment, for your Word, for these people, we give ourselves to you.

**All: Take us out to live as changed people,  
because we have shared the living bread, and cannot remain the same.**

One: Ask much of us, enable much by us, encourage many through us.

**All: So, Lord, may we live to your glory,  
both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.**

\* SENDING SONG 769—*For Everyone Born, A Place at the Table* 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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LEADING YOU IN WORSHIP TODAY ARE:

PASTOR: Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi ASSISTANT PASTOR: Rev. Jacqueline Spycher  
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Angel Gippert  
PRAISE BAND: Dan Gross as leader, percussion, guitar, Pete Zajicek on piano  
SOUND: Dave Vander Weide VISUALS: Bozenna Johnson  
SANCTUARY DOOR GREETERS: Walt & Donna Young CENTER DOOR GREETER: Dave Tengler  
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: The LaSota Family  
COMMUNION SERVERS: Diane Joppie, Judy Owen, Dave Tengler, Dorothy Warren  
CHANCEL FLOWERS: Placed by Jim Hothem in memory of his wonderful wife, Beverly, who passed away on February 5, 2017

PRAYER REQUESTS: Iva Voight, Tracey Parker, Michael Campion, Bob Miller, Roger McGuineas, Margaret Babb, Al & Mary Alice Shrosbree, Georgenia Keoleian, Seglinda Kelle-Pritchard

The Board of Deacons also requests prayers for: Church members whose last names begin with the letters V, W and Y and homeless people living in the cold.

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.

SUPER BOWL SUB SANDWICH FUNDRAISER—TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR

If you pre-ordered a sub sandwich, please be sure to pay and pick it up in Fellowship Hall following worship. There will be some extra subs for sale if you didn't pre-order. Sub choices are Italian, Turkey or Veggie and cost \$10 each. Proceeds will support the Northbrook Youth Mission Trip to Cincinnati this year. Thank you for your support!

ANNUAL MEETING & LUNCHEON—SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Please join us for our Annual Meeting and Luncheon on Sunday, February 11 following worship. We will celebrate our past year as well as the completion of the renovations to Fellowship Hall. To help us plan for the meal, please sign up in Fellowship Hall or RSVP to the church office.

## SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER—TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Whether you call it Mardi Gras or Shrove Tuesday, customarily the day before Lent has been a time of enjoying sweet food and upbeat music. Join us for our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 13 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Folks of all ages are encouraged to come and bring along friends and family for an evening of good food and good times. Besides pancakes and toppings, we will have sausage, King Cake and gluten-free options. A goodwill offering will be taken. If you are interested in helping to set-up, cook or clean-up, contact Jackie at [jacqueline@northbrookpc.org](mailto:jacqueline@northbrookpc.org). Sign-up sheets to attend and/or help can be found in Fellowship Hall.

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Please join us on Wednesday, February 14 at 7:00 p.m. for our Ash Wednesday service.

## NORTHBROOK BOOK CLUB—MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Please join the discussion of ***Detroit Hustle: A Memoir of Life, Love and Home*** by Amy Haimerl on February 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. **All book clubbers should bring a list of three to five suggested titles for future reading to the February 12 meeting. Please note the change in the order of upcoming books to read:** March 26— *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah and May 7— *The Good Chinese Daughter: Growing Up in China and America* by Elizabeth Chiu King

## BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING DATE CHANGE

Kathy Bauhof will do blood pressure screenings on Sunday, February 18. If you would like your blood pressure taken, please visit her in the office after worship.

## NORTHBROOK PRAYER CHAIN

Please consider becoming a member of our Northbrook Prayer Chain. This is a group of members who offer prayers of support for those among us who experiencing some difficult times. Prayer is a powerful force, and we welcome anyone interested in adding their voice to our prayers. For more information about becoming a member of the Prayer Chain, please contact Sallie Dorer at (248)647-1465 or [camelotsal@aol.com](mailto:camelotsal@aol.com).

## MEN'S CONNECTION

Men's Connection meets every Thursday morning in the Library at 8:00 a.m. All men are invited to join us.

## KNIT WITS

Please join the Knit Wits on Wednesday, February 28 at 1:00 p.m. in the Library.

## SENIOR SOUPER LUNCH

Senior Souper Lunch will meet on Thursdays, February 8 and February 22 at 1:00 p.m. in the Library.

TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON ...

***A Time for Farewells:*** At the end of this month, we will say farewell to Kathy Brooks. After four and a half years of faithfully keeping track of Northbrook's finances, Kathy will be stepping down in order to give more time to her other "job": caring for her family and her aging parents. Kathy has been a vital part of our staff, bringing her extensive accounting knowledge and experience to all things financial at Northbrook in ways that have far surpassed her job description. She has done it all with energy and enthusiasm, diligence and love, and we will miss her very much. We are so grateful for all she has done and pray God's blessings and joy in this new chapter in her life.

Our custodian of more years than we can count, Larry Brown, has retired (again). Yes, he did retire once before but just couldn't stay away, and so returned for the past two years for two days a week. However, he has finally realized that there's a season for everything, and this is his season for some well-deserved rest and relaxation. Larry has been more than custodian! He has been our caretaker, for not only the building, but for each of us. We have been blessed by his ministry, for that is indeed what he made that job to be. Farewell, Larry, and God bless you with deep joy and good health in this new chapter in your life.

***And a Time for Hellos:*** We welcome Carlton Lewis to our staff. You may have noticed a new face around the building. At the beginning of this year, Carlton began working three days a week as custodian. He'll be giving the full five days a try, knowing that he has some pretty big shoes to fill! We're glad he's here. If you see him, please say hi!

#### WORLD MEDICAL RELIEF

World Medical Relief (WMR) gathers unused medical supplies and equipment and ships these materials to countries all over the world where medical care is difficult to find and medical supplies are scarce. Volunteers are needed to sort and pack these supplies. A typical work day starts around 9:00 am and ends around 2:00 pm. Volunteers are asked to bring a bag lunch. For those of you who have volunteered at WMR before, the good news is that it has moved closer to us. It is now located at 21725 Melrose in Southfield, just East of Lahser and North of 8 Mile. Some suggested work days are February 22 or February 23. Other dates could be arranged. If you are interested, please e-mail Carl von Ende at [vonende@millercanfield.com](mailto:vonende@millercanfield.com).

#### OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you haven't picked up your 2018 Offering Envelopes, please contact Kathy Brooks in the office at (248)642-0200 or [kathy@northbrookpc.org](mailto:kathy@northbrookpc.org).

#### ZUMBA

In February, Zumba will be held on Monday nights on February 5th and 12th from 6:30—7:30 p.m. On February 20th and 27th, Zumba will go back to its usual Tuesday night time slot from 6:30—7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Classes are \$5 per session. Bring a water bottle, gym shoes and wear comfortable active clothing. Contact Abby Adair at (248)798-8530 or by email [abagaeladair@gmail.com](mailto:abagaeladair@gmail.com) to let her know you will be attending. Classes must have a minimum attendance or they may be cancelled.

## PUB THEOLOGY—TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Are you interested in talking about faith and God but shy away from conventional bible studies? Perhaps you just like the idea of sharing a beer and meeting some new folks. Then, join us on Tuesday, February 27 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. You will 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).

## SAVE YOUR TREASURES

Begin saving those treasures you no longer use for the 2018 Northbrook Garage Sale. We are beginning to collect donations, and they can be stored in the Youth House. Please contact Barb Stetson at [bbkstetson@comcast.net](mailto:bbkstetson@comcast.net) for details. Sale dates are June 22nd and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### This Week at Northbrook

#### SUNDAY, February 4

- 10:15 a.m. Worship & Communion
- 11:15 a.m. Kids' Connection
- 11:15 a.m. Super Bowl Sub Fundraiser

#### MONDAY, February 5

- 6:30 p.m. Zumba
- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting—Men's Group

#### TUESDAY, February 6

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

#### WEDNESDAY, February 7

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

#### THURSDAY, February 8

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

#### SUNDAY, February 11

- 10:15 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Kids' Connection
- 11:15 a.m. Annual Meeting & Luncheon
- 11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Northbrook Presbyterian Church**  
*Coffee House Concert - No Cover Charge*



*February 17 at 7p.m.*

**FEATURING JEAN WATSON**

*Jean is an internationally acclaimed singer-songwriter and is a classically trained violinist. Jean's musical style is eclectic and features an abundance of Celtic-infused violin with her haunting vocals. She has been honored with four Best Female artist awards for Praise and Worship by the UK Christian Alliance. Jean also hosts a daily radio program in Ireland.*

Please join us for an inspiring evening of live music,  
candle-lit coffee house seating and refreshments.

Goodwill donations received at this concert will support  
The Welcome Inn Day Center, South Oakland County's  
only daytime winter warming center.

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**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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