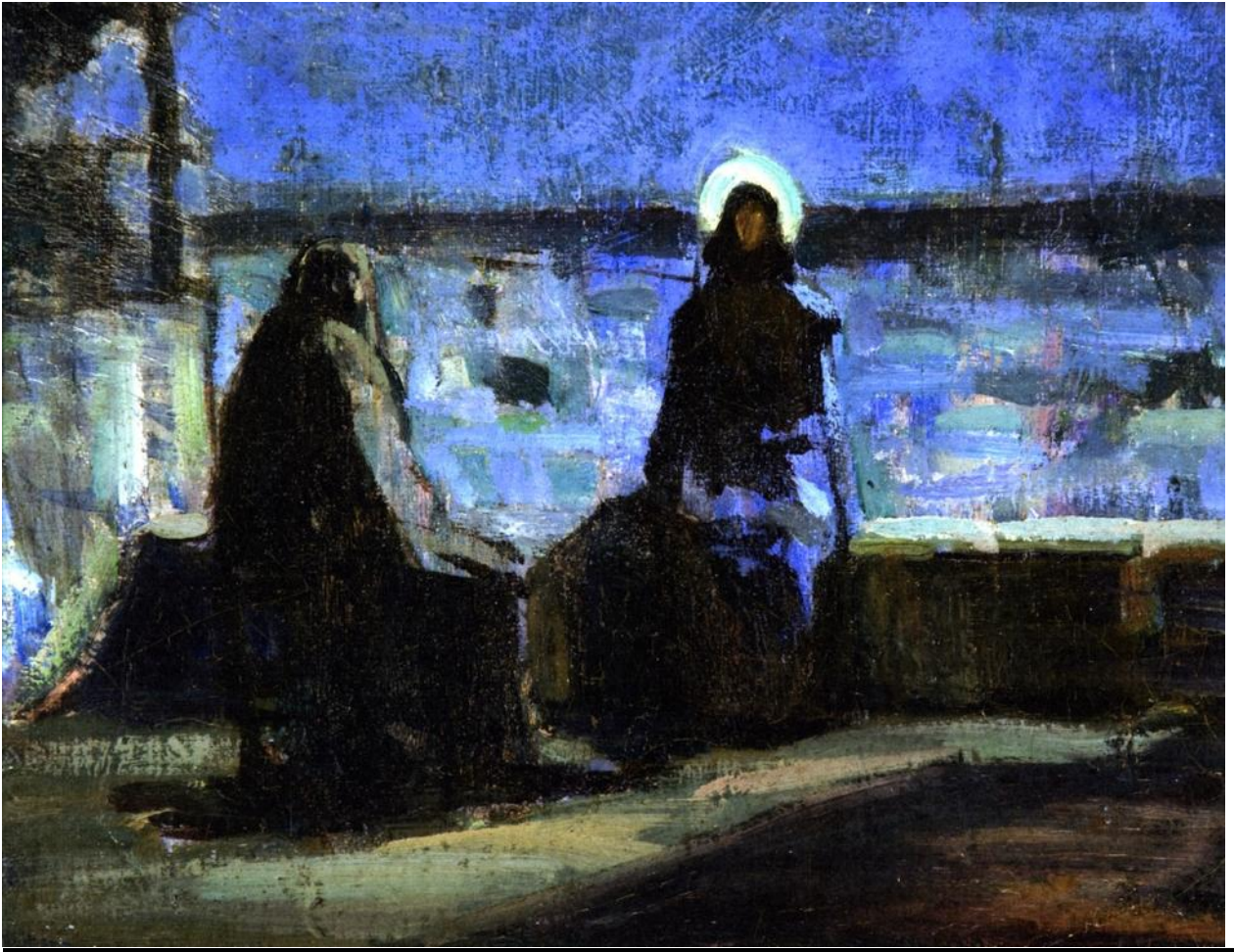


Welcome to

Northbrook Presbyterian Church

March 12, 2017, Lent Week Two



*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.*

SOME VOICES FROM THE BIBLE

Women of Northbrook

1. There is a line of women,
extending back to Eve,
whose role in shaping history,
God only could conceive.
And though, through endless ages,
their witness was repressed,
God valued and encouraged them
through whom the world was blessed.
2. There is a line of women,
who took on powerful men,
defying laws and scruples
to let life live again.
And though, despite their triumph,
their stories stayed untold
God kept their number growing,
creative, strong and bold.

So sing a song of Sarah
to laughter she gave birth;
and sing a song of Tamar
who stood for women's worth;
and sing a song of Hannah
who bargained with her Lord;
and sing a song of Mary
who bore and bred and God's Word.

So sing a song of Shiphrah
with Puah at her hand,
engaged to kill male children
they foiled the king's command.
And sing a song of Rahab
who sheltered spies and lied;
and sing of song of Esther,
preventing genocide.

3. There is a line of women
who stood by Jesus' side,
who housed him while he ministered
and held him when he died.
And though they claimed he'd risen
their news was deemed suspect
till Jesus stood among them,
his womanly elect.

So sing a song of Anna
who saw Christ's infant face;
and sing a song of Martha
who gave him food and space;
and sing of all the Marys
who needed his requests,
and now at heaven's banquet
are Jesus' fondest guests.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Incarnate God, For the times we've hurt you

All: Forgive us.

One: For the times we've hurt others

All: Forgive us

One: For the times we've hurt ourselves

All: Forgive us

One: For we are made in your image and it is very good.

—*Silent reflection*—

SUNG RESPONSE 577—*Lord, Have Mercy*

Hymnal

* THE PEACE

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

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

* SONG 447—*We Are Forgiven*

Hymnal

SCRIPTURE READING—*John 3:1-16*

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SONG—*God is Holding Your Life, refrain 3x*

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

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Words by Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

Tune: O Waly Waly

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SERMON—*In the Dark*

Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi

WE BRING OUR GIFTS FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST

OFFERING SONG—*Without His Cross*

Joseph Martin

Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* SENDING SONG 314—*Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness*

Hymnal

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

* Please stand if you are able.

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LEADING YOU IN WORSHIP TODAY ARE:

LITURGIST: Bill Travis

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: Dave, Grant, Colin and Hunter Tengler

CENTER DOOR GREETER: Lucille McLeod

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: PWN in honor of Celebration of Women Sunday

CHANCEL FLOWERS: Placed by Peggie and Katy in loving memory of Kevin Schiller

PRAYER REQUESTS: Jim Hothem and family, Richard Keier and family, Dick & Alma Ross, Ruth Krebs, Al & Mary Alice Shrosbree, Tracey Parker, Georgenia Keoleian, Seglinda Kelle-Pritchard

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 or visit.

The Board of Deacons also requests prayers for: Church members whose last names begin with the letters I and J and people who are struggling financially.

PASTOR'S LENTEN STUDY

In this time of reflection and preparation as we approach the holiest days of the Christian calendar, I invite you to an exploration of the Christian spiritual life. We will learn some basic language of spirituality and spiritual formation and try out time-tested spiritual practices. This time together is designed to help us find one or two spiritual disciplines that can become part of our daily discovery of God so that we might live deeper, more spiritually directed lives. This class began March 8 and will be offered for six weeks of Lent on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Library.

KNIT WITS

Knit Wits will meet on Wednesday on March 22 at **1 p.m.** in the Library.

SENIOR SOUPER LUNCH

Join us on Thursday, March 23 at **1 p.m.** in the Library for a bowl of delicious soup, salad and dessert.

NORTHBROOK BOOK CLUB—MONDAY, MARCH 13

Please join in at our next Book Club discussion on Monday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. We will be discussing *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou. This book is an autobiography about the early years of American writer and poet Maya Angelou. It is a coming-of-age story that illustrates how strength of character and a love of literature can help overcome racism and trauma.

PRESBYTERY OF DETROIT HANDS-ON MISSION OPPORTUNITY—SATURDAY, MARCH 18

The Presbyterian Men are hosting a Spring Service Project on Saturday, March 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. Our gathering place and base of operations will be Detroit Blight Busters in the Motor City Java House located at 17336 Lahser Road in Detroit just north of Grand River Avenue. There will be plenty to do for men and women with or without “construction” skills. We will work with Detroit Blight Busters to remove debris and damaged drywall from inside of a nearby building undergoing rehab. Our efforts will help another building be transformed from blight to new use. Rain or shine, come be a blessing to folks who care about their neighborhood and who appreciate our help. Michael Champion will be leading a group of Northbrook volunteers. Please contact Michael if you are interested or have questions at (248)794-3689 or by email at michael.campion60@gmail.com.

THANK YOU

The Hothem family wishes to thank the congregation for all the cards and notes of condolence in the memory of Beverly. She and I loved the lyrics of the song, “On Eagles Wings” and now realize how meaningful they are, especially the last line of the refrain, “and hold you in the palm of His hand”, which we held each others for over 65 years. I’m sure she is looking down now and also thanking you, for her wonderful years here at Northbrook. Love and God Bless , Jim

PRACTICING GOOD STEWARDSHIP OF OUR RESOURCES: *DO YOU NEED YOUR BULLETIN??*

As the church leadership examine ways in which we can be better stewards of our resources, we wonder how much people actually use their bulletins. All of the worship material in the bulletin is projected on the screens, and the announcements are available on our website and in the email blast that Becky sends out each week. As we explore our actual usage of the printed bulletin, please help us by NOT taking a bulletin if indeed you don’t really use it during or after worship. *Of course, if you want one, take one!* If you have questions, concerns or suggestions about this, we’d love to hear from you! Send an email to becky@northbrookpc.org with your reaction.

BUNNY BRUNCH—SUNDAY, APRIL 9

Please join your friends as the whole congregation gathers after Palm Sunday service for our annual Bunny Brunch! There will be a nice light brunch for all in the fellowship hall. During this time, the children also will be invited to participate in an egg hunt outdoors. Egg collection bags, treats, and brunch will be provided, free of charge to all, by the Children’s Ministry Committee. We encourage all members and their families to please attend service and stay afterwards for this fun event.

IM/MIGRATION: STATIONS OF THE CROSS—MARCH 2 THRU MARCH 14

In Lent 2012, Grace Commons, a house church in Chicago, curated 15 Stations of the Cross representing a series of significant moments in Jesus' last day, contemplating each station through the lens of immigration and migration. Artists from several churches and other organizations participated in creating the art. This curation was exhibited at the 2016 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church USA and continues to be a topical issue for our country and our world today.

Walking the Stations of the Cross, or “praying” them, is a traditional spiritual practice among Christians. It’s a practice that evolved so people anywhere could symbolically go on “pilgrimage” to the Holy Land and tap into the power of the location and the events that happened there. By entering the story of Jesus’ last day through art, we reflect on The Passion outside of the intellect. *We involve our senses, our experience and our emotions. We invite you to take this self-guided walk in Fellowship Hall with your families, friends and neighbors as part of your spiritual journey this Lenten season.*

Hours of display:

Monday, March 13 from 2 – 7 pm

Tuesday, March 14 from 2 – 7 pm



Easter Flowers

This year, you again have a choice of purchasing several flowering spring plants for the Sanctuary for our Easter service. Please fill out this form and place it, along with your check, in the offering plate or in the office. You can also sign up in Fellowship Hall after services on March 19 and 26 and April 2. Please make checks payable to Northbrook Church and write "Easter Flowers" in the memo line. *Easter plants may be taken home after the 10:15 a.m. Easter Service.*

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Number of Plants at **\$9.00 each:**

_____ Lily _____ Daffodil _____ Tulip _____ Hyacinth

Total Number of Plants: _____

____ Please check here if you would like a Deacon to take your Easter plant(s) to a shut-in following the Easter service.

Dedication

I would like my plant(s) placed in memory of/in honor of (circle one):

(Please print clearly. This dedication information, along with your name, will be printed in the Easter bulletin.)

NORTHBROOK CALENDAR

SUNDAY, March 12—Daylight Saving Time Begins

10:15 a.m. Worship and KIDS' Connection 11:30 a.m. Deacons' Meeting
Blood Pressure Screening (nursery)

MONDAY, March 13

2—7:00 p.m. Im/migration Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m. Northbrook Book Club Meeting
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting—Men's Group

TUESDAY, March 14

2—7:00 p.m. Im/migration Stations of the Cross 6:30 p.m. Congregational Life Committee Mtg
7:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, March 15

10:00 a.m. Pastor's Lenten Study Class 5:00 p.m. LOGOS
7:00 p.m. Knit Wits

THURSDAY, March 16

8:00 a.m. Men's Connection 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, March 17

7:00 p.m. Camp Lock-In

SATURDAY, March 18

9:00 a.m. Hands-On Mission Spring Work Day

SUNDAY, March 19

10:15 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. KIDS' Connection
11:30 a.m. Session Meeting

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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