

Welcome to

Northbrook Presbyterian Church

April 9, 2017—Palm Sunday



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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Clyde Pritchard

One: Jesus approached the towns of Bethphage and Bethany, which are near Mount Olivet. He sent two of the disciples ahead, saying: Go to the next village. When you enter, you will find a colt tied—a colt that has never been ridden before. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you why you're untying it, just say, "The Lord needs it." So the two disciples found things just as He had told them. When its owners did indeed ask why they were untying the colt, the disciples answered as they had been instructed:

All: The Lord needs it.

One: They brought the colt to Jesus, threw their coats on the colt's back, and then sat Jesus on it. As Jesus rode along, some people began to spread their garments on the road as a carpet. When they passed the crest of Mount Olivet and began descending toward Jerusalem, a huge crowd of disciples began to celebrate and praise God with loud shouts, glorifying God for the mighty works they had witnessed.

**All: The King who comes in the name of the Eternal One is blessed!
Peace in heaven! Glory in the highest!**

* OPENING SONG 196—*All Glory, Laud and Honor*

Hymnal

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

One: One day, we are crying to God, "save us," the next we are turning our backs on God and walking away. Despite our fickle nature, God is steadfast in loving us and constant in forgiving us. Let us confess to our God, as we pray,

**All: With joy in our hearts, we welcome your servant, O God,
only to reject him when he picks up a cross instead of a crown.
Like cloaks laid on the ground before Jesus, we pick up our faith,
dust it off and put it back in the closet until we need it.
We can be as stubborn and rebellious as the city which cheers your name.
Save us, Redeeming God, save us!
May we lay our doubts, our fears, our worries, our weariness at your feet,
trusting and believing that you will forgive what is sinful,
make whole our brokenness,
and welcome us as sisters and brothers of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.**

—*Silent reflection*—

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hosanna to David's Son! Blessed is the One who comes in God's name,
not to judge us, but to save us.

All: In gratitude to God, we shout out together Hosanna in the highest! Amen!

* THE PEACE

*As we are reconciled to God and to one another, share a sign of Christ's peace with your neighbor.
—There is no KIDS' Connection today. However nursery care is available.—*

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE—*This is the Day*
Angel's Angels

Natalie Sleeth

REFLECTION AND SCRIPTURE READING—*Luke 19:37-44*

SONG 197—*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

Hymnal

SERMON—*For Crying Out Loud*

Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi

WE BRING OUR GIFTS FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST

OFFERING SONG—*To the Lamb on the Throne*
Chancel Choir

Dan Forrest

To the Lamb on the Throne

“Ye Servants of God”,
Charles Wesley, 1744

DAN FORREST
(ASCAP)

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It begins with a forte (*ff*) dynamic marking. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a final quarter note in the first line ending with a fermata. The lyrics are: "4. Then let us a - dore and give Him His right, all glo - ry and pow'r, all wis - dom and might; all hon - or and bless - ing with an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love." The score concludes with a *rit.* (ritardando) marking and a double bar line.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* SENDING SONG 518—*Lamb of God*

Hymnal

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

* Please stand if you are able.

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LEADING YOU IN WORSHIP TODAY ARE:

LITURGIST: Clyde Pritchard

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Angel Gippert

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

SOUND: Michael Bauhof

VISUALS: Bozena Johnson

SANCTUARY DOOR GREETER: Betsy Savage

CENTER DOOR GREETER: Bill Travis

BUNNY BRUNCH HOSTS: The Children's Ministry Committee

CHANCEL FLOWERS: Placed by Nancy Schaefer in honor of her supportive Northbrook family.

PRAYER REQUESTS: The family and friends of Helen Chapman who died on March 20, the family and friends of Ruth Krebs who died on March 15, the family and friends of Robert (Bob) Wunderlich who died on March 9, Rev. Anne Schaefer and family on the death of her husband, Kevin, on March 9, Margaret Babb, Dick & Alma Ross, Al & Mary Alice Shrosbree, Georgenia Keoleian, Tracey Parker, 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 letter N and the LOGOS program and its leaders, table parents, teachers, cooks and participants.

Holy Week Services

Thursday, April 13 at 7:00 p. m.—Maundy Thursday

Friday, April 14 at Noon—Good Friday

Sunday, April 16 at 10:15 a. m.—Easter

The Spirituality Center & Prayer Labyrinth will be available throughout Holy Week in Fellowship Hall (see next page for more information)

BUNNY BRUNCH—TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

Please join us after worship for our annual Bunny Brunch in Fellowship Hall! During this time, the children, toddlers thru 5th grade, 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 stay for this fun event.

SPIRITUALITY CENTER AND PRAYER LABYRINTH

During Holy Week, we invite you to visit the Spirituality Center and prayer labyrinth in Fellowship Hall. In this peaceful space, dedicate time to coloring big posters depicting the Stations of the Cross. Using brand new boxes of crayons, come and color these ready-made posters, read the Biblical story and think about the events that took place during Holy Week. In addition, walk the prayer labyrinth, journal, create or just be still. The labyrinth is a place where you can release stress, pray, bring your grief or a question, find healing or participate in a walking meditation that quiets your mind allowing your spirit to become more receptive to the still small voice of God. If you are new to the labyrinth there will be an information sheet to guide you on your walk. There is no right or wrong way to walk. Just come and put one foot in front of the other. Sherrill Heinrichs will also be available to introduce you to the labyrinth. Just give her a call at the church and let her know when you would want to meet.

The prayer labyrinth and spirituality center will be open from April 10 through April 14 as follows:

Monday—Wednesday: 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Thursday: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and again at 6 pm before the Holy Thursday service and then afterwards

Friday: 9 a.m.-11:00 a.m. before the Good Friday service

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (OGHS) OFFERING DURING LENT

Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing helps to improve the lives of people around the world. Our offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. We are able to make a positive, meaningful difference in the world through three impactful programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, The Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People. **We can live the love of Jesus Christ with our gifts** to help those who lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education and opportunity and to those who face the aftermath of a disaster. Please give generously using your OGHS envelope in your offering envelope pad or with the giving envelopes found in the pew. If you write a check, please note that your offering is for OGHS on the notation line of your check and/or OGHS on your giving envelope. A portion of your OGHS gift stays with Northbrook to support our mission programs.

MEN'S CONNECTION

Men's Connection will **not** meet on Thursday, April 13. Men's Connection will resume on Thursday, April 20 at 8:00 a.m. in the Library. Please join in.

NORTHBROOK BOOK CLUB

Please join us on Monday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m. as we discuss the historical fiction novel, *The Aviator's Wife*, by Melanie Benjamin. Everyone is invited to participate in this lively discussion group.

FUN AND GAMES NIGHT—FRIDAY, APRIL 28

Grab your friends and your family and your favorite snacks and come to Game Night on Friday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the Manse. We will have cards and board games or bring a favorite game you would like to play. Adults may bring a favorite beverage. We will supply pop. For more information, please see Barb Stetson or Judy Owen.

REBUILD DAY—SATURDAY, APRIL 29

For the last several years, Northbrook members have unleashed their painting, raking, sawing, plumbing and hedge-clipping skills to assist a person with a disability or a needy local resident through the Rebuilding Together-Oakland County program called “Rebuild Day.” Last year, more than 20 Northbrook volunteers did an amazing amount of work for a Southfield resident. This year’s Rebuild Day is **Saturday, April 29**. So far, we have **15 volunteers** signed up, but there’s always room for more folks – of any skill level. This is a terrific opportunity for service and fellowship. If you are interested, and you know you are, please contact Carl von Ende by e-mail at vonende@millercanfield.com.

NORTHBROOK WOMEN’S RETREAT

Calling all women of Northbrook and female friends and family. Please join us May 19—21 for Northbrook’s Women’s Retreat at Miracle Camp. It’s always amazing! The friendships formed, the support given, Marjorie’s incredible leadership, the time spent in God’s space, and the spiritual and emotional rejuvenation are priceless! We start on Friday evening and end on Sunday after a morning worship with communion. Miracle Camp is a lovely space with great accommodations at a very reasonable price which includes 2 nights lodging and 4 great meals. Per person pricing for the weekend is as follows: 4 to a room \$131, 3 to a room \$144, 2 to a room \$155, Single room \$168. Please join us! We would hate for you to miss it. Let us know you are coming with a \$50 deposit and a completed registration form. Registration forms can be found in the April newsletter, on the tables in the main hallway or on the website. If you have questions, please call Kathy Bauhof at (248)515-5307.

KNIT WITS

Knit Wits will meet on Wednesday, April 12 at **7:00 p.m.** and on Wednesday, April 26 at **1 p.m.** in the Library.

SENIOR SOUPER LUNCH

Join us on Thursdays, April 13 and 27 at **1 p.m.** in the Library for a bowl of delicious soup, salad and dessert.

LINEN DRIVE FOR SOS WEEK

Northbrook will be hosting SOS May 28—June 4. In preparation for that week, we will hold a linen drive to help them restock their depleted supply. Beginning Sunday, April 23, there will be a labeled bin in the hall near the name tag table for your linen donations. Your donations of the following items will be greatly appreciated: sheets (both top & fitted) and blankets – TWIN size only – regular length, standard pillow cases and regular bath size towels and washcloths. We are asking for NEW linens only. They don’t need to be fancy, just new, and there are some great deals out there!

NORTHBROOK CALENDAR

SUNDAY, April 9—Palm Sunday

- 10:15 a.m. Worship & Communion
- 11:15 a.m. Q & A in Sanctuary about new staff position
- 11:15 a.m. Bunny Brunch in Fellowship Hall
- 11:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Screening
- 11:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 11:30 a.m. Deacons' Meeting

MONDAY, April 10

- 10:00 a.m. Adult Education Committee Meeting
- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting—Men's Group

TUESDAY, April 11

- 6:30 p.m. Zumba
- 6:30 p.m. Congregational Life Committee Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, April 12

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

THURSDAY, April 13

- No Men's Connection this week
- 1:00 p.m. Senior Souper Lunch
- 7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday Service

FRIDAY, April 14

- 12:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

SATURDAY, April 15

May newsletter articles due

SUNDAY, April 16—Easter

- 10:15 a.m. Worship & Communion
- 10:15 a.m. KIDS' Connection
- 11:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Screening

MONDAY, April 17

Office Closed

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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