

Welcome to

Northbrook Presbyterian Church

September 2, 2018



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

I. THE PATHWAY OF AWE AND WONDER

We are invited to celebrate! The pulse of creation is singing the goodness of God and God's gift of goodness in all things. We become more aware of the beauty of all that is and tap into gratitude as our first task in creating more goodness in the world.

GATHERING AND WELCOMING

God is good!

All the time!

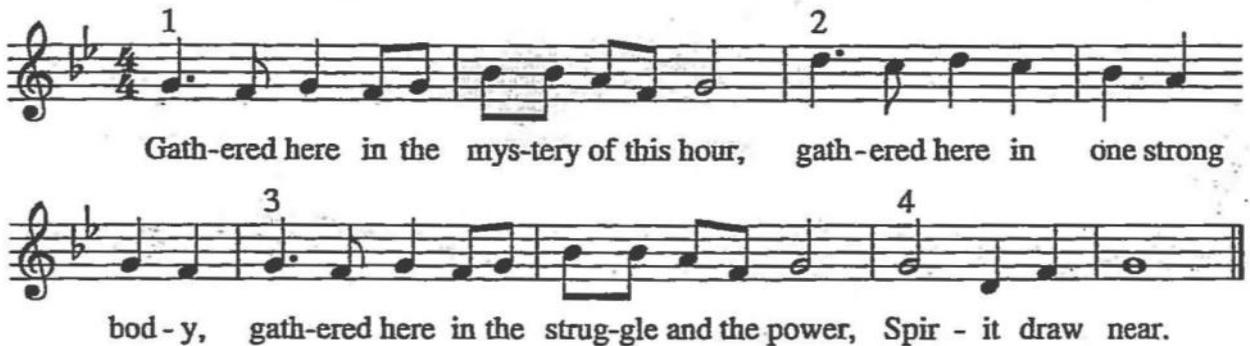
All the time!

God is good!

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

* EXPANDING OUR ATTENTION 360°

Text and music: Phil Porter, 1990



Gath-ered here in the mys-tery of this hour, gath-ered here in one strong
bod - y, gath-ered here in the strug-gle and the power, Spir - it draw near.

Let us now celebrate and deepen our bond with God as Creator.

We are awed by the sacred wisdom of the unfolding universe. It surrounds us with beauty, growth and revelation. It has brought us, artfully, to this moment in time. We come to give thanks and praise.

Sing: Spirit draw near.

Let us now celebrate and deepen our bond with God as Spirit.

We are inspired by the waves of encouragement and the whispers of possibilities the Spirit has given throughout time. It stirs our souls and moves us towards deeper connection to life. We have come to be moved once again.

Sing: Spirit draw near

Let us now celebrate and deepen our bond with God as Christ.

We are heartened by the healing essence of Christ throughout creation. It has restored us from brokenness. It has brought reconciliation where we thought none was possible. It has restored relationship where we thought all was lost. We have come to be transformed.

Sing: Spirit draw near

Let us now celebrate and deepen our bond with God as community.

We are lifted up in the presence of our brothers and sisters. We take joy in a spiritual integrity we cannot create on our own. We have come to share the sacred love that surrounds us, the love that created us, the love that holds us together as one sacred family through the vast and eternal love of the Cosmic Christ.

Sing: Gathered here...etc...

And all God's people said

Amen!

PRAYING

II. THE PATHWAY OF SURRENDER

We come with open hearts where pain coexists with goodness and gratitude. We listen to the groans of the world and the Spirit helps us to grieve, to intercede on behalf of all those who suffer, and to let go of those fears that can sometimes distort our vision.

LISTENING

SONG 472—*Kumbaya* (to be sung one verse at a time, as directed)

Hymnal

DOMINICAN LORD'S PRAYER

Dominican Nuns in Kansas

Side 1: Our Father

Side 2: Our Mother

Side 1: Who art in heaven

Side 2: Who are in all the earth

Side 1: Hallowed be thy name

Side 2: Holy is your truth

Side 1: Thy Kingdom come

Side 2: May your wisdom come

**Side 1: thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven**

*Side 2: Your circle be one,
uniting heaven and earth*

Side 1: Give us this day our daily bread

Side 2: Give us today a nurturing spirit

**Side 1: And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who
trespass against us**

*Side 2: Heal through us as we ourselves
are healed*

Side 1: Lead us not into temptation

Side 2: Lead us into Fullness of Life

Side 1: But deliver us from evil

Side 2: And liberate all that is good

**Side 1: For thine is the Kingdom,
the power and the glory**

*Side 2: For the Wisdom, Presence
and the Goodness are yours*

III. THE PATHWAY OF DIVINE CREATIVITY

We enter into the space to explore how God is working in and through us and all the universe to renew each day every direction. Each moment offers opportunity to express our God-gifted creativity. We hear messages—ancient and new—that express and affirm the Divine at work and encourage us in our creative collaboration with the Divine.

BRINGING WORDS TO LIFE—*1 John 4:7-21*

...This is a Word of God.

Thanks be to God.

All creation is a word of God.

All creation speaks volumes of God.

MEDITATION—*Living in Love*

Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG 692—*Spirit, Open My Heart*

Hymnal

IV. THE PATHWAY OF COMPASSION AND POWER

We are fed and led out into the world. We pray for movement within our own hearts to embody peace and passion—compassion and power—on behalf of spreading goodness throughout the week. We are not at the mercy of the “way it is,” we can claim our agency to be fully present and fully active in the world into which we now go.

THE LORD'S SUPPER, INVITATION TO THE TABLE:

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 row by row to the servers at your section, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and eat. Return to your place via the opposite side from which you came. 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, gluten-free bread and individual cups of juice will be served at the table.

SONG OF PREPARATION—*Gathered Here*

Gathered here, we give praise and thanks to you.

Gathered here, we lift our voices.

Gathered here, in the glory of your love,

Hosanna now!

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Creator God is with us!

God is with us now!

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to God!

Let us give thanks to the Holy One!

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

It is indeed right...

Gathered here, in the mystery of this hour.

Gathered here, in one strong body.

Gathered here, in the struggle and the power.

Spirit, Draw near!

HOLDING ON

* GO FOR IT!

* BENEDICTION SONG 543—*God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

Hymnal

POSTLUDE

* Please stand in body or spirit.

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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

CENTER DOOR GREETER: Dorothy Warren SANCTUARY DOOR GREETER: Jim Hothem

COMMUNION SERVERS: Allison Broadwell, Betsy Savage, Dorothy Warren

CHANCEL FLOWERS: Placed by Lois Kurta in loving memory of John Kurta

REMINDER: NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

WE WILL RESUME OUR 10:15 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY

~ AND ~

BE SURE TO STAY FOR SUNDAY FUNDAY FOLLOWING WORSHIP.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Kim and Bonnie Annett, Roberta Campion, Ellie Poster, Tracey Parker, Sam Owens, Brad Back, Bob Miller, Stephanie Wicker, Roger McGuineas, Margaret Babb, Al & Mary Alice Shrosbree, Seglinda Kelle-Pritchard, Georgenia Keoleian

The Board of Deacons also requests prayers for: Church members whose last names begin with the letter M and for people who are starting a new life together through marriage.

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.

ABOUT SAINT BASIL THE GREAT: (330—379 AD) Basil founded what was probably the first monastery in Asia Minor. His principles influence Eastern monasticism today, and he is the patron saint of Russia. He was ordained a priest, assisted the archbishop of Caesarea—now southeastern Turkey—and ultimately became archbishop himself. Basil was tireless in pastoral care, built a hospital that was called a wonder of the world and worked for famine relief. His writings rightly place him among the great teachers of the Church.

OFFICE HOURS—The office will be closed on Monday, September 3 in observance of Labor Day and resume regular Monday through Friday office hours beginning September 4.

CANS FOR COMMUNION—Beginning today and continuing every Communion Sunday (first Sunday of each month), the Mission Connection Committee will take up a collection of canned goods to be distributed to an area food pantry and distribution centers. Please bring cans of food to church on Communion Sundays so we can help put food on the table for those who are hungry. The collection point will be near the name tag table and main doors leading into the Narthex. No glass and please make sure the cans don't have expired dates on them. Thank you.

SUNDAY FUN DAY—SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9—Mark your calendars and invite your friends and neighbors. Sunday Fun Day is Sunday, September 9 at 11:30 a.m. and you don't want to miss it! There will be food, games, activities and fun for all ages. We'll need many volunteers to have a great event. To volunteer, please use the Sign Up Genius link here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044badaf2aa4f58-sunday> or sign up after worship.

NORTHBROOK BOOK CLUB—MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10—On Monday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m., the Northbrook Book Club will meet in the Library to discuss *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann. Our very own Clyde Pritchard will be there to reveal stories about these tragedies taking place near his hometown in Oklahoma.

FAITH IN ACTION WORK DAY & LUNCH—On **Saturday, September 22**, Northbrook will join with our mission partners for a day of service. Regardless of age, skill level, or physical mobility, we have a job for you! Then, join us for lunch after worship on **Sunday, September 23** to share stories and pictures from our work teams. Sign-up following today's worship. For more information, contact Winnie Davies-Hancock at (248)593-8035 or winsomeann@aol.com or Jackie Spycher at jacqueline@northbrookpc.org. Friends, neighbors, and new faces are welcome to join us. Our ministry work day partners include:

- ◆ American Indian Health and Family Services: this team will do orchard and garden work.
- ◆ Baldwin Center: this team will help to organize their holiday store.
- ◆ A Place of Refuge: this team will help with outdoor maintenance and building projects.
- ◆ Fort Street Open Door & Welcome Inn: this team will remain at Northbrook to assemble hygiene and care kits, as well as make greeting cards. This project is appropriate for all ages and abilities.

INQUIRERS' CLASS—SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23—Are you looking for a place to make your home for faith? Do you want some company on your spiritual journey? Are you curious about what Presbyterians believe? Do you have questions about Christianity, church or what any of this means? Would you like to know more about Northbrook or how to become part of what's happening here? Then, *YOU ARE INVITED* to an Inquirers' Class on Sunday, September 23 following worship in Room 6. Please RSVP by contacting the church office at (248)642-0200 or by email to marjorie@northbrookpc.org. Lunch will be served and childcare will be provided upon request.

SECOND MILE CENTER GOLF OUTING—SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30—The Second Mile Center golf outing is coming up on Sunday September 30 at 1:30 p.m. You can sign up for golf and dinner for \$125 or just dinner (which last year was amazing!) for \$65. Sign up with your foursome or we will find you one. You can pay Kathy Bauhof or go to the Second Mile Center of Detroit's secure website and sign up and pay there with credit card. We are also looking for donations for the silent auction, golfer gift bags and sponsors. For more information, please contact Kathy Bauhof at (248)515-5307 or kathybauhof@gmail.com.

RETIREMENT PARTY SAVE THE DATE—Save the date for a party on Sunday, October 28 to celebrate Marjorie's ministry and wish her well in her retirement. Time and details to follow.

SENIOR SOUPER LUNCH—Senior Souper Lunch will resume in September on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. Please join us on Thursdays, September 13 and September 27 at 1:00 p.m. in the Library for a delicious soup lunch.

KNIT WITS—The Knit Wits meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month. Please join us on Wednesday, September 26 at 1:00 p.m. in the Library. All skill levels are welcome.

MEN'S CONNECTION—September is here, and Men's Connection planners are getting ready for Thursday morning fellowship, Bible study and light breakfast. Men's Connection meetings are every Thursday morning at 8 a.m. beginning Thursday, September 20. Come gather for prayer, thought-provoking conversation and friendship as we discuss an interesting textbook we may use to help us broaden and understand our relationship with God. All men are invited to join us. See you on September 20th. For more information, please contact Bill Travis, John Thomas or Phil Owen.

LOGOS—SEPTEMBER 19TH KICK-OFF—This year, LOGOS will be undergoing a few exciting changes. We will be offering a worship service and dinner open to youth and adults! LOGOS meets on Wednesdays starting September 19th. Recreation for youth will be from 5-5:30 p.m., worship will be 5:30-6:15 p.m., and dinner will be from 6:15-7 p.m. The cost for the first half of the school year (12 Wednesdays) is \$55, or individuals coming for dinner can pay \$7 when they come. If you have a child in your life, we would love for them and their parents to participate! Please contact Ken Stetson at stetson.kenny@gmail.com to register ahead of time or for questions.

NORTHBROOK CHOIR—Calling all singers! We will be starting up choir rehearsals for the upcoming year on Thursday, September 13 at 7 p.m. Please come out and join us! Rehearsals alternate between Thursdays from 7-8:30 p.m. and Sundays after the service from 11:30-1 p.m. No experience is needed, only a willingness to have fun and learn! Hope to see you there!

WORKING FOR A SAFER ENVIRONMENT—Your Session has approved a new arrangement for accessing the building during office hours. In an attempt to provide greater security and peace of mind, particularly for our Preschool, the center doors will remain locked during the day, Monday through Friday, effective September 3. If visiting the church for classes, meetings or business between the hours of 9 am – 5 pm, please enter the building through the north door by the church steeple. The center doors will be unlocked for LOGOS and evening classes and events and on Sunday mornings. An exception to this will be in the case of memorials or funerals or special events that may take place during office hours. We know it may take some time to get used to these new arrangements. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we make this change together!

PRAYER CHAIN—Summer is over, and fall activities will resume. Please consider joining the Northbrook Prayer Chain, a group of our members who offer prayers for those among us who are going through difficult times. Prayer is a powerful force, and we welcome anyone interested in adding their voice to the group. For more information or to join, please contact Sallie Dorer at (248)647-1465 or camelotsal@aol.com.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY - *IMMORTAL DIAMOND: A STUDY IN SEARCH OF THE TRUE SELF*

This study will be unlike any other we have done together. Using Richard Rohr's book *Immortal Diamond* (Jossey Bass) as our text, we will undertake a spiritual pilgrimage, exploring through the book, additional articles and poetry, video, personal reflection, discussion and contemplation of the real *you*—your True Self, your God-given identity and calling. It can't be overstated that this course is not your usual Bible study. This is not a course of information or factual learning, but rather an exploration of the soul, a spiritual journey. This book and course may challenge your preconceived notions of who you are, who God is, and how you want to live. Practices will be introduced in this course that may challenge and inspire you to "mine" deeper than you have ever gone before. All practices are invitations to be integrated into your life. Some will resonate and others won't and that's OK.

Classes will be on Wednesdays: 10 am – noon, and 6:30 – 8:30 pm in the Library. Our first meeting will be on September 19. Class will meet on October 3, 10, 24, and 31 (NOTE: No class September 26 or October 17 and YES, we will meet on Halloween!)

The book is available through online booksellers, like Amazon, and at Barnes and Noble. ***You must have and read the book to participate in class.*** Additional handouts in class will be provided. A donation of \$5 helps cover our printing costs.

Advanced registration for this class is required. This study will take commitment on your part. If it calls to your soul, make the commitment and sign up today by contacting becky@northbrookpc.org or calling the church office (248)642-0200. Any questions? Ask Marjorie!

This Week at Northbrook

SUNDAY, September 2

9:45 a.m. Worship & Communion

Bring Cans for Communion

MONDAY, September 3

Office Closed—*Happy Labor Day*

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting—Men's Group

WEDNESDAY, September 5

12:00 p.m. AA Meeting

SUNDAY, September 9

10:15 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. *Sunday Funday*

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Rev. Jacqueline Spycher, Assistant Pastor of Outreach Ministries

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Friday: 9:00 a.m.—Noon **Worship: Sundays at 9:45 a.m.**

More news and calendar information can be found online at www.northbrookpc.org