

Welcome to

*Northbrook Presbyterian Church*

October 1, 2017



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

words/tune: Phil Porter

*We sing this together twice and then sing it three more times as a round.*

**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.**

\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Bill Travis

\* OPENING SONG 705—*You Are Holy*

Hymnal

NORTHBROOK: A PLACE TO GATHER AND GROW IN GOD

Grant Tengler, Frank LaSota

## PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

**Lord of life, we come to you knowing that too often we have been blind—  
blind to your Spirit moving among us,  
blind to the Christ that comes in the guise of a stranger,  
blind to your own image that lies at the very center of our own hearts.  
Sometimes we are just preoccupied with lesser matters,  
focused on striving, succeeding, proving, achieving.  
We move too fast, talk too much, look and listen too little.  
Too often we refuse to see you, standing patiently so close at hand,  
because we know that you will call us to a different way—  
a way more challenging, more daunting, more loving and more life-giving  
than we are ready for. Forgive us.**

*—Silent Prayer—*

## ASSURANCE AND REASSURANCE

Know this, that Jesus came to find us wherever we hide,  
to open our eyes to a greater truth than we are often ready for:  
that the God of Love is here, with us, among us, and loving through us.

## \* 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 543—*God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

Hymnal

SCRIPTURE READING—*Genesis 18:1-10a*

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SONG 452—*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

Hymnal

SERMON—*All Are Welcome*

Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*Beverly Dinsmore, John Eierman, Graham Lockett, Dorothy Tengler, Kimberly Yekin*

## APOSTLES' CREED (ECUMENICAL VERSION)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven; he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

WE BRING OUR GIFTS FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST

\* OFFERTORY SONG 301—*Let Us Build a House*

Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION 510—*We Gather Here in Jesus' Name*

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

507—*Come to the Table of Grace*

Hymnal

501—*Feed Us, Lord*

CLOSING PRAYER

\* SENDING SONG 765—*May the God of Hope Go with Us*

Hymnal

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

\* Please stand if you are able.

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## *Congregational Meeting*

Sunday, October 15 following worship  
for the purpose of electing officers  
followed by an informal cider and donuts reception  
to welcome our new Pastoral Assistant: Jackie Spycher  
***Don't miss it!***

## NORTHBROOK: A PLACE TO GATHER ...

We have a remarkable asset here on the corner of 14 Mile and Lahser. The property is large and well-maintained by a devoted Building and Grounds committee and dedicated custodial staff. We have the space to house a thriving Preschool, various Bible studies throughout the week, spirituality groups, small groups who gather to knit or quilt or to eat lunch together. Outside community groups use this space too: from AA to AAUW to Spectrum Orchestra to Zumba. And of course, the congregation of the Church of Christ, Scientist nests within our walls. We're glad to be known as a welcoming and hospitable place, and we hope to be able to expand that hospitality when our renovations are complete. Hospitality has always been an essential mark of Christian community. *Do not hesitate to welcome the stranger, for by doing so, some have entertained angels unawares (Heb. 13:2).* Beyond that, or perhaps before that, we gather together as a faith community to worship God and to encourage each other along the way. Gathering together is in fact what *religion* is all about, from the Latin *religio*, which means to link, to bind, to connect. Northbrook is a place where we gather together to explore faith, to celebrate our connections, to grow into an authentic community where love is known and Christ experienced. As you consider your financial commitment to the ministries of Northbrook for 2018, do so in the knowledge that your monetary contribution is a vital way to say YES to that reality. Please take this opportunity to consider the financial resources you will share over the coming year and submit your pledge by Sunday, October 15. There is no gift that does not make a difference in making Northbrook A Place to Gather and Grow in God. Thank you!

### 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 GREETER: Mary Hendrien CENTER DOOR GREETER: LeeAnne Hemberg

COMMUNION SERVERS: LeeAnne Hemberg, Lucille McLeod, Bill Travis

PRAYER REQUESTS: Michael Campion, Roger McGuineas, Tracey Parker, 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 letter S and the members of the AA Men's Group that meets at Northbrook.

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.

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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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PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW NORTHBROOK MEMBERS

BEVERLY DINSMORE: Bev came to Northbrook because her good friend, Mary Hendrien, invited her! She is retired from a 30-year career teaching art in the Birmingham Public Schools. She lives in Milford, where she continues to pursue her love of watercolor painting. She has been married for 34 years to Martin, with whom she has traveled all over the world. Martin now lives in Arden Court. Bev says she was drawn to Northbrook by the Sunday morning services, and a feeling she has here of being at home. She looks forward to the spiritual balance and companionship of being part of this church family.

JOHN EIERMAN: John grew up in Bloomfield Hills, where he continues to live today. In fact, it was the proximity of this church that drew him here, as it is within walking distance from his home! John's spiritual life is very important to him. He enjoys Northbrook as a place to pray, and to find spiritual support and encouragement for the challenges of life.

GRAHAM LOCKETT: Graham is an Engineering Manager for Fiat Chrysler Auto. He grew up in Tulsa, Oklahoma and holds degrees from Northwestern University and Harvard Business School. He enjoys reading, kayaking, golf and hiking up north with his dogs, Midas and Maggie. Last year, he married his partner of 25 years, Kipp Owen. They make their home in Birmingham. He is a life-long Presbyterian and was drawn to Northbrook because of his friendship with Pastor Marjorie that began when they were both working together in Ford Program Management. He enjoys the Bible study groups and the friendly congregation.

DOROTHY TENGLER: Dot is renewing her membership at Northbrook after a long hiatus in the United Methodist Church. She is retired from her various careers as mother, pet sitter and landscaper. She is passionate about animals, loves dogs, and continues to enjoy gardening. She's glad to be returning here, where her son Dave and three of her grandsons are so involved.

KIMBERLY YEKIN: Kim is an officer manager for Joe C. Painting Company. She grew up in Redford and attended Schoolcraft College. She worshipped in the Lutheran Church for many years, where she also taught Sunday School. She enjoys gardening, reading, cooking and her grandkids. She has been married for 32 years to Mike, and has 2 daughters and 3 grandsons. She came to Northbrook because her friend, Lori Spiewak, invited her and she's been coming ever since!

## OPPORTUNITIES TO HEAR DR. WALTER BRUEGGEMANN

The Northbrook Adult Education Committee invites you to hear Dr. Walter Brueggemann, scholar-in-residence at the Kirk in the Hills, speak in October.

- ◆ On Friday, October 6, Dr. Walter Brueggemann's presentation will be *The Psalms*. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Kirk Refectory. The cost of the presentation and meal is \$25 or \$10 for just the presentation. RSVP to [www.kirkinthehills.org](http://www.kirkinthehills.org) under Resources/Online Registration.
- ◆ On Saturday, October 7, from 1—4 p.m. join clergy from the surrounding area for a presentation titled *The Psalms, The Prophets, and Today's Church*. This event is free of charge but registration is required. Reserve your spot at [www.kirkinthehills.org](http://www.kirkinthehills.org) under Resources/Online Registration.
- ◆ On Sunday, October 8, Dr. Brueggemann will be preaching at both Kirk worship services. In addition, he will conclude his theologian-in-residence weekend with his final presentation titled *Rules of Neighborliness* at 1:00 p.m.

Dr. Brueggemann will also be participating in an adult ministry series titled *Psalms and Prophets: Then and Now* beginning September 24. Visit the Kirk in the Hills website for more information.

## FLU SHOTS AT NORTHBROOK—SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

Flu shots and Pneumonia shots will be offered again this year at Northbrook on Sunday, October 8 from 9:30 a.m.—Noon in the kitchen. For information, please see or contact Patty Van Loo at [pattyvanloo@gmail.com](mailto:pattyvanloo@gmail.com).

## NORTHBROOK BOOK CLUB MEETING—MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

All are invited to be a part of the Northbrook Book Club. On Monday, October 9, we will be discussing *X: A Novel* by Ilyasah Shabazz in the Library at 7:00 p.m. Co-written by Malcolm X's daughter, this riveting and revealing novel follows the formative years of the man whose words and actions shook the world.

## REFORMATION SERIES

Orchard Lake Community Church is hosting a speaker series, *Reformation: Then, Now And Always*. This free six week series will explore a movement that changed the world. The series is Thursdays, September 21—October 26 from 7:15—8:30 p.m. Pre-registration is requested. Register at [www.orchardlakechurch.org](http://www.orchardlakechurch.org) or call (248)682-0730. Series Information: October 5—*John Calvin: Passionate, Polemical, Protestant* (Pastor Marjorie Wilhelmi), October 12—*Did a Divorce Give Birth to the Anglican Church?* (Reverend Steve Bancroft), October 19—*John Knox: The Master's Trumpeter* (Rev. Dr. Paul Thwaite), October 26—*Reformation and the Roman Catholic Church* (Monsignor Francis Koper).

## INTRODUCING OUR NEW CUSTODIAN: AARON CROWTON!

Please welcome Aaron Crowton as our new part-time custodian. Aaron will be sharing the daily custodial duties with Larry Brown. He'll be here Wednesday, Thursday and Friday each week, and Larry will be here Monday and Tuesday. Pierce Broadwell will continue helping out on Wednesday evenings and on Sundays. When he's not here, Aaron works night security at the Ford Sterling Heights Plant, and is a very active member of First Presbyterian Church of Warren. When you see him around the building, be sure to say hi!

## MEALS FOR MEMBERS IN NEED

The ministry of deacon has many facets, and one of those is providing nourishing meals for Northbrook members in time of need. Whether they have been recently hospitalized or experiencing a loss or struggle, the deacons are responsible for organizing meals on a short term basis if desired. We currently have a group of compassionate cooks who have offered to be a part of this ministry and have served faithfully over the years. The meals are a wonderful gift but more important is the opportunity to provide conversation, compassion and a connection to your fellow Northbrook members and their families. If you would like to volunteer to provide an occasional meal please contact Lee Anne Hemberg at [Lhemberg@aol.com](mailto:Lhemberg@aol.com) or (248)762-9919 to be added to the list. Thank you!!

## FELLOWSHIP HALL AND PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS

As you can see, the Fellowship Hall renovations and the parking lot improvements are underway. As a result, the entrance to the Sanctuary is limited. There is currently one entrance via the main hallway inside the building. To exit the Sanctuary, we encourage you to use that same entrance or, in case of an emergency, use the two fire doors toward the front on the Sanctuary. Please be aware that there are stairs if you exit via the fire doors. In addition, the parking lot is undergoing repairs and improvements. The lots will be scraped, resurfaced and line painted over the next three weeks. Please use caution when in the parking lot. We appreciate your continued patience!

## LOGOS

LOGOS is our Wednesday night program for youth K-12. LOGOS offers students the opportunity to be a part of a community of faith during the week with fun lessons, music, dinner together and recreation. For registration information and any questions, please contact Ken Stetson at [stetson.kenny@gmail.com](mailto:stetson.kenny@gmail.com).

## SENIOR SOUPER LUNCH—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12 AND 26

Join us in the Library at 1:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month for a delicious soup and salad lunch. Bring a friend. No reservations are required.

## KNIT WITS—WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

Please join us at 1:00 p.m. on the 4th Wednesday of each month. We usually work until about 3:00, but you are welcome to participate whenever your schedule permits, so do not worry about arriving late or leaving early! In October, please join us on Wednesday, October 25 in the Library.

## MEN'S CONNECTION—THURSDAYS AT 8:00 A.M.

Men's Connection meets on Thursday mornings at 8 a.m. in the Library. Join us as we gather for a light breakfast, prayer, thought-provoking conversation and friendship. All men are invited to join us. For more information, contact Bill Travis, John Thomas or Phil Owen.

## ZUMBA

Zumba is taking a break while Fellowship Hall is being renovated. For questions and more information, please contact Abby Adair at [abagaeladair@gmail.com](mailto:abagaeladair@gmail.com).

## SIGN UP SHEETS DURING THE RENOVATIONS

While Fellowship Hall is being renovated, all sign-up sheets can be found in the main hallway.

## SHOE DRIVE

Max Van de Vyver and his family are holding a Shoe Drive for the organization Soles 4 Souls and have invited Northbrook to be a part of this incredible effort. Five year old Max did a geography project this past spring on Kenya and learned so much about the culture and people. He then had the opportunity to hear the Ugandan Kids Choir perform at Northbrook! He learned that not all kids are afforded the same privileges, safety, education and care that he has. Max was inspired to organize the shoe drive for Soles 4 Souls, an organization that distributes shoes to impoverished countries around the world, including America. If you have a pair of gently used shoes, any size, color, children's, men's or women's that you are willing to part with, please leave them in the box in the main hallway or you can email [MaxShoeDrive@gmail.com](mailto:MaxShoeDrive@gmail.com) for more information. Thank you so very much!

### This Week at Northbrook

#### SUNDAY, October 1

10:15 a.m. Worship & Communion

10:15 a.m. KIDS' Connection

#### MONDAY, October 2

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting—Men's Group

#### WEDNESDAY, October 4

10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study

5:00 p.m. LOGOS

7:00 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study

#### THURSDAY, October 5

8:00 a.m. Men's Connection

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

#### SUNDAY, October 8

10:15 a.m. Worship & Communion

10:15 a.m. KIDS' Connection

11:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

11:30 a.m. Deacons' Meeting

Flu Shots

Blood Pressure Screening

### Office Hours

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m.—Noon

**Worship:** 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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