

Welcome to

Northbrook Presbyterian Church

October 15, 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

Meredith Riggan

One: Small seeds, big possibilities.

All: Open us to your potential.

One: Grow us for your kingdom.

All: Fill us with your life and love as we worship you together.

* OPENING SONG 20—*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Hymnal

NORTHBROOK: A PLACE TO GATHER AND GROW IN GOD

Keith Lee and Todd Dolan

PRAYER FOR CONFESSION

One: Awareness of God's love and holiness brings an awareness of our need for grace.

Let each of us, humbly turn to God and in silence ask for what we need.

—*Silent Prayer*—

One: And in the community of Christ's church and the presence of God's people,
let us pray:

**All: We confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
intentionally and unintentionally.
We know that we have not loved God or cared for God's world,
or respected God's people as we should.
We are aware that we have disappointed God,
disappointed others, and disappointed ourselves.
We confess our brokenness and pray for God's forgiveness.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: God forgives you, Christ has befriended you,
and the Spirit is already at work to renew and transform your life.

* 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 743—*O God, You Are My God*

Hymnal

SCRIPTURE READING—*Ephesians 1:15-23*

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SONG 740—*Lead Me, Guide Me*

Hymnal

SERMON—*Gathering, Growing and Going in God*
Luke 13:18-19

Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi
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WE BRING OUR GIFTS FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST

* OFFERTORY SONG—*Requiem*
Chancel Choir

Eliza Gilkyson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING PRAYER

* SENDING SONG 726—*Will You Come and Follow Me*

Hymnal

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

* Please stand if you are able.

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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

NORTHBROOK: A PLACE TO GATHER AND GROW...

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 worship, to explore our faith, to celebrate our connections, to grow into an authentic community where love is known and Christ experienced. It is also the place from which we are sent into the world to witness to Christ's love, to work for God's justice and mercy in the world and to serve in Christ's name. 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 today, 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!

Congregational Meeting

Join us today after worship for a Congregational Meeting to elect officers, followed by an informal cider and donuts reception to welcome our new Pastoral Assistant: Jackie Spycher.

Nominees for the Class of 2020 are:

Elders

Todd Dolan
Bozenna Johnson
Dave Tengler

Deacons

Kim Bowden-Adair
Edna Gadsby
Betsy Savage
Sallie Dorer (filling the vacancy left by Linda Hermes)

Nominating Committee

Mike Huddlestun
Carl von Ende

LEADING YOU IN WORSHIP TODAY ARE:

LITURGIST: Meredith Riggan

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Angel Gippert

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

SOUND: Michael Bauhof

VISUALS: Jeff Wilhelmi

SANCTUARY DOOR GREETER: Lucille McLeod CENTER DOOR GREETER: Brian Long

Chancel Flowers: Placed by the Guindi family in loving memory of Mounir Guindi

PRAYER REQUESTS: Michael Campion, James Grady, 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 v and the victims and those affected by the forest fires in California.

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.



PLEASE WELCOME JACQUELINE SPYCHER TO NORTHBROOK!

With great delight and a strong sense of God's guidance, your Session approved the call of Jacqueline Spycher to the position of Assistant Pastor of Outreach Ministries, a newly created staff position committed to creatively explore new expressions of the church for the 21st Century and to reach out to the spiritually hungry but unchurched in our area.

A native Michigander, Jackie earned a Master of Divinity with a certificate in Reformed Studies from Yale University and a Bachelor of Arts from Chatham College in media arts, graphic design and women's studies. She will be ordained later this winter but is not new to ministry. Prior to coming to Northbrook, she served as the Director of Youth Ministries for Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA and the campus chaplain to Yale University through First Presbyterian Church in New Haven, CT. She coordinated young women's ministries for the Presbyterian Mission Agency and directed the intern and hospitality programs for Sojourners in Washington, D.C. Most recently, she served as the Director of Discipleship for Brooklyn Presbyterian Church in southern Michigan. Jackie's call to ministry is centered around welcome, inclusion and community. She has a great passion for hearing people's stories, building relationships and social justice advocacy. Beyond ministry, she enjoys the arts, traveling, kayaking, baking and watching the Detroit Tigers.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING—TODAY

Kathy Bauhof will be giving blood pressure screenings today.

2018 FLOWER CHART

The 2018 Flower Chart is up in the main hallway. Prices for chancel flowers and a pair of window flowers will remain the same. Chancel Flowers are \$45, and a pair of window flowers is \$25. Flowers are a wonderful way to honor or memorialize a loved one.

MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER WALK

Please join the American Cancer Society and the Macy's Pink Warriors on Saturday, October 21 for a 3 mile walk starting at Hart Plaza. Join Macy's Pink Warriors Team at www.MakingStridesWalk.org/DetroitMI. Look for the Macy's PINK Tent at Hart Plaza to find the TEAM!!! Any questions, call Barb Stetson at (248)302-3033.

FELLOWSHIP HALL RENOVATIONS

Progress in Fellowship Hall is being made daily. The Sanctuary entrance is still 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 of the Sanctuary. Please be aware that there are stairs if you exit via the fire doors. We appreciate your continued patience!

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 or (248)762-9919 to be added to the list. Thank you!!

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 information, please contact Ken Stetson at stetson.kenny@gmail.com.

SENIOR SOUPER LUNCH—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 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.

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 or call (248)682-0730. Series Information: October 19—*John Knox: The Master's Trumpeter* (Rev. Dr. Paul Thwaite), October 26—*Reformation and the Roman Catholic Church* (Monsignor Francis Koper).

SIGN UP SHEETS DURING THE RENOVATIONS

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

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.

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 for more information. Thank you so very much!

THANK YOU

Thanks so much to all of our Northbrook family who have offered to help us in any way! And for the get well cards and especially your prayers! We appreciate you so much. Right now, I am doing well with my treatments; the doctor says I am a resilient man. If you could all keep praying, it would be most appreciated

~Thanks, Michael Campion

This Week at Northbrook

SUNDAY, October 15

- 10:15 a.m. Worship
- 10:15 a.m. KIDS' Connection
- 11:15 a.m. Congregational Meeting & Reception
- 11:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Blood Pressure Screening
- Nov. Newsletter Articles Due

MONDAY, October 16

- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting—Men's Group

WEDNESDAY, October 18

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

THURSDAY, October 19

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

FRIDAY, October 20

Fall Youth Retreat (10/20-10/22)

SUNDAY, October 22

- 10:15 a.m. Worship
- 10:15 a.m. KIDS' Connection
- 11:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 11:30 a.m. Session Meeting

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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