

Welcome to

Northbrook Presbyterian Church

October 29, 2017



To know God
is to be changed by God.
~ John Calvin

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

Jacqueline Spycher

One: As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world,
which some seek to control and others view with despair—

All: We declare with joy and trust: Our world belongs to God!

One: From the beginning, through all the crises of our times,
until God's Kingdom fully comes, God keeps covenant forever.

**All: Our world belongs to our Creator God. Let the earth rejoice!
Jesus Christ is alive, transforming hearts. Hallelujah!
The Spirit is at work, renewing creation. Praise the Lord!**

* OPENING SONG 275—*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, vs. 2*

Hymnal

UNISON PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION

Matt Broadwell

O God of mercy, we lament that even good actions of reform and renewal had often unintended negative consequences. We bring before you the burdens of the guilt of the past when our forbears did not follow your will that all be one in the truth of the Gospel. We confess our own ways of thinking and acting that perpetuate the divisions of the past. As communities and as individuals, we build many walls around us: mental, spiritual, physical, political walls that result in discrimination and violence. Forgive us, Lord.

—*Silent Prayer*—

KYRIE 575—*Lord, Have Mercy upon Us*

Hymnal

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Christ is the way, the truth and the life.

He is our peace, who breaks down the walls that divide,
who gives us, through the Holy Spirit, ever-new beginnings.

In Christ, we receive forgiveness and reconciliation
and we are strengthened for a faithful and common witness in our time. Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI 581—*Glory Be to the Father*

Hymnal

* 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 319—*Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing*

Hymnal

THE OLD TESTAMENT SAINTS CONFESS THEIR FAITH: ONE GOD

In the midst of cultures that believed in multiple gods,
the Old Testament Saints proclaimed the radical-sounding truth:

The Lord our God is One, only One! —*Deut. 6:1-9*

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THE NEW TESTAMENT SAINTS CONFESS THEIR FAITH: JESUS IS LORD

In the midst of a multi-ethnic Roman Empire where one could believe
anything as long as Caesar was acknowledged as Lord,

the early church proclaimed the subversive truth: Jesus is Lord!

—*Colossians 1:15-20*

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REFORMED AND ALWAYS BEING REFORMED

John Calvin

* THE NORTHBROOK SAINTS CONFESS THEIR FAITH:

One: We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church,ⁱ
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.ⁱⁱ

**ALL: We confess and acknowledge one God alone, distinct in three persons:
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,
to whom alone we must cleave and in whom alone we put our trust.ⁱⁱⁱ**

*Choir: We believe that we belong – body and soul, in life and in death –
not to ourselves but to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.^{iv}*

Men: We believe that all things are governed by the Providence of God.^v

Women: We believe that the Lord our God was pleased to make a second covenant of grace, wherein he freely offered unto sinners life and salvation by Jesus Christ.^{vi}

One: We believe that the chief end of humankind is to glorify God, and to enjoy God forever.^{vii}

ALL: We believe that there is but one only, the living and true God. God is a Spirit, in and of himself infinite in being, glory, blessedness and perfection, all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, everywhere present, almighty, knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.^{viii}

Choir: The church's commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ's stead, and therefore in the ministry of his own Word and work through sermon and Sacrament.^{ix}

Men: We believe that the life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission.^x

Women: We believe that unity is both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ.

Through the work of God's Spirit, unity is a binding force.

At the same time, unity must be earnestly pursued and sought.

Our unity must become visible to the world.

One: We believe that separation and hatred between people and groups is sin, already conquered by Christ.

Anything threatening our unity has no place in the church.^{xi}

ALL: With believers in every time and place we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.^{xii}

ⁱThe Nicene Creed

ⁱⁱⁱThe Scots Confession, 3.01.

^vThe Second Helvetic Confession, 5.029.

^{vii}The Shorter Catechism, 7.001.

^{ix}The Theological Declaration of Barmen, 8.26.

^{xi}The Confession of Belhar, 10.3.

ⁱⁱThe Apostles' Creed, 2.3.

^{iv}The Heidelberg Catechism, 4.001.

^{vi}The Westminster Confession of Faith, 6.039.

^{viii}The Larger Catechism, 7.117.

^xThe Confession of 1967, 9.32.

^{xii}A Brief Statement of Faith, 11.5, 11.6.

WE BRING OUR GIFTS FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST

* OFFERTORY SONG—*Fairest Lord Jesus*
Chancel Choir

arr. Mark Hayes

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, LORD'S PRAYER

* SENDING SONG—*In Christ Alone*

Getty and Townend



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, — my
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help - less
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the world by dark - ness
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ — in



song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id Ground, firm through the fier - est drought — and
babe! This gift of love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the ones He came — to
slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious Day, up from the grave He rose — a -
me; From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti -



storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
save. Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
-gain! And as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
-ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His



cease. My Com - fort - er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ — I
-fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ — I
me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood — of
hand; Till He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ — I'll



stand.
live.
Christ.
stand!

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

* Please stand if you are able.

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Prayer for Reconciliation and Assurance of Forgiveness from *Common Prayer: From Conflict to Communion. Lutheran-Catholic Common Commemoration of the Reformation in 2017.*

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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

LEADING YOU IN WORSHIP TODAY ARE:

LITURGIST: Matt Broadwell

PASTORAL ASSISTANT: Jacqueline Spycher

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Angel Gippert

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

SOUND: Dave Vander Weide

VISUALS: Bozena Johnson

SANCTUARY DOOR GREETER: Liz Hurbis

CENTER DOOR GREETER: Grant Burnham

PRAYER REQUESTS: Barb Stetson, Michael Campion, Bob Miller, 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 A and members of the Knit Wits group.

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.

ANNOUNCING A NEW PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY! THE GOSPEL OF JOHN: THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD
This Gospel differs from the other three Gospels in every aspect, especially in the view it gives us of Jesus. This theologically complex story of Jesus is rich in symbolism, irony, paradox and mysticism, and weaves throughout the theme of light and darkness. We will read this gospel together, and explore the intriguing facets of the Incarnate One. Classes are on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. or 7 p.m. and start on November 1 in the Library. Bring your Bible and your open heart. If you plan to be there, please email Marjorie at marjorie@northbrookpc.org.

NORTHBROOK MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES

The 2017-2018 membership directories have arrived. Please pick up your copy (one per family) in the main hallway. Be sure to cross your name off the master membership directory so we know who has received their copy. Also, please share any updates or corrections with Becky in the church office. Thank you.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CHAMBER CONCERT—TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra will hold a chamber concert featuring the Mendelssohn Octet at Northbrook on Tuesday, November 7 at 7:00 p.m. Seating is general admission. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased by visiting the Detroit Symphony Orchestra website at www.dso.org or by calling their box office at (313)576-5111.

SENIOR SOUPER LUNCH—THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

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.

SPECTRUM ORCHESTRA CONCERT—FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2017

Spectrum Orchestra will be having a concert at Northbrook on Friday, November 17 at 7:30 p.m. The concert will feature Brahms (Academic Festival Overture), Dvorak (Concerto for Cello) and Beethoven (Symphony No. 1). Tickets are \$15, \$12 for Seniors 65+ and free for kids 18 and under. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online by visiting www.spectrumorchestra.org. There is general admission seating, and doors open one hour prior to the performance.

NORTHBROOK BOOK CLUB—MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

The title for November's book club meeting has changed. Please join us in discussing *The Rosey Project* by Graeme Simsion on Monday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

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.

SIGN UP SHEETS DURING THE RENOVATIONS

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

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE

The First Church of Christ, Scientist invite you to attend their Thanksgiving Day service on Thursday, November 23 at 10:30 a.m. in the Library. This one hour service consists of hymns, reading of the Thanksgiving Proclamation of the President of the United States, Scriptural selections; recitation of the Lord's Prayer, a brief sermon from the scriptures and their correlative passages from their denomination textbook, a vocal solo, testimonies by Christian Scientists appropriate for the occasion, a closing reading, and a benediction. This is a special service members look forward to on a day set aside to express gratitude to God for all of our blessings.

PWN FUN GROUP HOLIDAY EVENT—FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

All ladies are invited to the FAVORITE THINGS holiday event!! This night is truly a night of great joy and fellowship with your Northbrook "church lady friends". It is the kind of night that special memories are made from. We'll enjoy appetizers in a joyous holiday setting while learning a little bit more about each other. Each guest is asked to bring either an appetizer, dessert or drink and a gift to share that is priced \$25 or under. The gift should be one of your favorite things - something you love so much that you want someone else to have one just like it! You are not giving away your own favorite thing...you are giving one just like it that you have purchased. This special night is Friday, December 1 at 6:30 p.m. at the clubhouse of Bingham Woods Condominiums. RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the hallway or email nancyibest@gmail.com. We really hope you can join us this year!

~With joy,

Nancy Best, Kim Bowden-Adair, Peggie Schiller and Barb Stetson

Feast of Faiths

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 19

5pm—Worship

6pm—Dinner

First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham

1669 W. Maple, Birmingham, MI

Please join us as together we give thanks to God for all that God has given to us. We will share worship in which we discover the roots of thankfulness in each of our traditions and then we will share a meal in thanks. There is no charge for the meal and all are welcome.

We are also collecting canned or dry goods as a

Feast From Faiths

These goods will help to support:

Haven (which supports victims of domestic violence)

The Welcome Inn (Oakland County's only low-barrier winter day shelter)

Supporting Faith Communities

Muslim Unity Center

First Baptist Church of Birmingham

Temple Israel (West Bloomfield)

First United Methodist Church of Birmingham

St. Regis Roman Catholic Parish

Northbrook Presbyterian Church

St. James Episcopal Church

First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham

SHOE DRIVE

Five year old Max Van de Vyver and his family are holding a Shoe Drive for Soles 4 Souls and have invited Northbrook to be a part of this effort. Max did a geography project on Kenya and then he 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 is partnering 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!

This Week at Northbrook

SUNDAY, October 29

10:15 a.m. Worship
10:15 a.m. KIDS' Connection
11:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Mid & Senior Highs

MONDAY, October 30

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting—Men's Group

WEDNESDAY, November 1

5:00 p.m. LOGOS

THURSDAY, November 2

8:00 a.m. Men's Connection

SUNDAY, November 5

10:15 a.m. Worship & Communion
10:15 a.m. KIDS' Connection
11:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Daylight Saving Time ends

Sunday, November 5th.

Remember to set you clocks back 1 hour.

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

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