

Welcome to

*Northbrook Presbyterian Church*

November 19, 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

Matt Broadwell

One: We have talent

**All: Precious metal—protected, hoarded.**

One: We have talent

**All: Symbolic worth—invested, growing.**

One: We have talent

**All: Opportunity unfolding—sharing, giving, ever-unfolding.**

One: We have talent

**All: Good God, may we risk it all for you.**

\* OPENING SONG 692—*Spirit, Open My Heart*

Hymnal

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Justin Sundberg

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

Jacqueline Spycher

One: We come to worship knowing that we are people in need of so many things:  
in need of hope, in need of reassurance, in need of courage, in need of forgiveness.  
In the silence of this morning, let us open ourselves to all that God holds out to us.

—*Silent Prayer*—

One: We're not really sure we want to admit it, God, but we do have gifts.  
Perhaps we're not all super-talented, can-do-it-all people,  
but there are things each one of us is good at,  
things that might even be useful to You and others.

**All: But often, we hesitate. Too frequently, we hold back.  
because if we actually admit it then we'll have to act.  
Then there are no more excuses;  
no more comfortable inadequacies to hide behind.  
If we acknowledge the abilities and strengths You have placed in each of us,  
we'll have to actually use them. We will need to serve.  
We will need to be accountable, make commitments ... and fulfill them.  
But, if we pretend that we're not gifted at all,  
we lose something of ourselves. We settle for less than we really are.  
We choose to experience less, to learn less, to be less alive.**

One: So, thank you, God, for making us gifted people,  
and thank you that our gifts can make a difference,  
and, in some small way, help to make Your dream for our world a reality.

**All: Make us brave enough to say yes to all your possibilities. Amen.**

\* 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 701—*Lord, Prepare Me*

Hymnal

SCRIPTURE READING—*1 John 4:10-18*

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SONG 698—*Take, O Take Me as I Am*

Hymnal

WE BRING OUR GIFTS FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST

\* OFFERTORY SONG—*This I Pray*  
Chancel Choir

Heather Sorenson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, LORD'S PRAYER

\* SENDING SONG 716—*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

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*

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LEADING YOU IN WORSHIP TODAY ARE:

LITURGIST: Matt Broadwell

PASTORAL ASSISTANT: Jacqueline Spycher

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Angel Gippert

SANCTUARY DOOR GREETER: Grant Burnham

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

SOUND: Michael Bauhof

VISUALS: Jeff Wilhelmi

CHANCEL FLOWERS: Placed by Bob & Kristin Miller in memory and celebration of Ryan Miller's  
Birthday! Happiest of Birthdays in heaven buddy.

PRAYER REQUESTS: LeeAnne and Don Hemberg and the Schaefer family on the death of Nancy Schaefer on November 12, Lucille McLeod, Sherrill Heinrichs, Barb Stetson, Michael Campion, Bob Miller, James Grady, Roger McGuineas, 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 D and members of the PWN 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.

FEAST OF FAITHS THANKSGIVING SERVICE & DINNER—TODAY, NOVEMBER 19 AT 5 P.M.  
Please join us at the Feast of Faiths Thanksgiving service and dinner today at 5 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham (1669 E. Maple). At this interfaith service, we will discover the roots of thankfulness in each of our traditions and then we will share a meal in thanks. The meal is free and all are welcome so please invite your friends and neighbors. As part of this program, we are collecting canned and dry goods to support Haven and The Welcome Inn. We would love to have as many people from Northbrook represented as possible at this cooperative service. This is truly a unique opportunity to celebrate and give thanks with our Jewish, Muslim and Christian neighbors.

#### NORTHBROOK ANGEL TREE

Our annual Angel Tree Christmas Present Drive begins today and runs through December 8. We are providing gifts to the families and individuals of Oakland Family Services, A Place of Refuge and Open Door Ministries. Our Angel Tree has been decorated with angel tags detailing the needs and wishes of individuals from these organizations. In addition, there are angels requesting household goods and food items for each family. Stop by the Angel Tree in the main hallway for more information about how to adopt an individual. Please remember to sign out all angels taken from the tree. Gifts, clothes and boxed household goods and food items should be brought to the church by **noon on Friday, December 8.**

#### 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 in the Library on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. or 7 p.m. Bring your Bible and your open heart. Please email Marjorie at [marjorie@northbrookpc.org](mailto:marjorie@northbrookpc.org) if you plan to attend.

#### POINSETTIA ORDERS—DUE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

We will be adorning the Sanctuary on Christmas Eve with poinsettias again this year. Place your order by picking up an order form in the main hallway. We will also be taking orders at a table in the main hallway following worship. Poinsettias are \$9.50 each, and you will be able to take your poinsettia plant(s) home after the 5 p.m. Christmas Eve service. Orders are due by Sunday, November 26.

#### NORTHBROOK BOOK CLUB—MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Please join us on Monday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library to discuss *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion

#### KNIT WITS—NOVEMBER MEETING DATE CHANGE TO NOVEMBER 29

The Knit Wits will meet this month on Wednesday, November 29 at 1:00 p.m. in the Library.

#### SENIOR SOUPER LUNCH—THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

Senior Souper Lunch will **not** meet on November 23 and wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. The next Senior Souper Lunch will be the special holiday luncheon on the 1st Thursday of the month, December 7 at 1:00 p.m. in the Library. *Please note the date change of the December lunch.*

## WESTMINSTER CHURCH THANKSGIVING

Westminster Church will serve its 35th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner this year, and they are looking for volunteers to help make this Thanksgiving a success. Westminster needs volunteers Monday through Wednesday for set-up and Thursday to serve, deliver meals and help clean up. To volunteer, email [wcodthanksgiving@gmail.com](mailto:wcodthanksgiving@gmail.com) or call (313)341-2697, ext. 309. If you are able to contribute financially, they would welcome a contribution to purchase turkeys. Checks may be made payable to Westminster Church, memo: Thanksgiving, and mailed to 17567 Hubbell, Detroit, MI 48235.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE – **NOTE CORRECTED TIME**  
First Church of Christ, Scientist invites you to attend their Thanksgiving Day service on **Thursday, November 23 at 10:15 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 denominational 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: FAVORITE THINGS—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”. 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](mailto:nancyibest@gmail.com).

## PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S 36TH ANNUAL COMMUNION & ADVENT BREAKFAST—DECEMBER 9

The Northbrook Men’s Connection invites you to attend the Presbyterian Men’s 36th Annual Communion and Advent Breakfast on Saturday, December 9 from 7:30—11:00 a.m. at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church (9601 Hubbard Street, Livonia). This memorable event includes a morning of breakfast, communion, comradery, songs and a powerful message from keynote speaker Christ Lambert, Executive Director of Life Remodeled. Founded in 2010, Life Remodeled is currently focused on rebuilding under-resourced Detroit Public High Schools and their surrounding neighborhoods. In the last three summers, this organization has attracted more than 30,000 volunteers to set the groundwork for sustainable change in three Detroit neighborhoods. The event is open to ALL men in the Detroit Presbytery. We can either go together in car/van pools or arrive separately. The more the merrier. To RSVP or learn more, call Phil Owen at (248)851-6725, John Thomas at (248)827-0507 or Bill Travis at (248)338-3795. Please **RSVP by November 26** so that we can turn in our count and pay the Presbytery by December 1st.

## 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. We encourage you to check out their website at [www.MaxsShoeDrive.com](http://www.MaxsShoeDrive.com) for more information. Thank you so very much!

## *Christmas Poinsettia Order Form*

The cost of each plant is **\$9.50**. Make checks payable to Northbrook Presbyterian Church with "Poinsettias" written in the memo portion of the check.

\_\_\_\_ **Number of Red Poinsettia Plants**  
\_\_\_\_ **Number of White Poinsettia Plants**  
\_\_\_\_ **Total Number of Plants Ordered**



Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the cost of the plant(s).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like my plant(s) placed in memory of/in honor of (circle one):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Please check here if you would like a Deacon to take your Poinsettia plant(s) to a shut-in following the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

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***Orders due by Sunday, November 26th***  
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*(Please print clearly. This dedication information will be printed in the Christmas Eve bulletin.)*



All aboard for

# ADVENTURE

Saturday, December 2nd

9am-11:30am

\$10 donation per family

Leave your kids ( 3 years & older )  
with us so you can get a jump  
on your shopping!

- Breakfast
- Holiday movie with  
popcorn and cocoa
- Advent crafts

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## This Week at Northbrook

SUNDAY, November 19

10:15 a.m. Worship

10:15 a.m. KIDS' Connection

11:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Mid & Senior Highs Leaf Raking

MONDAY, November 20

7:00 p.m. Book Club Meeting

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting—Men's Group

WEDNESDAY, November 22

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

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

THURSDAY, November 23—Happy Thanksgiving

OFFICE CLOSED

FRIDAY, November 24

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SUNDAY, November 26

10:15 a.m. Worship

10:15 a.m. KIDS' Connection

### Office Hours

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

**Worship:** Sundays at 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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