

Welcome to

Northbrook Presbyterian Church

December 16, 2018

Calm & Bright: Third Sunday of Advent



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

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.

Singing:

Soloist: It was the night when love was born

ALL: Silent Night

And just as now the world was torn

Holy Night

But all was calm and all was bright

Silent Night

The star above gave out its light

Holy Night

ALL: Dear people all around the world

Let us unite and we will show

How love can change us,

How love can help us grow.

Spoken:

One: On this third Sunday of our commemoration of the 200th anniversary of "Silent Night, Holy Night," let us speak the third verse together:

**Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light,
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth**

Singing:

So let your love shine in the night

Silent Night

And let your life burn warm and bright

Holy Night

This love we give the world is balm

Silent Night

And in this truth we find our calm

Holy Night!

THE LIGHT ENTERS

Brian Long

One: We continue this season of waiting by lighting the third candle, anticipating the light of the star that shone over Bethlehem for all to see.

Uplifting God,
we open ourselves to hear your call today to recognize your love all around us,
and also see the potential to add to the love all around us—
making our lives, our families, our communities, and our world a brighter place.

All: **Fill us with your peace and light, make the world so calm and bright.**

* OPENING SONG 377—*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

Hymnal

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

One: Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin:

All: **Creator of light and darkness,
We so often chase shadows and fail to walk in the light.
Forgive us, O God.**

A time of stillness

Know this, already your world is a little bit calmer and brighter having offered to God the bits of chaos clouding your life. Let us travel through Advent as forgiven people, lifting our faces toward the light. Let us walk in peace, hope and love.

Let the people say, **"Amen!"**

SONG 314—*Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness (v. 4)*

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.

* SONG 121—*O Little Town of Bethlehem (v. 1)*

Hymnal

The children are invited forward for a special message. They are then dismissed to KIDS' CONNECTION

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING—John 1:1-5, 14, 16-17

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WE BRING OUR GIFTS FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST

OFFERTORY HYMN—*Were You There on That Christmas Night?*
Chancel Choir

Natalie Sleeth

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

* SENDING SONG 110—*Love Has Come*

Hymnal

* BENEDICTION

Spoken:

**Go with God into this day
May the Spirit guide your way
Offer love to all you greet
Like Christ, see God in all you meet.**

Sung:

**We need a silent night in here.
We need your presence to be near.
Give us the hope we need
and the peace we seek.
We need a silent night in here.**

**Give us the hope we need
and the peace we seek.
We need a silent night,
we need a silent night,
we need a silent night in here.**

POSTLUDE

* Please stand in body or spirit.

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Image by Jacqueline Spycher; Vineyard Lake on Christmas morning, 2014

LEADING YOU IN WORSHIP TODAY ARE:

Please extend a welcome to the Rev. Linda Anderson. Rev. Anderson was serving as a music director, organist and office manager for a church when she answered God's persistent nudge to become a minister. After completing her Bachelor's degree at Concordia University, she attended McCormick Theological Seminary, completing some courses at Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit. Rev. Anderson worked for many years as a hospice Spiritual Care Coordinator. She is now enjoying being part of pulpit supply and occasionally substitute organist. Rev. Anderson and her husband have three children and six grandchildren.

ASSISTANT PASTOR: Rev. Jacqueline Spycher LITURGIST: Brian Long
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Angel Gippert
LIGHT BEARERS: Ken Stetson, Joyce VanderWeide, Karen VanderWeide
PRAISE BAND: Dan Gross as leader, percussion, guitar, Pete Zajicek on piano
VISUALS: Bill Jordan SOUND: Dave Vander Weide
SANCTUARY DOOR GREETERS: Grace, Lila and Ann Daniels
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Michele and Michael Buscaino

PRAYER REQUESTS: Joyce Hamburg, Marilyn Nesbitt, Tom Sandercock, Margaret Babb, Phil Owen, Steve DeCarteret, Kim Annett, Bonnie Annett, Ellie Poster, Tracey Parker, Steve Sicora, Sam Owens, Brad Back, Bob Miller, Connie & Roger McGuineas, Al & Mary Alice Shrosbree, Seglinda Kelle-Pritchard, the Forbush family, the Keoleian family

The Board of Deacons also requests prayers for: Church members whose last names begin with the letter H.

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.

90TH BIRTHDAYS COFFEE HOUR FOLLOWING WORSHIP TODAY

The whole congregation is invited to a special coffee hour to commemorate the 90th birthdays of Mary Sandercock (December 6) and John Thomas (December 18). Plan on joining us to express best wishes of the day to Mary and John! Due to family commitments, we will not be celebrating Mary Alice Schrosbree's 90th birthday (December 12) until the new year. Stay tuned as we firm up that date.

How fortunate to have these individuals in our midst!

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE—TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

Northbrook will again offer a special worship service for all who are dealing with sadness at this time of year. It is a pre-Christmas service called Blue Christmas for those needing a light in the darkness. It is intended to give people who are grieving or otherwise in distress at Christmas a chance to step away from the endless drumbeat in our culture about the “most wonderful time of the year.” Blue Christmas will be a different kind of worship, one of comfort, of loss and of hope. Join us on Tuesday, December 18 at 7 p.m.

HAT AND MITTEN TREE

The Hat and Mitten tree is now up in the main hallway. Please consider donating new winter hats and gloves and mittens to the tree. Items on the tree will be donated to those in need following Christmas.

SOWING SEEDS FOR GROWING IN GOD

A whole-hearted THANK YOU to all who have made their 2019 pledges to Northbrook! If you haven't yet pledged, please let us know your intentions by placing your pledge in the offering plate or returning it to the church office. Everyone's gift, no matter the size, makes a difference. Thank you.

KNIT WITS—WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

Knit Wits will take a break in December and meet again on Wednesday, January 23. All skill levels are welcome.

ALTERNATIVE GIFTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Do you have more holiday shopping to do? Northbrook now has its own custom link to the SERRV website which allows you and your friends, colleagues and family to purchase items from SERRV's entire line of over 1000 lovely items, and Northbrook's Mission Fund will earn 20% of the total sales. This means you will be bringing joy to your gift recipient and providing economic support, relief, and empowerment to those in need in the U.S. and around the world; and also contributing to the mission work done by our congregation. **Here is our link which you have to use in order for Northbrook Mission to earn the extra funds: <http://serrv.org/?a=Northbrook>.** Sign in as a guest or create your own log-in. If you have any questions, contact Winnie Davies-Hancock at winsomeann@aol.com or (248)593-8035. **Share our link with friends and family, and our Mission Fund can earn funds throughout the year while we support SERRV partners!**

This Week at Northbrook

SUNDAY, December 16

- 10:15 a.m. Worship
- 10:15 a.m. KIDS' Connection
- 11:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Screening
- 11:15 a.m. 90th Birthday Coffee Hour
- 11:15 a.m. Session Meeting
- 11:45 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Group Holiday Party

MONDAY, December 17

- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting—Men's Group

TUESDAY, December 18

- 7:00 p.m. Blue Christmas Service

WEDNESDAY, December 19

- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. LOGOS

THURSDAY, December 20

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Connection

SUNDAY, December 23

- 10:15 a.m. Worship

MONDAY, December 24

- 5:00 p.m. Christmas Service

TUESDAY, December 25—Merry Christmas

Office Closed

WEDNESDAY, December 26

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OFFICE HOURS

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

Worship: Sundays at 10:15 a.m.

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