

Welcome to

Northbrook Presbyterian Church

December 17, 2017 ~ Angels Among Us



*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.*

* WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Jacqueline Spycher

OPENING SONG—*Angels Among Us*

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Angels Among Us

Marcia McFee and Chuck Bell

$\text{♩} = 70$

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 4/4 time signature. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 70. The lyrics are: 'There are an - gels a-mong us that may not meet the eye. There are mess - a - ges of hope com - ing from a choir on high. But don't just look up; — for the way God works is to plant more hope right here on earth just like it was at Je - sus birth. — There are an - gels a-mong us, — there are an - gels a-mong us. — There are an - gels a-mong us, — there are an - gels a-mong us bring - ing hope on earth'. The score includes dynamic markings such as 'rit.' (ritardando) and 'a tempo'. There are also changes in time signature from 4/4 to 3/4 and back to 4/4.

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PRAYER

Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi

Holy Living God, Blessed Jesus, Guiding Spirit,
alight within us your flame of joy this day.

Grant us openness to hear your message.

**Grant us courage to be your messengers in the world,
creating more joy in the midst of uncertainty.**

And with the angel messengers above us, among us and within us, we sing...

* SONG—*Do Not Be Afraid*

Marcia McFee and Chuck Bell

Musical notation for the song "Do Not Be Afraid" in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is written on a single staff. The lyrics are: "Do not be a - fraid. Do not be a - fraid." The first line starts with a measure rest marked with an asterisk (*). The second line starts with a measure rest marked with an asterisk (*). The piece ends with a double bar line.

* OPENING HYMN 107—*Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn*

Hymnal

THE PEACE

*I invite you to pass the hope of Christ with your neighbors,
for each time we connect with one another, hope grows.
—All Children are invited to come forward for a special message.—*

SONG—*Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in this Place*

Lanny Wolfe

Musical notation for the song "Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in this Place" in 3/4 time, key of C major. The melody is written on a single staff. The lyrics are: "I. Sure - ly the Pre - sence of the Lord is in this place. I can feel His might - y pow - er and His grace. I can feel the brush of An - gels' wings, I see joy on each face. Sure - ly the Pre - sence of the Lord is in this place." The piece is divided into four lines of music, with measure numbers 1, 5, 9, and 13 indicated. Chord symbols are provided above the notes: C, Em7, Eø7, A7, Dm, Dm7, G7, C, F, C, Em7, Eø7, A7, Dm, Dm7, G7, Dm7, G7, C.

YOUNG MESSENGERS OF THE CHURCH

—All Children are invited to go to KIDS' Connection at this time—

SCRIPTURE READING—*Matthew 1:18-25*

The Voice Translation

* SONG 86—*The People Who Walked in Darkness*

Hymnal

SERMON—*More Joy*

Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi

WE BRING OUR GIFTS FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST

OFFERTORY ANTHEM—*A Star Will Soon Shine*
Chancel Choir

Don Besig

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In this moment, we pray for all those who are in need of joy...

We hear the message of God,

Do not be afraid.

SENDING

SENDING SONG 134—*Joy to the World*

Hymnal

* SPREAD #MOREJOY

BENEDICTION

Do not be a - fraid. Do not be a - fraid.

5 Do not be a - fraid. Do not be a - fraid.

POSTLUDE

*Please stand in body or spirit.

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ANGELS AMONG US: #DONOTBEAFRAID

Flying in the Fear at Advent

The angels that appear in the story of Jesus' birth would have been very comfortable with our world of tweets and hashtags. Their messages were often short and to the point, their favorite line being #DoNotBeAfraid. As we look at the stories of these winged messengers to Zechariah, Mary, Joseph and the Shepherds, we'll explore what messages we can offer that will fly in the face of a culture of fear and bring more hope, more peace, more joy and more love to the world.

During worship, we invite you to silence your phones but keep them handy. Take photos if you want, send out messages and tweets of things you hear and experience in worship with the hashtag #DoNotBeAfraid or #morepeace. Like the angels of the Gospel story, we, too, can be carriers of God's message of Good News!



LEADING YOU IN WORSHIP TODAY ARE:

PASTOR: Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi

PASTORAL ASSISTANT: Jacqueline Spycher

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Angel Gippert

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

READERS: Bozenna Johnson (Narrator), Doug Joppie (Messenger), Bill Jordan (John)

SOUND: Dave Vander Weide

VISUALS: Jeff Wilhelmi

SANCTUARY DOOR GREETER: Lori Spiewak

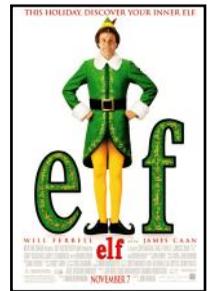
PRAYER REQUESTS: Tracey Parker, Dick Keier, Amy Annett, Lucille McLeod, Michael Campion, Bob Miller, Roger McGuineas, Margaret Babb, Al & Mary Alice Shrosbree, Georgania Keoleian, Seglinda Kelle-Pritchard

The Board of Deacons also requests prayers for: Church members whose last names begin with the letters I & J and our elected officials.

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.

LOOKING FOR MORE ADVENT MOVIE SERIES

Join us as we look for more this Advent season—more hope, more peace and more joy. Our last gathering will be today, Sunday, December 17 at **5:00 p.m.** in the Library. We will enjoy a light supper and watch *Elf* (2003, PG). Sign-up in the hallway so that we can have a number for food. Friends and new faces are always welcome.



COOKIES & CAROLS—TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

This popular annual event will be today immediately following worship in Fellowship Hall. Join us as we raise our voices in song and sample some of our sweetest confections!

ALTERNATIVE GIFT MINI-MARKET – TODAY

The Mission Connection Committee will be hosting an Alternative Gift Mini-Market today following worship. Shopping via the market is a way to share love with friends and family while at the same time making a positive difference in the lives of the individuals served by the organizations we support through our Fair Trade purchases.

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE—TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19 AT 7PM

Northbrook will again offer a special worship service on Tuesday, December 19 at 7 p.m. 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.

THE SEASON OF GIVING—THE FUNDRAISER MARKETPLACE IS OPEN TODAY!

As part of a matching gift fundraising challenge, many members of Northbrook have come forward to offer their time and talents to serve one another and raise money for our ministries in the process. Each dollar spent in the FUNdraising Market between now and December 31 will be matched, up to a total of \$10,000.

In the Narthex, you'll find a selection of experiences and gifts your fellow Northbrook members are offering. All you need to do is find the experience or gift you'd like to enjoy, collect the tag and write YOUR name and phone number in the blank space. Check out with the cashier who will note your purchase and acknowledge your payment. Payments can be made by cash, credit card or check payable to Northbrook Presbyterian Church, Memo: *FUNdraiser*. Give the bottom half of your tag to the donor and arrange a time to receive the service/gift/event that you have purchased. May this season of giving and receiving multiply the Love of Jesus Christ that truly is our greatest gift!

NOTE: the Season of Giving FUNdraiser Marketplace will be open every Sunday through December 31. In order to count toward your charitable giving for 2017, all payments must be made on or before December 31.

90TH BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATION—SUNDAY, JANUARY 7 FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Let's celebrate it again. The 90th birthdays have passed for Edna Gadsby, Mary Lou Harrison and Dick Forbush, and we have held off on a proper Northbrook celebration until the completion of the renovations to Fellowship Hall. So, let's get together after the worship service on January 7 and wish these three great people a belated wonderful 90th birthday and a super 91st year!

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM—THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

On Thursday, January 11, the Adult Education Committee is hosting a favorite speaker, Pat Ochodnický. Pat first traveled to the Holy Land in 2007 with a group from the Southeast Michigan Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. As she traveled, she was profoundly moved by the devastating impact of the Israeli occupation on the daily life of the Palestinians. She became a member of the Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Palestine and Israel through the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland. In 2009, she spent 3 months as an accompanier/observer in a small village in Palestine, Yanoun. She has returned many times, most recently in the fall of 2017. Pat will be sharing with us the current status of life in the Holy Land at 11:30 a.m. preceding the Senior Souper Lunch in the Library.

SENIOR SOUPER LUNCH

Senior Souper Lunch will resume in January on Thursdays, January 11 and January 25 at 1:00 p.m. in the Library.

KNIT WITS

The Knit Wits will not meet in December. Please join the Knit Wits on Wednesday, January 24 at 1:00 p.m. in the Library.

MEN'S CONNECTION

Men's Connection will take a break between Christmas and New Year's Day and resume on Thursday, January 4 at 8:00 a.m. in the Library.

NORTHBROOK BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Northbrook Book Club will be on Monday, January 8 at 7 p.m. in the Library. They will be discussing *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. All are welcome.

This Week at Northbrook

SUNDAY, December 17

- 10:15 a.m. Worship
- 10:15 a.m. KIDS' Connection
- 11:15 a.m. Cookies & Carols in Fellowship Hall
- Alternative Gift Mini-Market
- Blood Pressure Screening
- 3:00 p.m. Session Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. *Elf* Advent Movie

MONDAY, December 18

- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting—Men's Group

TUESDAY, December 19

- 7:00 p.m. Blue Christmas Service

WEDNESDAY, December 20

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

THURSDAY, December 21

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

SUNDAY, December 24

- 10:15 a.m. Worship
- 5:00 p.m. *Christmas Eve Service***

MONDAY & TUESDAY, December 25 & 26

- Merry Christmas!
- Office Closed 12/25 and 12/26

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

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