

Welcome to

Northbrook Presbyterian Church

December 24, 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 five staves of music. The first staff begins with a tempo marking of 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 love com-ing from a choir on high. But don't just look up; — for the way God works is to plant more love 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, — bring-ing love on earth'. The score includes performance directions: 'rit.' (ritardando) above the 7th measure and 'a tempo' above the 9th measure. There is a 3/4 time signature change at the end of the 9th measure.

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OPENING READING—PSALM 96

Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Sing to the Lord and bless God's name;
tell the good news of salvation from day to day.

Declare God's glory among the nations,
God's marvelous works among all the peoples.
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice.
**Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world, and those who live in it.**

Let the whole creation sing for joy
at the presence of God, who is coming.
**God is coming indeed,
to judge the earth with righteousness,
And the peoples with equity and truth.
Praise the Lord!**

* OPENING HYMN 133—*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Hymnal

THE PEACE

*I invite you to pass the love of Christ with your neighbors,
for each time we connect with one another, love grows.*

FIRST LESSON—*Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19*

Adam and Eve disobey God's command and disrupt the order and goodness of creation.

SONG 121—*O Little Town of Bethlehem, v. 1 & 4*

Hymnal

SECOND LESSON—*Genesis 22:15-18*

God promises that, through Abraham, all the peoples of the world will be blessed.

SONG 82—*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Hymnal

THIRD LESSON—*Isaiah 9:2, 6-7*

The people who walk in darkness receive the promise of the Messiah.

SONG 86—*The People Who Walked in Darkness, v. 1 & 5*

Hymnal

FOURTH LESSON—*Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9*

The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse to restore the peace of creation.

SONG 123—*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear, v. 1, 3 & 5*

Hymnal

FIFTH LESSON—*Luke 1:26-35, 38*

An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child.

SONG 98—*To a Maid Whose Name is Mary, v. 1, 3 & 6*

Hymnal

SIXTH LESSON—*Luke 2:1-7*

Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem, where Mary gives birth to her child.

SONG 114—*Away in a Manger*

Hymnal

SEVENTH LESSON—*Luke 2:8-16*

Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah.

SONG 113—*Angels We Have Heard on High, v. 1 & 2*

Hymnal

EIGHTH LESSON—John 1:1-14

The Word of God becomes flesh and lives among us, full of grace and truth.

SONG 110—*Love Has Come*

Hymnal

HOMILY

Jacqueline Spycher

WE BRING OUR GIFTS FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST

OFFERTORY SOLO—*On a Hillside in Bethlehem*

Gary Hallquist

Doug Joppie, Soloist

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* SENDING SONG 132—*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

Hymnal

* SENDING

BENEDICTION

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

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POSTLUDE

*Please stand in body or spirit.

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We welcome you back at 5:00 p.m. for our Christmas Eve Service.

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 #morelove. Like the angels of the Gospel story, we, too, can be carriers of God's message of Good News!

**Where there is hatred,
let me sow love.**

- Francis of Assisi



**#morelove
#DoNotBeAfraid**

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

SOUND: Dave Vander Weide

SANCTUARY DOOR GREETER: Jim Hothem

PRAYER REQUESTS: The family and friends of Lucille McLeod who died on December 15, the family and friends of Mary Clark who died on December 19, Tracey Parker, Dick Keier, Amy Annett, Michael Campion, Bob Miller, 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 K and joy and thanksgiving for our savior's birth.

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 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 Ochodnicki. 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.

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES

The church office will be closed December 25, December 26 and January 1.

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 through December 31. In order to count toward your charitable giving for 2017, all payments must be made on or before December 31.

This Week at Northbrook

SUNDAY, December 24

10:15 a.m. Worship

5:00 p.m. *Christmas Eve Service*

MONDAY, December 25—*Merry Christmas!*

Office Closed

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting—Men's Group

TUESDAY, December 26

Office Closed

SUNDAY, December 31

10:15 a.m. Worship

MONDAY, January 1—*Happy New Year!*

OFFICE CLOSED

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting—Men's Group

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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