

Welcome to

— *Northbrook Presbyterian Church* —

March 17, 2019



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

One: We come to you, O God, to thank you for what is good.

All: We come to you, O God, to cry out for what is wrong.

One: We come to you, O God, to ask for help and restoration.

All: We come to you, O God, with aching hearts and glad souls.

One: Let us worship God.

* OPENING SONG 321 — *The Church's One Foundation*

Hymnal

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, source of all life, Lord of mercy and grace, hear our prayer.

We come before you in need of healing:

The healing of our bodies and souls,

The healing of our relationships,

The healing of our pride and fear and apathy.

We know that with you, nothing is impossible, not even our healing,

Not even the restoration of the whole world.

We pray that you will heal us, that you will heal our world,

So that we will be freed to serve and love and dream and be,

As Christ calls us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* THE PEACE

As we are reconciled to God and to one another, share a sign of Christ's peace and love with your neighbor.

During the hymn, the children are invited forward for a special message.

They are then dismissed to KIDS' CONNECTION

* SONG 441—*Hear the Good News of Salvation*

Hymnal

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

HYMN 649—*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

Hymnal

SCRIPTURE READING—John 9: 1-12

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SERMON—*Signs and Wonders—Healing of Blind Man*
John 9:13-25

Rev. Anne Schaefer
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WE BRING OUR GIFTS FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST

OFFERTORY HYMN—*Mercy*
Chancel Choir

Craig Courtney

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

* SENDING SONG 306—*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Hymnal

* BENEDICTION

CHOIR RESPONSE—*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

* Please stand in body or spirit.

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Liturgy by Beth Neel

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:

INTERIM PASTOR: Rev. Anne Schaefer

LITURGIST: Kim Bowden-Adair

ASSISTANT PASTOR OF OUTREACH MINISTRIES: Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Angel Gippert

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

VISUALS: Bozena Johnson

SOUND: Dave Vander Weide

SANCTUARY DOOR GREETER: Amy Annett CENTER DOOR GREETER: Todd Dolan

COFFEE HOUR HOST: Peggie Schiller

CHANCEL FLOWERS: Placed by Meredith Riggan Maurer in loving memory of her grandmother, Joy T. Ford

PRAYER REQUESTS: The family and friends of Margaret Babb who died on March 11, Mary Sandercock and family, Ellsworth Adams and family, Sallie Dorer, Joyce Hamburg, Walt Young, Jim Hothem, Steve DeCarteret, Ellie Poster, Sam Owens, Brad Back, Bob Miller, Connie & Roger McGuineas, Al & Mary Alice Shrosbree, Seglinda Kelle-Pritchard

The Board of Deacons also requests prayers for: Church members whose last names begin with the letters W and Y and child care providers including guardians.

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.

Lenten Preaching Schedule

Throughout the Season of Lent, the pastors will be preaching on the Miracles in John's Gospel. These miracles, which are also known as "Signs," lead to the beautiful story of Easter which we celebrate on April 21st.

Healing of Official's Son—John 4: 46-54

Healing at the Pool—John 5: 1-9

Feeding the 5,000—John 6: 1-15

Jesus Walks on Water—John 6: 16-21

Healing of Blind Man—John 9: 1-7

Raising of Lazarus—John 11

The Empty Tomb—John 20: 1-18

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13—APRIL 17

During the Lenten Season, Pastor Anne will lead a Bible Study on Sacred Places. We will explore the sacred places of the Bible as well as those places that are holy to us. If you are interested in joining us for this time of study and fellowship, please let Anne know at anne@northbrookpc.org. The Bible Study will meet in the Library on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. from March 13th—April 17th.

PER CAPITA REMINDER: \$25 PER MEMBER GOES A LONG WAY!

Thank you for chipping in! For the past three weeks, we have made a special effort to encourage giving for Per Capita. Thus far, we have collected \$2,650 or about one-third of our \$7,200 obligation to the larger Presbyterian Church(USA). We appreciate all who gave \$25 per member (or more) for this purpose as it greatly helps our budget. If you have not yet contributed, you may still do so by mail, online or via the offering plate. The Finance Committee thanks you for chipping in and supporting the work of Northbrook and the larger denomination.

ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING—TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

The Adult Education Committee will meet today after worship. Please see Liz Hurbis after worship.

BRADY'S BUNCH—TUESDAY, MARCH 19

Want to get to know some of the faces you see around Northbrook? Join us on Tuesday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. for dinner at Brady's Tavern located at 31231 Southfield Road. There's no agenda. It's just an evening to gather and enjoy each other's company. New faces are always welcome. Contact Pastor Jackie with any questions.

CAMP LOCK-IN—FRIDAY, MARCH 22

Our Camp Lock-In is scheduled from Friday, March 22 at 7 p.m. until 9:30 a.m. for 1st-12th graders. This is an opportunity for youngsters to see what camp is like and try out a night away from home. Bring a sleeping bag, pillows and toiletries, and we will provide a snack Friday night and breakfast Saturday morning. Admission is \$10. Contact Ken Stetson for more information.

PRAYER CHAIN

Once again, please consider joining our Northbrook Prayer Chain, a group of our members who offer their prayers for those among us who are going through difficult times. Prayer is a powerful force, and we welcome anyone interested in adding their voice to our group. If you choose not to join us, please know that you can contact me, Pastor Anne, Pastor Jackie or Becky in the church office if you would like a prayer offered for someone who may be in need of support. ~Sallie Dorer

AUDITORS WANTED

The Finance Committee seeks 2 members to review Northbrook's 2018 financial records and procedures. This typically involves a couple of on-site visits to Northbrook sampling financial transactions and confirming balances, assessing compliance with procedures, and a summary of findings that is submitted to Session. The estimated time is 10 - 15 hours during the month of March. This short-term commitment provides a useful service to the church. Qualifications include: Church member not currently serving on Finance Committee or Session; detail-oriented; financial or business background helpful but not required. Guidelines to assist in the review are available. To volunteer or learn more, please contact Mark Best at bestmar@gmail.com or (248)763-5121.

MEN'S CONNECTION

Men's Connection meets on Thursdays at 8 a.m. in the Library. All men of the church are welcome.

PUB THEOLOGY—TUESDAY, MARCH 26

Join us, as well as members from the Kirk in the Hills and First Presbyterian Church of Troy, for an evening of discussion and drinks. We will cover the first round of appetizers. You cover your drink, and, together, we'll have a great time! New faces and friends are always welcome. Open to any adult. We meet at 7:00 p.m. at the Black Lotus Brewing Company located at 1 E. 14 Mile in Clawson. The discussions are led by Rev. Jackie Spycher and Rev. Jasmine Smart.

KNIT WITS—WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

Knit Wits will meet in the Library on Wednesday, March 27. All skill levels are welcome.

SENIOR SOUPER LUNCH—THURSDAY, MARCH 28

Join us at 1 p.m. in the Library on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month for a delicious soup lunch. Friends and neighbors are welcome.

NORTHBROOK BOOK CLUB—MONDAY, APRIL 8

The Northbrook Book Club will meet on Monday, April 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library to discuss *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles. We encourage all to join in our lively discussion.

SOS SAVE THE DATE—SEPTEMBER 8 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 15

This year, we will be hosting South Oakland Shelter (SOS) and homeless guests at Northbrook from Sunday, September 8 to Sunday, September 15. We do this every other year. It is a truly amazing experience, but we need many hands to accomplish this!!! More details to follow but please save the date. If you have any questions, see Barb Stetson at bbkstetson@comcast.net or (248)302 3033.

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS DUE SUNDAY, APRIL 7

We will be adorning our Sanctuary with Easter Flowers again this year. Please fill out the form in the bulletin and place it, along with your check, in the offering plate or in the office. Additional forms can be found in the main hallway, and you can also sign up for flowers in Fellowship Hall after services on March 24th, March 31st and April 7th. Make checks payable to Northbrook Presbyterian Church and write "Easter Flowers" in the memo line. Easter plants may be taken home following the 10:15 a.m. Easter Service on Sunday, April 21.

THE *SPRING PREVIEW SERRV CATALOG* IS NOW ON THE NAMETAG TABLE AND IN THE OFFICE Purchasing lovely Fair Trade items via Northbrook's own website link enables you to make a positive difference in the world while also supporting Northbrook's Mission Fund. Please share our link with friends, family, colleagues and neighbors. Over 1000 items are on the website! Your purchases provide economic support, relief and empowerment to those in need in addition to allowing our congregation to increase its mission outreach. 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. For assistance with questions or ordering, contact Winnie Davies-Hancock at winsomeann@aol.com or (248)593-8035.

REBUILDING TOGETHER SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN EVENT—SATURDAY, APRIL 27

Get ready Northbrook for another fun and successful day of community outreach. We have been assigned a home to help do some general maintenance and repairs on both the inside and outside of the home. The home will be located in Southfield just like last year. The group will be working approximately 6 to 8 hours on Saturday April 27th. We need approximately 15 to 20 volunteers and lunch is provide.

Rebuilding Together helps people and communities in need by bringing together a national network of local affiliates and corporate and individual donors. In the last ten years, 200,000 homes, nonprofit facilities and community spaces have been repaired and cared for. Their Mission is: Repairing homes, revitalizing communities, rebuilding lives.

Thank you Northbrook for your previous years of service. We are excited for this year's event where we touch the lives of the community we serve through the love of Jesus Christ. If you want to learn more about Rebuilding Together and this coming event go to: <https://www.rebuildingtogethersem.org/events/>. For further information, contact Michael Bauhof at mike99bike@gmail.com or (248)602 5060.



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Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Number of Plants at **\$9.00 each:**

___ Lily ___ Daffodil ___ Tulip ___ Hyacinth **Total Number of Plants:** _____

___ Please check here if you would like a Deacon to take your Easter plant(s) to a shut-in following the Easter service.

Dedication

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

(Please print clearly. This dedication information, along with your name, will be printed in the Easter bulletin.)

Flower orders are due by Sunday, April 7.

This Week at Northbrook

SUNDAY, March 17

- 10:15 a.m. Worship
- 10:15 a.m. KIDS' Connection
- 11:30 a.m. Session Meeting
- 11:30 a.m. Adult Education Meeting

MONDAY, March 18

- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting—Men's Group

TUESDAY, March 19

- 6:30 p.m. Brady's Bunch

WEDNESDAY, March 20

- 10:30 a.m. Lenten Bible Study
- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. LOGOS

THURSDAY, March 21

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

FRIDAY, March 22

- 7:00 p.m. Camp Lock-In

SATURDAY, March 23

- 11am-7pm Visitation for Margaret Babb

SUNDAY, March 24

- 10:15 a.m. Worship
- 10:15 a.m. KIDS' Connection

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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