

Welcome to

Northbrook Presbyterian Church

March 24, 2019



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.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Matt Broadwell

One: Jesus is in our midst.

All: Feed us, Lord, and fill us with hope.

One: Be glad, friends, Jesus has bread and fish to spare.

All: Free us, Lord, from the pursuit of food that does not satisfy.

One: God gathers up the pieces of our lives, that nothing may be lost.

All: Thanks be to God!

* OPENING SONG 509—*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

Hymnal

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We come believing in our emptiness, believing that we will never have enough, believing that what we have is unworthy. We come fearful of sharing, fearful of losing our tenuous grip on security, fearful of touching and knowing the pain of others. We come overwhelmed by the hunger, overwhelmed by the suffering of children near and far, overwhelmed by the endless tales of senseless violence, greed, and death. We come aching from the weight of the responsibility, aching from the chilling challenge of knowing our abundance, aching from the gnawing awareness that we have much to share. We come clinging to our meager offerings: bless them, and us; break them, and us; share them, and us.

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 message. They are then dismissed to KIDS' CONNECTION.

* SONG 312—*Take Us As We Are, O God*

Hymnal

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Anne Schaefer

SONG—*Speak, O Lord*

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SERMON—*Signs and Wonders—Feeding the Multitude*
John 6:1-15

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher
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WE BRING OUR GIFTS FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST

OFFERTORY HYMN—*To Believe*
Chancel Choir

arr. Heather Sorensen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

* SENDING SONG 769—*For Everyone Born*

Hymnal

* BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

* Please stand in body or spirit.

Speak, O Lord

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1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re - ceive the food of Your
2. Teach us Lord full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu -
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your
ho - ly word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and
-mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the
plans for us. Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will
fash - ion us in Your like - ness, that the light of Christ might be
ra - di - ance of Your pu - ri - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our
e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your
seen to - day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can
prom - is - es; And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your
-fill in us all Your pur - pos - es, for Your glo - ry.
nev - er fail; Let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
church is built and the earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

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LEADING YOU IN WORSHIP TODAY ARE:

INTERIM PASTOR: Rev. Anne Schaefer

LITURGIST: Matt Broadwell

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: Bill Jordan

SOUND: Dave Vander Weide

SANCTUARY DOOR GREETER: Todd Dolan

CENTER DOOR GREETER: Brian Long

COFFEE HOUR HOST: Ann, Grace and Lila Daniels

CHANCEL FLOWERS: Placed by Rev. Anne Schaefer in memory of Kevin Schaefer

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 & Donna 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 letter A and KIDS' Connection teachers and participants.

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.

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.

MEN'S CONNECTION

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

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

BREAD FOR THE WORLD HUNGER ADVOCACY PROJECT—SUNDAY, MARCH 31

On Sunday, March 31 following worship, we will take time to write short letters to members of Congress as part of the *Bread for the World 2019 Offering of Letters Campaign* focusing on the issue of hunger around the world. This year's theme is *Better Nutrition, Better Tomorrow*. This simple mission task of advocacy for the world's hungry, especially children, is a natural response for those of us who want to live the love of Jesus and reach out to all of God's children, as we are called to in Scripture. We will have a table in Fellowship Hall for those who are interested. Pens, paper, envelopes and a sample letter will be on hand, and additional program information will also be available. Our involvement will be in tandem with the Presbyterian Hunger Program and many other Presbyterian congregations. For more information on Bread for the World and this program, check out the website www.bread.org.

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 sign up for flowers in Fellowship Hall after services today, March 31st and April 7th. Make checks payable to Northbrook Church and write "Easter Flowers" in the memo line. Easter plants may be taken home following the 10:15 a.m. Easter Service.

PROM/BRIDESMAID DRESS COLLECTION—ITEMS DUE APRIL 8

Do you have any prom/bridesmaid dresses and accessories to pass along to youth in the foster care system? The Heart of Detroit Faith Communities Coalition on Foster Care is requesting donations so we will collect them at Northbrook through **Monday, April 8**. Please hang items on the coat rack near the clothing collection bins or place smaller items in the tote under the rack in the collection area. Won't it feel good to free up some space in your closet and know that you are brightening the life of a young person? For questions, contact Winnie Davies-Hancock at (248)593-8035 or at winsomeann@aol.com.

NORTHBROOK BOOK CLUB—MONDAY, APRIL 8

We encourage you to join us on Monday, April 8 in the Library for our lively discussion of News of the World by Paulette Jiles. *News of the World draws the reader into a world of cowboys, Indians and one old war hero, Captain Kidd, who has been given the arduous task of delivering one young girl to her relatives in Texas. But, there is just one problem. The young girl might look like her German relatives but believes she is an Indian. She dresses like one, acts like one and even fights like one. Captain Kidd must find a way to integrate the young girl, who had lived with Indians for four years, back into Western culture while fighting to keep her safe from dangers such as outlaws and Western Society standards. News of the World proposes questions of identity, racism and the importance of culture.*

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.

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. More details to follow but please save the date. If you have any questions, contact Barb Stetson at bbkstetson@comcast.net or (248)302 3033.

REBUILDING TOGETHER SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN EVENT—SATURDAY, MAY 4

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, May 4 (please note new date!)**. 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. To learn more about Rebuilding Together, please visit their website (see below). **If you plan to participate, you must register at: <https://www.rebuildingtogethersem.org>. Once you are at the Rebuilding Together website, (1) click on Volunteer Center, (2) click on City of Southfield 2019, (3) fill out the Volunteer Sign-up Sheet including reading their waiver form and then finish by (4) clicking the Sign Up button.** For additional information, contact Michael Bauhof at mike99bike@gmail.com or (248)602 5060.

AUDITORS WANTED

The Finance Committee seeks two 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.

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.

This Week at Northbrook

SUNDAY, March 24

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

MONDAY, March 25

- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting—Men's Group

TUESDAY, March 26

- 7:00 p.m. Pub Theology at Black Lotus
Brewery in Clawson

WEDNESDAY, March 27

- 10:30 a.m. Lenten Bible Study
- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Knit Wits
- 5:00 p.m. LOGOS
- 7:00 p.m. Confirmation

THURSDAY, March 28

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Connection
- 1:00 p.m. Senior Souper Lunch
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, March 31

- 10:15 a.m. Worship
- 10:15 a.m. KIDS' Connection
- 11:15 a.m. Bread for the World Hunger
Advocacy Project



Easter Flowers

Adorning our Sanctuary with Easter Flowers is a Northbrook tradition. Please fill out this form and place it, along with your check, in the offering plate or in the office. You can also sign up in Fellowship Hall after services on March 24th, March 31st and April 7th. Make checks payable to

Northbrook Church and write "Easter Flowers" in the memo line.

Easter plants may be taken home following the 10:15 a.m. Easter Service.

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.

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Rev. Anne Schaefer, Interim Pastor

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher, Assistant Pastor of Outreach Ministries

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