

Welcome to

Northbrook Presbyterian Church

March 31, 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

David Hough

One: We gather together to worship God,

All: who comes to us when we least expect it,

One: who calls us out of the safety of our ordered lives,

All: and invites us to join Him in the adventure of faith.

One: Let's worship God together!

* OPENING SONG 353—*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

Hymnal

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, You call us to step out in faith, to place our lives in Your hands, and to wholeheartedly commit to following You. We confess that we find this difficult to do. It is not always easy to follow where You lead— to turn away from our own personal wants and desires, to let go of our safety nets and trust that You will provide for us in all things. Forgive us when we doubt You, God. Increase our faith. Open our eyes to see past our own interests and concerns to Your broader vision for us and for our world, and in that vision now, hear the quiet prayers of our hearts.

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 and after they may return to their seats.

* SONG 175—*Seek Ye First*

Hymnal

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

SONG—*If You Believe and I Believe*

see next page

SCRIPTURE READING—John 6:16-24

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SERMON—*Signs and Wonders—Jesus Walks on Water*

Rev. Anne Schaefer

WE BRING OUR GIFTS FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST

OFFERTORY HYMN—*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*
Chancel Choir

arr. Dan Forrest

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

* SENDING SONG 375—*Shall We Gather at the River*

Hymnal

* BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

* Please stand in body or spirit.

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If You Believe and I Believe

Arr. John Bell

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If you be - lieve and I be - lieve And we to - geth - er pray, — The

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a melody with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 6/8 time signature. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Ho - ly Spir - it must come down And set God's peo - ple free, — And

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

set God's peo - ple free, — And set God's peo - ple free; — The

The third system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Ho - ly Spir - it must come down And set God's peo - ple free. —

The fourth system of musical notation concludes the piece with the final melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

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: David Hough
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: Bryan Adair SOUND: Dave Vander Weide
SANCTUARY DOOR GREETER: Judy Stucky CENTER DOOR GREETER: Brian Long
COFFEE HOUR HOST: Jeff Keoleian
CHANCEL FLOWERS: Placed by Jeff Keoleian in honor and memory of his mother, Georgenia Keoleian

PRAYER REQUESTS: The family and friends of Margaret Babb who died on March 11, Mary Sandercock and family, Ellsworth Adams and family, John & Marilyn Thomas, Sallie Dorer, Walt & Donna Young, 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 B.

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.

SELF STUDY INTRODUCTION

As you know, Northbrook has entered into a time of discernment during which we are gathering information to guide our decisions for the future, ultimately hiring a new full-time pastor. The Rev. Anne Schaefer, as Interim Pastor, will help facilitate this process. Before we can begin the search, we need to complete a "Self Study" which will help us identify our vision for ministry and the skills needed for our next pastor. The Session has formed a team to complete this task (Matt Broadwell, Ann Daniels, Doug Joppie, Bill Jordan, Seglinda Pritchard, Penny Willey and Sherrill Heinrichs, staff) and they have begun the work. In the coming weeks and months, you will be asked to participate in the various information-gathering tools, including an online survey (Church Assessment Tool) and small group discussions. Details on both will be coming soon.

Once the Self Study is completed, the congregation will elect a Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC), who will do the work of hiring our new pastor, aided by the information learned in the Self Study. If you have any questions, please reach out to Rev. Schaefer or anyone on the Self Study team.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD HUNGER ADVOCACY PROJECT—TODAY

Today 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.

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.

KIDS' CONNECTION

KIDS' Connection will not be held on March 31, April 7 or on Easter, April 21. However, nursery care will still be available.

CANS FOR COMMUNION—SUNDAY, APRIL 7

Please bring cans of food on Communion Sundays so we can help put food on the table for those who are hungry. The collection point will be near the name tag table and main doors leading into the Narthex. No glass and please make sure the cans don't have expired dates on them. **Thank you!**

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 GIFTS RISING STEADILY, HELPING OUR BUDGET

Thank you again from the Finance Committee for your gifts to the Per Capita campaign. We've collected \$3,300 thus far toward our \$7,200 obligation to the denomination. Your gifts of \$25 or more per member are greatly appreciated as they help us meet our budget and support the governance, training and resources provided by the Presbyterian Church (USA). Learn more about the PC(USA)'s mission, ministry and impact at www.pcusa.org, an informative website with many topics to explore, including the theology of "What We Believe", mission efforts and practical help for church members and leaders. Browse the site for a taste of our common bond as Presbyterians and to see how your support helps do God's work in the world!

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

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.

We are excited for this year's event as we live the love of Jesus Christ. **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 more information, please contact Michael Bauhof at mike99bike@gmail.com or (248)602 5060.

FUNDRAISING AUCTION RETURNING THIS SPRING!

The Season of Giving FUNdraiser held in late 2017 was so popular that we are bringing it back May 19! Members and friends offer goods and services for bid, with proceeds supporting our annual operating budget. We'll not only raise funds, we'll promote fellowship, discover each other's skills and interests and serve one another. All sorts of things were offered last time: Neck massages, home repair, pet sitting, car detailing, airport rides, delicious baked goods, needlework, an up north getaway, a family photo session—even a garden party, gourmet dinner and euchre fest! So, think of things you might need like help planting flowers, cleaning the garage, or a rides to church, and things you might offer, like piano lessons, a homemade pie or dog walking. More details to come. Stay tuned!

KNIT WITS—WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

Knit Wits will meet at 1 p.m. in the Library on Wednesday, April 24. All skill levels are welcome.

SENIOR SOUPER LUNCH—THURSDAY, APRIL 11 AND APRIL 25

Join us at 1 p.m. in the Library for a delicious soup lunch on April 11 and April 25.

MEN'S CONNECTION

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



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 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.

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

This Week at Northbrook

SUNDAY, March 31

10:15 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Bread for the World Hunger
Advocacy Project

MONDAY, April 1

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting—Men's Group

TUESDAY, April 2

7:00 p.m. Mission Connection Comm. Mtg.

WEDNESDAY, April 3

10:30 a.m. Lenten Bible Study

12:00 p.m. AA Meeting

No LOGOS this week

THURSDAY, April 4

8:00 a.m. Men's Connection

SUNDAY, April 7

10:15 a.m. Worship & Communion

11:30 a.m. Deacons' Meeting

11:30 a.m. PYCT Meeting

11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

Cans for Communion Collection

Blood Pressure Screening

Easter Flower Orders Due Today

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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