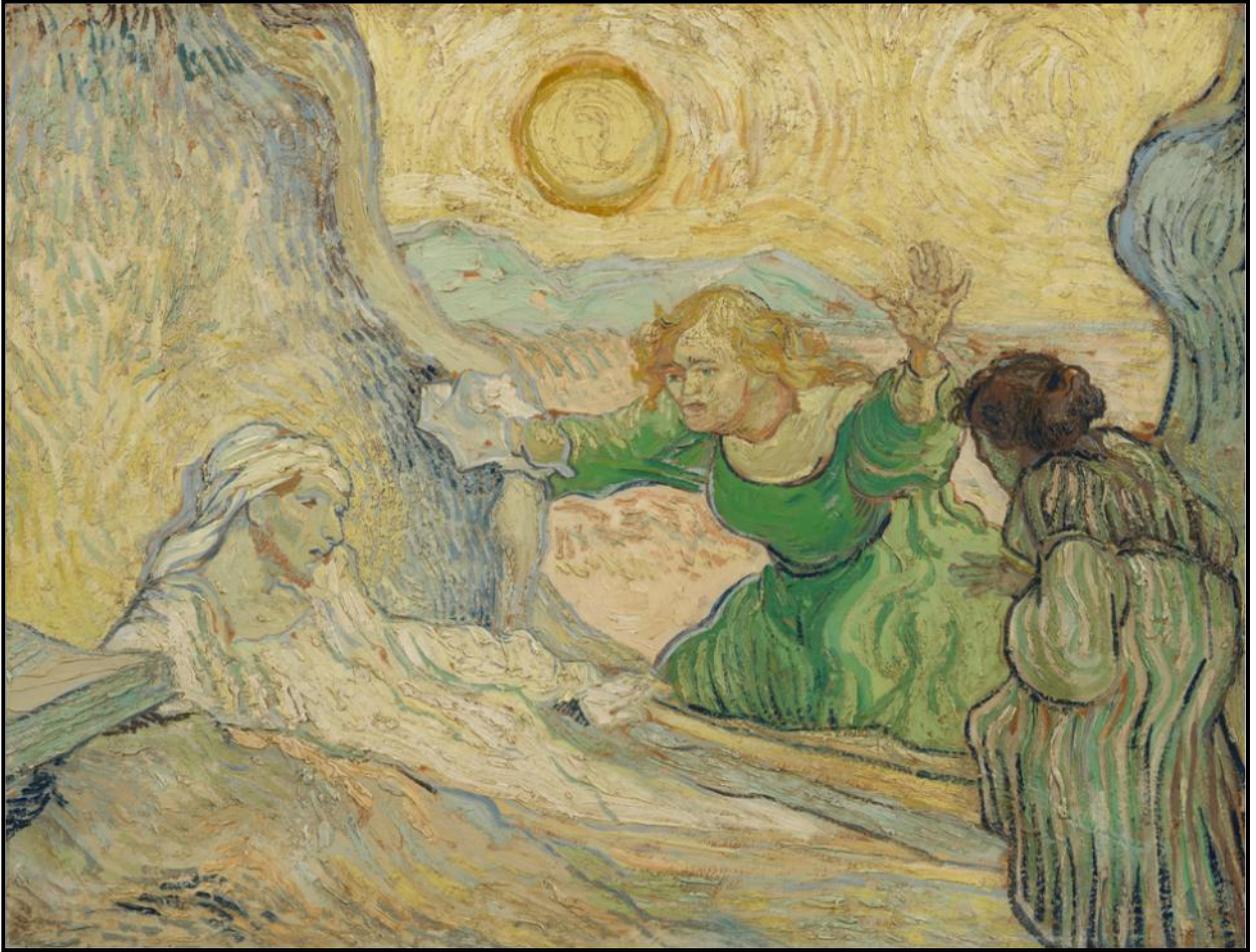


Welcome to

Northbrook Presbyterian Church

April 7, 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

Brian Long

One: God has set before us life and death.

All: We long to choose life.

One: God has set before us blessings and curses.

All: We long to choose blessings.

One: We gather this morning to praise God in word and sacrament.

All: Let us feast on the Word.

Let us share the cup of salvation.

Let us eat the bread of life.

Let us worship God with joy!

* OPENING SONG 386—*Come, Worship God*

Hymnal

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Revitalizing God,

your power goes far beyond our own,

and yet still we act as though the pains of this world

have final claim upon us.

We give in to the despair and hopelessness of death,

not trusting in your ability

to call forth new life from the tombs of our lives.

Forgive us for doubting your power

to raise up new life in the midst of all the deaths we experience.

Forgive us for wanting to limit you

to “the last day” or “the world beyond this one”,

not trusting you to move and act

among us, within us, through us.

Forgive us, and open our eyes

to the wonder of new life sprouting into being in our very midst.

(moment of silent confession) **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 message and after they may return to their seats.

* SONG 465—*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Hymnal

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

SONG 188—*Jesus Loves Me!*

Hymnal

SERMON—*Signs and Wonders—The Raising of Lazarus*

Rev. Anne Schaefer

WE BRING OUR GIFTS FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST

OFFERTORY ANTHEM—*We Will Need No Candle*
Chancel Choir

Joseph Martin

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

THE LORD'S SUPPER

We welcome everyone who believes in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior to share in this meal. This morning, we serve by intinction. Please come forward by the center aisle, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and eat. Return to your place via the side aisles. If you are more comfortable to remain where you are, we will gladly bring the bread and cup to you. For those who desire it, you will find gluten-free bread and individual cups of juice on the table.

INVITATION AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SONG DURING COMMUNION

494—*Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

498—*Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*

PRAYER

* SENDING SONG 792—*There is a Balm in Gilead*

Hymnal

* BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

* Please stand in body or spirit.

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Cover art: *The Raising of Lazarus*, Vincent van Gogh, 1890

LEADING YOU IN WORSHIP TODAY ARE:

INTERIM PASTOR: Rev. Anne Schaefer LITURGIST: Brian Long
ASSISTANT PASTOR OF OUTREACH MINISTRIES: Rev. Jacqueline Spycher
READERS: The Rev Rick Peters, Pastor Emeritus, Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church and
Mark Best, Brian Long, Phil Owen
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Angel Gippert
PRAISE BAND: Dan Gross as leader, percussion, guitar, Pete Zajicek on piano
VISUALS: Keith Lee SOUND: Michael Bauhof
SANCTUARY DOOR GREETER: Henry Horltd CENTER DOOR GREETER: Diane Joppie
COFFEE HOUR HOST: Whitney Shapland
COMMUNION SERVERS: Todd Dolan, Edna Gadsby, Judy Owen, Penny Willey
CHANCEL FLOWERS: Placed by Mary DeCarteret in memory of Darleen Rimar.

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 C and for improved race relations throughout our communities.

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.

CANS FOR COMMUNION—TODAY, 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 TODAY

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. 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. Orders are due today.

PROM/BRIDESMAID DRESS COLLECTION—ITEMS DUE MONDAY, 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 and we are helping to collect them through **Monday, April 8**. Please hang or place items on the coat rack near the clothing collection bins. 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.

BUNNY BRUNCH—SUNDAY, APRIL 14 FOLLOWING PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

Please join us as the whole congregation gathers after the Palm Sunday Service for our annual Bunny Brunch! There will be a nice light brunch for all in Fellowship Hall. During this time, children also will be invited to participate in an egg hunt (toddlers-5th grade). Egg collection, bags, treats and brunch will be provided free of charge to all by the Children's Ministry Committee. We encourage all to attend the service and stay afterward for this fun event. Friends and neighbors are always welcome too.

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.

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 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!

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.

BINGO DE MAYO MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER—DINNER, SILENT AUCTION & BINGO

Join us on Sunday, May 5 at 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for our annual Mission Trip Fundraiser Dinner to help fund our high school mission trip to Winchester, Kentucky in June. This year, it will consist of not only dinner but a silent auction and BINGO with prizes! The cost is \$10 per person or \$25 per family. Please RSVP on our sign-up sheet or email Ken Stetson at stetson.kenny@gmail.com by Wednesday, May 1. Also, if you would like to donate an item for the silent auction, we would greatly appreciate it. Please contact Ken about donating auction items.

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.

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.

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.



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 today. 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 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, 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
Easter Flower Orders Due Today

MONDAY, April 8

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting—Men's Group
Prom/Bridesmaid Dresses Due

TUESDAY, April 9

6:30 p.m. Congregational Life Comm. Mtg.
7:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Comm. Mtg.
7:00 p.m. Mission Connection Comm. Mtg.

WEDNESDAY, April 10

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

THURSDAY, April 11

8:00 a.m. Men's Connection
1:00 p.m. Senior Souper Lunch

SUNDAY, April 14—*Palm Sunday*

10:15 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Bunny Brunch
11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
Blood Pressure Screening

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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