

Welcome to

Northbrook Presbyterian Church

April 28, 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

One: Though we have known hardship and pain,
though life has not always turned out as we had hoped,
we will stand here and say:

All: God's steadfast love endures for ever!

One: Though life becomes more complex,
the deepest questions remain unanswered,
and the mystery of faith deepens, we will say:

All: God's steadfast love endures for ever!

One: And though the pain of the world
often seems more than we can bear or address,
we will stand firm in our faith and say:

All: God's steadfast love endures for ever!

* OPENING SONG 234—*Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain*

Hymnal

LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

We gather as people on a journey.

**We believe & we have doubts,
we do good & we sin.**

**We are imperfect humans,
and still beloved by God.**

Love and grace. Hope and faith. These are the essence of the one we call God.

**We seek forgiveness & grace from
the One and from those we've harmed.**

Assured of that grace, we are ready to grow again.

**We yearn for a new way,
a new perspective,
and a clear path.**

Though we are full of trust and full of doubt, we are here.

Speak to us, God! Continue creating us!

Inspire our hearts. Enlighten our minds.

Guide our actions. Amen.

* 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 then may go to KIDS' Connection.*

- * SONG 399—*God Welcomes All* Hymnal
- CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Jacqueline Spycher
- SONG 39—*Great is Thy Faithfulness* Hymnal
- SCRIPTURE READING—Psalm 150 OT p. 583
- SERMON—*And Then What Happened?* Rev. Anne Schaefer
John 20: 19-31 NT p. 115
- WE BRING OUR GIFTS FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST
- OFFERTORY—
- PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER
- * SENDING SONG 157—*I Danced in the Morning* Hymnal
- * BENEDICTION
- POSTLUDE
- * Please stand in body or spirit.
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Liturgy by Ann Siddell

LEADING YOU IN WORSHIP TODAY ARE:

- INTERIM PASTOR: Rev. Anne Schaefer
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: Michael Bauhof
SANCTUARY DOOR GREETER: Mark Best CENTER DOOR GREETER: Mike Huddlestun
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Phil & Judy Owen
CHANCEL FLOWERS: Chancel flowers are presented by Sallie Dorer in loving memory of her husband, Victor K. Dorer, Jr. and in honor of her daughter, Barbara Knapp. Today is their birthday.

PRAYER REQUESTS: John & Marilyn Thomas, Bruce Thomas, Mary Lou Harrison, Faith Rick, Walt & Donna Young, Barbara L. Davidson, 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 G and farmers and food producers.

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 TEAM REQUEST

As you have heard, our exploration process to help us identify our vision for ministry and the skills needed for our next pastor includes YOU!! We are conducting an online survey, the Church Assessment Tool (CAT), as well as several small group discussion opportunities, and your participation is critical. The information gained from these experiences will be extremely valuable as we move forward in the search for a new pastor.

You should have received an email with a unique link to the CAT survey. We ask you to go online by clicking on the link provided and tell us about your experiences in and priorities for Northbrook. Please do not discuss the survey or your answers with others as this may influence their answers. All answers are strictly anonymous. We have no way of matching any assessment to a particular person so please feel free to candidly share your perceptions, opinions and experiences. Our future together depends on your participation and honest answers. The survey should take about 30 minutes and needs to be completed all at once so make sure you allow enough time. If you typically receive your church communications in the mail (not electronically), you should have received a post card with instructions on how to complete a paper survey.

The CAT survey will close on Sunday, May 12 so please complete it at your earliest convenience.

Call the church office if you do not receive an email with the survey link, a postcard in the mail with paper copy instructions, or have difficulty taking the survey.

Our small group discussions will take place in early June. Look for sign-ups soon in Fellowship Hall.

Our team will keep you apprised of progress along the way. If you have any questions, please contact anyone from the Self Study Team. Thanks in advance for your important contribution to this process!!

The Self Study Team

Matt Broadwell, Ann Daniels, Doug Joppie, Bill Jordan, Seglinda Kelle-Pritchard, Penny Willey, Sherrill Heinrichs and Rev. Anne Schaefer

PUB THEOLOGY—TUESDAY, APRIL 30

Join with folks from First Presbyterian Church of Troy and others from the broader community for a conversation over appetizers and drinks. We supply the discussion questions and apps. You supply the insights and drinks. We will gather at the Black Lotus Brewing Company (corner of E. 14 Mile Rd. and Main St., Clawson) at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 30. Please contact Pastor Jackie with questions at jacqueline@northbrookpc.org.

MEN'S CONNECTION PANCAKE BREAKFAST FINALE—THURSDAY, MAY 2

Men's Connection will be wrapping up this season with a pancake breakfast on Thursday, May 2 at 8 a.m. in the Library. All men of the church are welcome to join.

CANS FOR COMMUNION—SUNDAY, MAY 5

Please bring cans of food on Communion Sundays so we can help put food on the table for those who are hungry. No glass and please make sure the cans don't have expired dates on them. Thank you!

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**. We need approximately 15 to 20 volunteers. Lunch is provided. 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—SUNDAY, MAY 5

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.

HOLY CASSEROLLERS!—MAY 6

Our ministry partner, The Welcome Inn, is looking for help. With their new summer schedule underway, they need folks to prepare and serve lunches once a month from May-October. We will gather to prepare our first lunch on Monday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m. at Northbrook. We will then serve on Tuesday, May 7 from 12-2 pm in Berkley. If you'd like to help either prepare or serve, please sign up in the hallway or through Pastor Jackie.

SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY—SATURDAY, MAY 11

Join us on Saturday, May 11 from 9 a.m. to noon for a couple hours of work as we continue to make Northbrook a place to gather and grow. Please bring your work gloves, rakes, clippers, etc. If it rains on May 11, we will move the clean-up day to Saturday, May 18.

MOTHER'S DAY COFFEE HOUR—SUNDAY, MAY 12

Calling All Moms: Everyone is invited to a Mother's Day Cupcake and Punch celebration following worship on Sunday, May 12. The event will feature festive goodies befitting the day and is open to all.

SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE TOUR—MONDAY, MAY 13

Please join us on Monday, May 13 at 11 a.m. for a trip to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia to view the hand calligraphed and illuminated Saint John's Bible. The Saint John's Bible is a grand collaboration of artists led by Donald Jackson, official scribe and calligrapher to the Crown of Great Britain. The Bible has been hand illuminated through ancient methods by contemporary artists. The docent guided viewing will include the background information on this special Bible that was worked on for over ten years. It is an extraordinary work! This is a partial display. There is no charge for the tour. After viewing the Bible, we will lunch at Cantoria Italian Market, a short drive from the hospital. Carpooling or possible use of the church van will begin at 10:15 a.m. or you can meet there. If you would like to attend, sign up in the hallway. Please contact Liz Hurbis with questions.

FUNDRAISING AUCTION RETURNING THIS SPRING—MAY 19

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 will not only raise funds, but 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, rides to church and things you might offer like piano lessons, a homemade pie or dog walking. More details to come. Stay tuned!

BOOK CLUB—MONDAY, MAY 20

The Northbrook Book Club will meet on Monday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library to discuss *The Storied Life of AJ Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin. All are welcome to join in! Amazon Book Description: *On the faded Island Books sign hanging over the porch of the Victorian cottage is the motto "No Man Is an Island; Every Book Is a World." A. J. Fikry, the irascible owner, is about to discover just what that truly means. As surprising as it is moving, The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry is an unforgettable tale of transformation and second chances, an irresistible affirmation of why we read, and why we love.*

BRADY'S BUNCH—TUESDAY, MAY 21

You are invited to Brady's Bunch on Tuesday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m. at Brady's Tavern located at 31231 Southfield Road. Pastor Jackie will reserve a table. Come for dinner, and we will have an evening of fellowship and fun. There's no agenda other than getting to know others in the Northbrook family.

KNIT WITS—WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

Knit Wits will meet at 1 p.m. in the Library on Wednesday, May 22. All skill levels are welcome.

SENIOR SOUPER LUNCH—THURSDAY, MAY 9 AND MAY 23

Join us at 1 p.m. in the Library for a delicious soup lunch on May 9 and May 23.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND CARNIVAL—MONDAY, MAY 27

Mark your calendars and plan on joining in the fun! Northbrook will again be walking in the Beverly Hills Memorial Day Parade as well as hosting a carnival booth on Monday, May 27. Sign up to march or help with the booth in the church hallway. Contact Pastor Jackie with questions.

PWN FUN NIGHT EVENT—FRIDAY, JUNE 7

Please join us on Friday, June 7 at 7 p.m. for a Candle Pour Party at the Green Daffodil in Ferndale. Green Daffodil is a natural products handmade candle and bath/ bodyworks company. For \$35 per person, you will make your own soy, vegan candle, blending your own scent and designing your own label. We will have the store and workshop to ourselves and will be able to bring in any snacks and drinks to add to the fun evening. We need a minimum of 12 people and a maximum of 14 people to attend. To sign up for the event, contact Stephanie Wicker at sawicker@gmail.com or (248)701-6287 after 4:30. You can find out more information about Green Daffodil at www.greendaffodil.com.

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.

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. Use this link 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 questions, contact Winnie Davies-Hancock at winsomeann@aol.com or (248)593-8035.

THANK YOU

I was so happy to finally get home and want to thank everyone for their prayers, their kind and caring words and for the many wonderful get well cards and thoughtful notes sent during my recovery. They all meant so much as did the beautiful and comforting Prayer Shawl. I am so grateful to have such caring and loving friends.

Sincerely,
Sallie Dorer

This Week at Northbrook

SUNDAY, April 28

- 10:15 a.m. Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Session Meeting
- 11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Group

MONDAY, April 29

- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting—Men's Group

TUESDAY, April 30

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

WEDNESDAY, May 1

- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Class

THURSDAY, May 2

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Connection Pancake
Breakfast

SATURDAY, May 4

- Rebuild Together Work Day

SUNDAY, May 5

- 10:15 a.m. Worship & Communion
- 10:15 a.m. KIDS' Connection
- Blood Pressure Screening
- Bring Cans for Communion
- 11:30 a.m. Deacons' Meeting
- 11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. Bingo de Mayo Fundraiser
Dinner, Bingo & Auction

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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