

Welcome to
Northbrook Presbyterian Church

October 18, 2020

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise 69 - *Here I Am, Lord*

*1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?*

Refrain:

*Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

*2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?
(Refrain)*

*3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?
(Refrain)*

Confession & Pardon

Passing the Peace 340 - *This is My Song*

*1 This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.*

*2 My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.*

*3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:
thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations:
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.*

Young Disciples

Sermon - *Laboring in Hope*

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Music for Reflection – *Our God*

Water you turned into wine,
Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like you, none like You!
Into the darkness you shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like you none like You!

(chorus)

Our God is greater, our God is stronger,
God you are higher than any other.
Our God is Healer, Awesome in Power,
Our God! Our God!

Into the darkness you shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like you, none like You!

(chorus 2x)

And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us.
And if our God is with us, then what could stand against.
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Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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Sending Hymn 769 - For Everyone Born

1 For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,

Refrain:

and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

2 For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair, (Refrain)

3 For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong, (Refrain)

4 For just and unjust, a place at the table,
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,
for just and unjust, a new way to live, (Refrain)

5 For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free, (Refrain)

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Announcements

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Charge & Benediction

Closing Music – *This is the Day*

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Pastor: Rev. Ben Larson-Wolbrink

Liturgist: Sue Boese

Vocalists: Mike Huddlestun, Winnie Davies-Hancock & Bill Hancock

Young Disciples' Message: Rev. Ben Larson-Wolbrink

Musicians: Angel Gippert, Dan Gross, Pete Zajicek; Ken Stetson, Joyce Vander Weide & Ryan Stottlemeyer at LOGOS

Recording & Sound: Bill Jordan, Frank LaSota, Dave Vander Weide

Video Editing: Bill Jordan and KaeYanna King

Please join us at Noon on Sunday, October 25 as we hold a virtual Congregational Meeting via Zoom to elect officers. The Northbrook Nominating Committee has put forth the following slate to fill the open leadership positions. Please use the following Zoom link to participate in the meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88022047080>.

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Mark Best has been a member of Northbrook since the early 90's. He grew up in central Illinois, moving from Chicago to Detroit in 1990. Mark retired after spending his entire work life as a bank examiner for a bureau of the US Treasury Dept. At Northbrook, he has enjoyed singing in the choir and contributing to the financial well-being of the congregation. Mark's three kids were all confirmed at Northbrook. His son Paul lives in Washington, DC and works as a digital lead for the Washington Post. Jessica is here in Detroit and works at the Center for Behavioral Health and Justice at Wayne State. Ryan lives in Brooklyn and is a visual journalist for FiveThirtyEight. Thanks in large part to an amazing mom, they are an inspiration to Mark. The fellowship of this congregation is one of the best experiences in his life and Mark is proud to join the Session.



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Tim Boese has had the good fortune of joining Northbrook three times over the last 33 years due to transfers out of the area with Ford Motor Company. His wife Sue has also been an Elder at Northbrook. Married for 45 years, both are graduates of Miami University, as are daughters Caroline and Meredith who reside in Chicago. Caroline was married at Northbrook in 2018 to Sean and they recently had their first child, Brian. Tim worked for 30 years in Sales and Marketing for Ford followed by 9 years as President of Southgate Lincoln Mercury, before retiring in 2010. Tim is honored and humbled to

become an Elder at Northbrook, continuing his spiritual journey.



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Camille, along with her 2 daughters, are "new" members of the church. Camille's daughter's joined first through their confirmations in 2018 and 2019 while she officially joined later that same year. Although they did not join right away, Camille and her family have been participating with the children activities such as camp and LOGOS since 2008. Camille currently supports the Children's Ministry committee, PYCT, and is the LOGOS dishwasher when they

are in session. Camille has a creative mind at heart and loves to decorate. It was a pleasure to get the nomination call and Camille looks forward to serving the Northbrook community.



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Penny and her family have been members of Northbrook since 1989. She's married to Dan and they have three children: Madelyn, Nate and Evan, and a yellow lab, Mazie (it's a good thing she's cute). This will be Penny's 3rd 1-year term - you're correct in feeling a little deja vu! She's loved being part of the leadership transition serving on Session, the Self Study team, and the PNC, and is thrilled with the arrival of Pastor Ben and his family. Penny's excited to see how God will continue to work through Northbrook!

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In 1969, Vicki and her husband, Bill, moved to Michigan. Vicki grew up on a farm in Missouri and graduated from Truman State University. She taught school in the Warren Consolidated School District prior to having a family. She and Bill joined Northbrook in the 1980's and have enjoyed raising their family of three children, Jim, Ashley and Bradley, in this wonderful church. Bill and Vicki enjoy their family farm and their five grandchildren during their retirement.

Vicki enjoyed being part of the choir for many years and also serving as an elder. She looks forward to serving as a Deacon and expanding her faith.



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Yvonne Cousineau, her parents, George and Florence LaPonsa, and her brothers and sisters were all members of Northbrook Presbyterian Church when Northbrook was in Southfield. Yvonne went to Alma College and married her husband, Tom, at Northbrook. All 4 of her children were baptized at Northbrook. She and Tom returned to Northbrook, and after he passed 3 years ago, she has made Northbrook a weekly part of her life.

Yvonne loves coming to Northbrook and now that she is retired from teaching after 34 years, she will be able to be more involved in the church. Her daughter, Becky lives at home and works for the St. Clair Shores Public Library. Her oldest son and his wife and grandson live in Buchanan, Mi and are all doing well. Yvonne’s middle son, Robert, is doing well in the film industry, and her youngest son, Joshua, lives at home. He is an actor who also works in the film industry.



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Diane has been a member of Northbrook since 2006. Her church background has been in the Christian Reformed Church and the Reformed Church, serving as Sunday school teacher, VBS teacher, youth leader and Deacon.

Diane has been married to Doug Joppie for 50 years. They have 3 married children living in Waterford, MI, Chicago, IL, and Atlanta, GA. They also have 4 very adorable grandchildren.

Diane is a retired registered nurse having worked for the Sisters of Mercy hospitals for 40 years, the last 29 of which were spent at St Joe’s in Pontiac in surgical and post op units. Diane’s time now is still spent in caregiving, for her grandchildren in Waterford, where she has added Virtual Learning coach to her resume in this age of a pandemic.

Diane has been honored to serve on the Northbrook Board of Deacons for the last 5 years, seeing firsthand how many times, and in so many ways, the caring, loving, and dedicated people of Northbrook “Live the Love of Jesus Christ”. Diane believes that Northbrook truly is a place where you can put your faith into action and make a difference in the world.



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Claire has attended Northbrook her whole life. Growing up, she participated in youth activities like carol choir, LOGOS, youth group, mission trips and camp. As an adult, she has been a counselor for camp, a table parent for LOGOS and helped with worship this summer.

Claire teaches history at Canton High School and will be finishing her Masters’ degree this December. She likes to go for walks with her dog, Sadie, in her free time.



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Betsy Savage has been a member of Northbrook since 2016. She grew up in Detroit and currently lives in Lathrup Village. She attended MSU and retired after 30 years as the Traffic Manager for WJR, WDVD and WDRQ radio.

Betsy has 4 grown children, 5 grandchildren, a dog and cat. She loves walking, gardening, reading, baseball and music. After attending her first worship service at Northbrook and walking the labyrinth, she knew she had found the faith community where she belonged.

Betsy has thoroughly enjoyed her first 3 years as a Deacon and is very much looking forward to the next three.

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Kim Bowden-Adair and family have been members of Northbrook since 2003. Bryan Adair is her husband of 37 years. They have two adult children who grew up at Northbrook, Andrew and Abagael. Kim has been a retail network specialist for Ford Motor Company for 26 years. She was an Elder, has been on the Congregational Life Committee and is currently a Deacon. Most recently, Kim was part of the PNC.



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Bill has enjoyed being a member of Northbrook for almost 25 years. He is currently a member of the Personnel Committee and in the past has served on Session for multiple terms. He also supports church technology, editing our online worship videos, preparing visual projections for worship and maintaining the hallway monitors.

Bill and his wife Connie live in Beverly Hills. Their son Chris works for Detroit Public TV and lives in Clawson. Bill is retired after working 34 years for General Motors Research & Development and later doing consulting work on data analysis and computer modeling. Bill and Connie enjoy, when not restricted by pandemics, traveling, theater, music, cooking and participating in Northbrook Bible studies and classes. In his spare time, Bill also enjoys the outdoors, reading and working with computers.

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Monday—Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Fridays: 9:00—Noon

Please call to make an appointment or let us know you are coming and we will gladly welcome you.

Masks are required and social distancing guidelines will be followed.

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Join us at 10:15 a.m. on Sundays to watch our pre-recorded service
on Northbrook's YouTube Channel: [NorthbrookPresCh](#)

The service will also be available for viewing anytime after 10:15 a.m. on YouTube
or on the church website: www.northbrookpc.org