

Welcome to
Northbrook Presbyterian Church

December 6, 2020

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Lighting the Advent Candle & Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise 97 - *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night*

1 Watchman, tell us of the night,
what its signs of promise are.
Traveler, what a wondrous sight:
see that glory-beaming star.
Watchman, does its beauteous ray
news of joy or hope foretell?
Traveler, yes; it brings the day,
promised day of Israel.

2 Watchman, tell us of the night;
higher yet that star ascends.
Traveler, blessedness and light,
peace and truth its course portends.
Watchman, will its beams alone
gild the spot that gave them birth?
Traveler, ages are its own;
see, it bursts o'er all the earth.

3 Watchman, tell us of the night,
for the morning seems to dawn.
Traveler, shadows take their flight;
doubt and terror are withdrawn.
Watchman, you may go your way;
hasten to your quiet home.
Traveler, we rejoice today,
for Emmanuel has come!

Confession & Pardon

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all people into your realm. We confess that we have neither expected nor prepared for your coming kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.

Song of Preparation 92 - *While We Are Waiting, Come*

1 While we are waiting, come;
while we are waiting, come.

Refrain:

Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
while we are waiting, come.

2 With power and glory, come;
with power and glory, come. (Refrain)

3 Come, Savior, quickly come;
come, Savior, quickly come. (Refrain)

Sermon - *Preparing in the Wilderness*

Mark 1:1-8

Music for Reflection

Communion

Sending Hymn 96 - *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings!

2 Then cleansed be every life from sin;
make straight the way for God within,
and let us all our hearts prepare
for Christ to come and enter there.

3 We hail you as our Savior, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without your grace we waste away
like flowers that wither and decay.

4 Stretch forth your hand; our health restore,
and make us rise to fall no more.
O let your face upon us shine
and fill the world with love divine.

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Announcements

Eternal God, as you led your people in ages past, you direct our journey into the future. By your Spirit, open our eyes to the generosity of your hand, and nurture our souls in all spiritual gifts. Fill us with gratitude overflowing that we may share life and love in praise to you, God of all the ages, in the gracious name of Jesus Christ, your son, by the power of your Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Charge & Benediction

Sending Music

Leading You in Worship Today

Pastor: Rev. Ben Larson-Wolbrink

Liturgists: Mike Huddleston

Live Musicians: Dan Gross & Pete Zajicek

Pre-recorded Vocalists: Angel Gippert, Winifred Davies-Hancock & Bill Hancock

Pre-recorded Musicians: Angel Gippert

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Office Hours

The church building is currently closed due to the State of Michigan orders.

Please call to make an appointment and we will gladly welcome you.

Masks are required and social distancing guidelines will be followed.

Worship

Join us at 10:15 a.m. on Sundays to watch our Livestream 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