

Welcome to
Northbrook Presbyterian Church

March 14, 2021

Welcome

We are blessed to be able to worship together here in the sanctuary. Thank you for wearing your mask, keeping at least 6 feet of distance between you and your neighbor, and helping us with contact tracing so that we can keep each other safe. While we will enjoy music as a part of the service, we request that you do not sing along at this time.

Song of Praise - You Are Holy (Prince of Peace) - 705

You are holy (You are holy)
You are mighty (You are mighty)
You are worthy (You are worthy)
Worthy of praise (worthy of praise)

I will follow (I will follow)
I will listen (I will listen)
I will love You (I will love You)
All of my days (all of my days)

Chorus:

I will sing to, and worship (You are Lord of lords; you are King of kings;)
The King who is worthy (You are mighty God; Lord of everything.)
I will love and adore Him (You're Emmanuel; you're the great I AM;)
And I will bow down before Him (You're the Prince of Peace, who is the Lamb.)

I will sing to, and worship (You're the living God; you're my saving grace;)
The King who is worthy (You will reign forever; you are Ancient of Days.)
I will love and adore Him (You are Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End.)
And I will bow down before Him (You're my Savior, Messiah, Redeemer, and Friend.)
You are my Prince of Peace, and I will live my life for You

Confession & Pardon

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves as pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Passing the Peace

Song of Preparation - *Silence, My Soul*

Silence, my soul resist the voices that clamor for the place you owe the Lord.
As grief needs tears and joy needs laughter, confusion craves a deeper word.

Silence, my soul forbid your restlessness to seek its peace except in God's own will.
Why crave for food which shall not fill you or drink that leaves you thirsting still?
Silence, my soul locked in this body, flesh can frustrate all you were meant to be.
God pledged on earth a glimpse of heaven so pray to understand and see.

Silence, my soul you are remembered. God loves you deeply and God holds you dear.
Beneath all pain, beyond temptation, a hurting Christ says, "Do not fear."

Sermon - based on John 3:14-21

Music for Reflection

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Moment for Ministry - One Great Hour of Sharing: Because Water Is Life

Sending Song - *Be Thou My Vision*

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

4 High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Announcements

Charge & Benediction

Sending Music

Please remain in your seats until someone dismisses you so that we can exit the building safely. Pastor Ben is eager to greet you outside.

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Leading You in Worship Today

Pastor: Rev. Ben Larson-Wolbrink

Liturgist: Claire LaSota

Live Musicians: Dan Gross & Pete Zajicek

Pre-recorded Vocalist/Musician: Angel Gippert, Ken Stetson, Joyce Vander Weide (and LOGOS participants)

Tech Crew: Michael Bauhof, Bill Jordan, Kae'Yanna King, Keith Lee, Dave Vander Weide

Video Editing: Bill Jordan, Kae'Yanna King

Chanel Flowers: Placed in remembrance of Kevin Schiller by Peggie Schiller and family

TODAY

Congregational Meeting at Noon via Zoom

We will hold a brief Congregational Meeting via Zoom at noon today to fill a vacancy on the Board of Deacons and to provide an update on the pastor's terms of call. It will also be a chance to ask questions about our in-person worship and our Holy Week services. *Please sign in early as we plan on keeping this meeting to no more than 30 minutes.



Barbara Voight

Barbara Voight grew up at Northbrook and was confirmed on November 7, 1990. She has been very active in the life of the church. Barb was ordained as an elder in 2010. She has been the moderator of the Presbyterian Women of Northbrook and the PWN Fun Group, as well as being active in the Northbrook Book Club since its beginning. She has co-chaired the Northbrook Garage Sale several times. She has also taken the lead on South Oakland Shelter visits. Active at LOGOS, Barb has been a teacher and is at the present time planning the weekly crafts for the children and youth. She has also been an usher for years, welcoming church members and encouraging others to be involved.

Reminder: RSVP to Attend Sunday Worship

We are requesting all those who would like to attend to worship in person to **reserve your spot by noon the Thursday before by emailing the church office or calling the office at (248)642-0200.**

Chancel Flowers

You can now sponsor flowers to mark a special occasion or in memory of a loved one. Contact the office if you would like to sponsor the chancel flowers for a particular Sunday.

The Season of Lent

Lenten Zoom Check-In – Wednesdays at Noon

For those following the daily devotional or simply looking for connection this Lent. What are you discovering about yourself this Lent? What are you discovering about God? Let's support and encourage each other this Lent. Please contact the church for Zoom login information.

Lenten Prayer Cloths

Have you started hanging prayers outside your home? The prayers are [growing at Northbrook](#). And, we've put out cloth & markers at church, so you can stop by and add your prayers (or take them home to hang in your yard).

Holy Week & Easter

Sunday, March 28 at 10:15am - Palm / Passion Sunday Livestream Service

During our Sunday worship livestream, we will celebrate Jesus Christ's entry into Jerusalem and tell the story of his passion - and his humanity - as he journeyed to the cross to set us free. *Please be sure to RSVP ASAP if you plan on attending this service in person so we can plan accordingly.

One Great Hour of Sharing

On **Sunday, March 28**, Northbrook will participate in the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Your gift to this offering will help support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program and the Self-Development of People. To learn more about how these ministries are serving people in need, visit: <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs/>

Friday, April 2 at 12pm - Good Friday Livestream Service

Gather with us - in person or online - for a simple service where we'll hear the story of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ - when God gives God's very self for us - and take time to reflect and pray.

Friday April 2 at 6pm - Good Friday Outdoor Service

Bring a lawn chair and gather with your Northbrook family for a brief, informal service to remember the Wondrous self-giving love of God.

Saturday, April 3 at 7:30pm - Intergenerational Easter Vigil

Gathered around the campfire on the patio behind Fellowship Hall, the young people of Northbrook will retell bible stories of God's redemption, culminating in the resurrection of Christ. We will process into the sanctuary for a brief celebration of the Light that comes into the darkness. *In case of bad weather, this service will be held in Fellowship Hall.

Sunday - April 4 at 7am - Easter Sunrise Outdoor Service

Celebrate the new day - and the new life - in the Risen Christ during an informal outdoor service by the Prayer Tree (bring your lawn chair). Shout Hosanna! Christ is risen, indeed! *In case of bad weather, this service will be held in Fellowship Hall.

Sunday - April 4 at 10:15am - Easter Livestream Service

Enjoy beautiful music and lovely flowers as we proclaim the Risen Christ during our Easter Sunday worship livestream. Be sure to RSVP if you plan on attending in person. We hope you can celebrate with us online - we'll be streaming both on YouTube and Facebook - or in person!

Easter Flowers

This year, you again have the option of purchasing several types of flowering spring plants for the Sanctuary for our Easter service. Please fill out an order form and mail it along with your check to the church. Please make checks payable to Northbrook Church and write "Easter Flowers" in the memo line. **Flower orders are due by Sunday, March 21.**

Upcoming at Northbrook

Book Club Meeting – Monday, March 22 at 7pm

Everybody is welcome to the ZOOM discussion of The Fall of Marigolds by Susan Meissner on Monday, March 22 at 7:00 p.m. Please email Nancy Best at nancyjbest@gmail.com by March 20th if you would like an invitation to the ZOOM discussion. This is not necessary if you regularly attend book club discussions.

Films with Fort Street - Thursday, March 25 at 7:30pm

As part of exploring being a **Matthew 25 church**, the Mission Connection Committee invites you to participate in Fort Street Presbyterian Church's **Documentary Discussion Series**. This spring, we have the opportunity to individually watch a film related to each of the three Matthew 25 goals: dismantling structural racism, eradicating systemic poverty and building congregational vitality, and on a Thursday evening each month, March - May, Fort Street will host a Zoom discussion on each. First up is the Academy Award Nominated movie for Best Documentary Feature, **13th**. Combining archival footage with testimony from activists and scholars, Selma director Ava DuVernay's examination of the U.S. prison system looks at how the country's history of racial inequality drives the high rate of incarceration in America. We will let you know about the rest of the upcoming films or for more information you can visit Fort Street's website: <https://www.fortstreet.org/events-1>.

Watch **13th** here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=krfcg5pF8u8> and join the Zoom discussion on Thursday, March 25th at 7:30pm with the below link. To join the Zoom Discussion Meeting, click the below link and the "Join Meeting" tab and enter the meeting ID and Passcode.

<https://us02web.zoom.us>

Meeting ID: 845 8249 9243

Passcode: FortStreet

WEEKLY AT NORTHBROOK

LOGOS – Wednesdays at 5pm

Northbrook kids and youth are welcome to participate from 5-6:15 in our weekly time of fun and faith. No food is being served at this time.

Men's Connection – Tuesdays at 10 am

Men's Connection meets virtually via Zoom on Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. For more information, please contact Walt Young at walt2701@earthlink.net or (248)932-3874.

"Pivot Point" Zoom Bible Study – Thursdays at 10am or 7pm

The Pivot Point Zoom Bible Study – a review of the scripture from the previous Sunday and pivot toward the scripture for the upcoming Sunday – meets weekly on Thursdays at 10am and 7pm. Please contact the church office for Zoom login information.

Youth Group

Middle and high school students are invited to attend our Youth Group on Sundays from 4-6pm. For more information, please contact Youth Director Ken Stetson at stetson.kenny@gmail.com.

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Office Hours

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.

Worship

Join us at 10:15 a.m. on Sundays to watch our livestream service
on Northbrook's YouTube Channel: [NorthbrookPresCh](https://www.youtube.com/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