

Welcome to  
*Northbrook Presbyterian Church*

March 21, 2021

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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, but feel free to join in the spoken responses printed in bold.*

Hymn of Praise - *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* - 39

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.  
(Refrain)

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!  
(Refrain)

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 - John 12:22-33

## 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 Healing Empowers

## Sending Song - *A Sower Came from Ancient Hills*

1 A Sower came from ancient hills  
and cast good seed abroad:  
his field, ten thousand human hearts;  
his seed, the word of God.  
And some who listened would not hear,  
and some who heard forgot.  
But some received in fertile soil  
the truth the Sower taught.

2 A Sower walked throughout the land  
and, everywhere he trod,  
he sowed his life because he was  
himself the Seed of God.  
But then, atop a barren hill,  
beneath a darkening sky,  
they threw God's Seed on stony ground  
and left it there to die.

3 The Seed was buried deep in death  
beneath a blood-red sky,  
and deeper still was buried hope

for those who watched him die.  
But then, in Joseph's garden fair,  
as dawn broke o'er the land,  
the Seed, from three days' silent sleep,  
awoke at God's command!

4 O Christ, you come among us still,  
the Sower and the Seed.  
As once you sowed the truth of God  
in glowing word and deed,  
implant your Word in waiting hearts,  
and let it there take hold,  
until it bears in fruitful lives  
a harvest hundredfold.

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: Bill Travis

Live Vocalist: Doug Joppie

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

## **TODAY**

### **Easter Flower Orders Due Today, March 21st**

This year, you again have the option of purchasing several types of flowering spring plants for the Sanctuary for our Easter service. If you still wish to order flowers, either fill out an order form drop it in the box before you leave the Sunday service or email [Becky@northbroopc.org](mailto:Becky@northbroopc.org) with your order and bulletin dedication and then mail your payment to the church. Please make checks payable to Northbrook Church and write "Easter Flowers" in the memo line. Easter flowers will be available to take home following the 11am Easter service.

### **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**

It's not too late to add your prayers to the Prayer Tree. 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**

### **Important Changes to our Holy Week Schedule**

We are looking forward to all of our Holy Week worship services. After receiving your survey responses, we are excited to see the need to add another service on both Palm Sunday and on Easter. **Now is the time to reserve your seats for worship.** The same service will be offered at both 9am and 11am on Palm Sunday, and at 9am and 11am on Easter. Reservations are to be emailed to [Becky@northbrookpc.org](mailto:Becky@northbrookpc.org) by noon on Thursday, March 25th for Palm Sunday and by noon on Thursday, April 1st for Easter. Please be sure to indicate the service time you wish to attend. Our 11am Palm Sunday service and the 11am Easter service will also be livestreamed via YouTube and Facebook for those you choose to worship online. Children will be worshipping with us in the sanctuary on both Palm Sunday and Easter.

### **Sunday, March 28 - Palm / Passion Sunday**

**9am In-Person Service** - We will celebrate Jesus Christ's entry into Jerusalem with palms and tell the story of his passion as he journeyed to the cross to set us free. **RSVP now.**

**11am In-Person & Livestream Service** - We will celebrate Jesus Christ's entry into Jerusalem with palms and tell the story of his passion as he journeyed to the cross to set us free. **RSVP now.**

**One Great Hour of Sharing** - At both services, we will collect 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/>.

## **Thursday, April 1st and Friday, April 2nd - Visit the Labyrinth in Fellowship Hall**

**Maundy Thursday, April 1st - 9am to 7:30pm**

**Good Friday, April 2nd 9am to 2:00pm**

Come and experience the labyrinth's sacred path. This will be a time to walk the labyrinth and enter into God's loving, healing and transforming presence.

## **Friday, April 2 - Good Friday**

**12pm In-Person & 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. **RSVP not required for this service.**

(Note: the 6pm - Good Friday Outdoor Service has been cancelled.)

## **Saturday, April 3 - Holy Saturday**

**7:30pm - Intergenerational Easter Vigil** - Bring your lawn chair and gather around the campfire on the patio behind Fellowship Hall as 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.) **\*RSVP not required for this service.**

## **Sunday, April 4 - Easter Sunday**

**7am - Easter Sunrise Outdoor Service** - Bring your lawn chair and celebrate the new day - and the new life - in the Risen Christ during an informal outdoor service at Northbrook by the Prayer Tree at the steeple doors. (In case of bad weather, this service will be held in Fellowship Hall.) **\*RSVP not required for this service.**

**9am - In-Person Easter Service** - Enjoy beautiful music and lovely flowers as we proclaim the Risen Christ during our Easter Sunday worship. Shout Hosanna! Christ is risen, indeed!  
**RSVP now.**

**11am - Easter In-Person & Livestream Service** - Enjoy beautiful music and lovely flowers as we proclaim the Risen Christ during our Easter Sunday worship. Shout Hosanna! Christ is risen, indeed! **RSVP now.**

## **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](mailto: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 5-6:15pm 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](mailto: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](mailto: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/UCNorthbrookPresCh)

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