

Welcome to
Northbrook Presbyterian Church

May 2, 2021

Welcome & Prayer

Beloved, let us love one another. **We love because God first loved us.**

This is our new commandment in Christ: **As Jesus loves us, let us love one another.**

Hymn of Praise - *Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers* - 231

1 Christ has risen while earth slumbers; Christ has risen where hope died,
as he said and as he promised, as we doubted and denied.

Let the moon embrace the blessing; let the sun sustain the cheer;
let the world confirm the rumor: Christ is risen, God is here!

2 Christ has risen for the people whom he died to love and save;
Christ has risen for the women bringing flowers to grace his grave.
Christ has risen for disciples huddled in an upstairs room.
He whose word inspired creation can't be silenced by the tomb.

3 Christ has risen and for ever lives to challenge and to change
all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange.
Christ is risen, Christ is present making us what he has been:
evidence of transformation in which God is known and seen.

Confession & Pardon

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

Passing the Peace

Song of Preparation - *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* - 240

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name

1 Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. (Refrain)

2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen. (Refrain)

3 We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever. (Refrain)

4 Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior. (Refrain)

Sermon - John 15:1-8

Music for Reflection

Reaffirmation of Marriage Vows - Michael and Roberta Campion

The Lord's Supper

Invitation & Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God...

... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

... Great is the mystery of faith: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

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.

Communion

Sending Hymn - *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* - 526

1 Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken; the wine is poured; Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain: Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again; pass the Word around: loaves abound! (2x)

2 Christ is able to make us one; at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. (Refrain)

3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere! (Refrain)

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.*

Leading You in Worship Today

Pastors: Revs. Ben and Gretchen Larson-Wolbrink

Live Musicians: Dan Gross & Pete Zajicek

Pre-recorded Vocalist/Musician: Angel Gippert

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

Video Editing: Bill Jordan, Kae'Yanna King

Welcome

We are so glad that you are able to join us for this service, and we invite you to support Christ's ministry among us. Gifts can be deposited in the offering box in the hallway after worship, mailed into the church or given online through our website: northbrookpc.org/generosity.

You can also give to Northbrook via text message. Simply create a FaithStreet account at www.faithstreet.com/join, connect your account to a payment source (you only have to do this once), and enter Northbrook's Text-to-Give number - 646-832-4848 - and you're ready to give! (We recommend that you add this number to your Contacts for easy giving in the future.)

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.

Upcoming at Northbrook

Book Club Meeting – Monday, May 3 at 7pm

Everybody is welcome to the ZOOM book club discussion of Harbor Yarns and Peeling Back the Layers, both books by Gary Larson, the father of Pastor Ben! The discussion will be led by Pastor Ben with his father Gary as guest speaker. Undoubtedly, the discussion of these books will be lively and likely to provide some truly valuable insight. Readers can obtain the books from Amazon or Barnes & Noble. Please email Nancy Best if you would like more information and an invitation to the ZOOM discussion.

Care & Share Donation Drive - Saturday, May 15th, 10am-Noon

Northbrook will be holding its next Care & Share Donation Drive on Saturday, May 15 from 10am-noon (rain or shine). Donations of the following will benefit **The Presbytery of Detroit Hunger Ministries Program's Sixth Annual Cereal for Summer Drive** and for other ministries of the Presbytery of Detroit: Kid-friendly cereals, healthy cereals, juice and milk boxes (individual servings) that don't require refrigeration until after opening, breakfast and granola bars, individual serving size fruits, personal & hygiene care travel size items and travel-style toothbrushes.

Films w/ Fort Street - *The Black Church: This Is Our Story, This Is Our Song* – Thur, May 20 at 7:30pm via Zoom

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 is the third documentary film related to the three Matthew 25 goals: dismantling structural racism, eradicating systemic poverty and **building congregational vitality**. *The Black Church: This Is Our Story, This Is Our Song* is a moving four-hour, two-part series that traces the 400-year-old story of the Black church in America, all the way down to its bedrock role as the site of African American survival and grace, organizing and resilience. Watch *The Black Church: This Is Our Story, This Is Our Song* and then visit Fort Street's website for more information about how to join the zoom discussion at 7:30pm on Thursday, May 20: <https://www.fortstreet.org/events-1>. If you have any questions, please contact Penny Willey at (248)225-1680.

Northbrook Family Fun Day Fundraiser - Sunday, May 23rd

On Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd immediately following worship, join us for a Family Fun Day Fundraiser to raise money for our youth programs at Northbrook! There will be activities for all ages including games, crafts and ice cream. The cost is \$10 per person or \$25 per family. The event will be entirely outside and masks required, weather permitting. For more information, please contact Ken Stetson at stetson.kenny@gmail.com.

French Classes at Northbrook

Un Petit Coin de France (A Little Corner of France) will be holding French classes at Northbrook starting May 3rd. The classes will be conducted by Denise Seidler, a native speaker, who covers all levels ranging from beginner thru intermediate and conversation. All classes are \$100 and will be held in the evenings in the Northbrook Library. For more information, please call (734)420-0213 or email gdseidler@aol.com.

Second Mile Center 5th Annual Golf Outing - Sunday, September 26th

Please save the date for The Second Mile Center of Detroit's 5th Annual Golf Outing at Glen Oaks Golf Course on Sunday, September 26th. Stay tuned for more information.

Weekly at Northbrook

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.

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.

"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

Call to make an appointment. Masks are required and social distancing guidelines will be followed.

Worship

10:15 a.m. livestream on Northbrook's YouTube Channel: [NorthbrookPresCh](https://www.youtube.com/channel/NorthbrookPresCh)
or Facebook Page: facebook.com/northbrookpc