

Welcome to
Northbrook Presbyterian Church

June 13, 2021

Call to Worship, Welcome & Prayer

The kingdom of God is like a tiny mustard seed;
It grows into a great plant with many branches.
We have been crucified with Christ;
Now it is Christ who lives in us.

Hymn of Praise - *Morning Has Broken* - 664

1. Morning has broken like the first morning. Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning, praise for them springing fresh from the world
2. Sweet the rains new fall, sunlit from Heaven like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden sprung in completeness where His feet pass.
3. Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning, born of the one light, Eden saw play,
Praise with elation, praise every morning God's recreation of the new day!

Confession & Pardon

**O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil.
You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You
call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. You call us to fight
pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near.**

**Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage and
strength to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.**

Passing the Peace

Song of Preparation - *Spirit of the Living God* - 288

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. (2x)
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon - Mark 4:26-34

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.

Celebrating Our Graduates

Leah Guindi	Graduate of Troy High School. Leah will be attending Grand Valley State University in the fall.
Lily Stottlemeyer	Graduate of Groves High School, Cum Laude. Lily will be attending Oakland Community College in the fall.
Colin Tengler	Graduate of Groves High School. Colin will be attending the Michigan State University Business School in the fall.
Evan Willey	Graduate of Groves High School. Evan will be attending the University of Michigan Ross School of Business in the fall.
Kim Annett	Graduate of Central Michigan University (2020) with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Special Education

Affirmation of Faith - based on 2 Corinthians 5:15-20

We are called to regard no one from a human point of view. Even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ. On behalf of Christ, let us be reconciled to God and to partner with God in the reconciliation of the world.

Sending Hymn - *How Great Thou Art* - 625

O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder, consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee, how great Thou art, How great Thou art. (2x)

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur and see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee, how great Thou art, How great Thou art. (2x)

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing; sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee, how great Thou art, How great Thou art. (2x)

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration, and then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee, how great Thou art, How great Thou art. (2x)

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Announcements

Charge & Benediction

Leading You in Worship Today

Pastor: Rev. Ben Larson-Wolbrink

Liturgist: Rev. Gretchen Larson-Wolbrink

Live Musicians: Angel Gippert, Dan Gross & Pete Zajicek

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

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.)

Chancel Flowers - You can 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

Outdoor Worship

Worship will continue outdoors on Sundays at 9:30am during the summer, unless weather forces us indoors. Wherever we worship, we will continue livestreaming our services.

Northbrook Book Club Meeting - Monday, June 14

Everybody is welcome to the book club discussion of What the Eyes Don't See by Mona-Hanna-Attisha on Monday, June 14 at 7:00pm. We will meet at Northbrook on the back patio or in Fellowship Hall if the weather is inclement. If you would rather attend by Zoom, please email nancyjbest@gmail.com no later than June 13.

Summer Office Hours

The church office will be open Monday through Thursday from 9am to 4pm between June 1st and September 3rd and closed on Fridays.

Knit Wits

The Knit Wits will resume their monthly meetings on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 1-3pm in the Library. For more information, please contact Mary Hendrien.

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.

Summer Youth Camp

Summer Camp registration is now open! We will be returning to Camp Timbers on Saturday, July 31st through Friday, August 6th. **Registration is due by July 1st.** To complete the initial registration, please complete the online form (contact the office for the link). The cost for camp will be \$425 and can be paid by check made out to Northbrook Presbyterian Church or online. While at camp, we will be following all CDC, state of Michigan, and YMCA guidelines and protocols for summer camps. If you have any further questions, don't hesitate to reach out to Youth Director, Ken Stetson.

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. Please note that Men's Connection will take a summer break from July 6th to August 31st.

"Pivot Point" Bible Study – On Pause for the Summer

Our weekly Thursday bible study will be on pause for the summer. We are planning some in-person, outdoor gatherings instead, so stay tuned for more 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.

Graduate Note

Kimberly Annett

Kimberly Annett graduated in 2020 from Central Michigan University with a BS in Special Education. She is employed at Wayne-Westland, Franklin Middle school in their multiple severe impairment program. She has 8 students with cerebral palsy, several feeding tubes and tracheotomies. She is able to converse with 4 of her students and was chosen teacher of the month in February. While it is challenging, Kim has excelled at reaching out to each student on a personal level, and she is striving to meet every student at their grade level. Truly a gifted educator, Kim has made an impact on each student's life. She will be teaching summer school three days a week, June and July. She is continuing her love for teaching as Northbrook camp counselor in August. Her dedication to her students and the youth at Northbrook is truly inspirational. Kim endured 7 surgeries in August, 2018 from a head-on automobile accident to recover to complete her degree and begin teaching. Our Northbrook family sent prayers and meals, as well as personal help through that difficult time. Kim will always remember the support from Northbrook that helped her thrive from her early childhood years until present.

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Office Hours

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Fridays: Closed
Call to make an appointment. Masks are required inside the church.

Worship

9:30 a.m. on the back patio or livestream on Northbrook's YouTube Channel: [NorthbrookPresCh](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)
or Facebook Page: [facebook.com/northbrookpc](https://www.facebook.com/northbrookpc)