

Welcome to
Northbrook Presbyterian Church

July 18, 2021

Call to Worship, Welcome & Prayer

Surely the Lord is in this place!

This is the house of God.

In Christ we are no longer strangers;

we are members of the household of God.

*Hymn of Praise - *Christ Be Beside Me* - 702

1 Christ be beside me; Christ be before me; Christ be behind me, King of my heart.

Christ be within me; Christ be below me; Christ be above me, never to part.

2 Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me, shield in the strife.

Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising, Light of my life.

3 Christ be in all hearts thinking about me; Christ be on all tongues telling of me.

Christ be the vision in eyes that see me; in ears that hear me Christ ever be.

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.

Time for Young Disciples

Prayer for Illumination / Scripture - Mark 60:30-34; 53-56

Sermon

Prayers of the People / the Lord's Prayer

**Please stand as you are able*

*Affirmation of Faith - a Brief Statement of Faith, part 3

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

*Sending Hymn - *There is a Balm in Gilead* - 792

Refrain:

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. (Refrain)

2 Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend,
and if you lack for knowledge, he'll not refuse to lend. (Refrain)

3 If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all." (Refrain)

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Announcements

Charge & Benediction

Leading You in Worship Today

Pastor: Rev. Ben Larson-Wolbrink

Liturgist: Ann Daniels

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!

Upcoming at Northbrook

Northbrook Book Club Meeting - Monday, July 26 at 7pm

Everybody is welcome to join the book club discussion of The Dance of the Dissident Daughter by Sue Monk Kidd on Monday, July 26. We will meet at 7pm at Northbrook on the back patio or in Fellowship Hall if the weather is inclement. If you would rather attend by Zoom, email nancyjbest@gmail.com at least a day prior to the meeting.

Get Reacquainted Gatherings - reserve your spot today

What does your soul need in this time of reopening? How have you experienced God during the time apart? Who is God calling us to be in this next season at Northbrook?

We hope you will come ready to share your answers to these questions and listen deeply to others.

Gatherings will take place at 7pm with light refreshments at the following dates/backyards:

- Tuesday, July 20 - Penny & Dan Willey: 29725 Bristol Lane, Bingham Farms
- Tuesday, August 10 - Sue & Tim Boese: 32010 Robinhood, Beverly Hills
- Thursday, August 26 - Tricia & Frank LaSota: 22022 Camelot Court, Beverly Hills

You are invited to read [God and the Pandemic: Christian Reflections on the Coronavirus and Its Aftermath](#) by N.T. Wright to prepare for the conversations. While it isn't required for the discussion, it will be a helpful focus to remember God's faithfulness through this difficult season and imagine the future God has for Northbrook. *Getting Reacquainted Gatherings will be limited in size to allow ample time for participants to share and listen deeply. Please **sign up through the office by emailing becky@northbrookpc.org or calling (248)642-0200 to reserve your spot.**

Backyard, Bibles and Beverages - Thursdays at 7pm, Jul 15-Aug 19

Gather for a lively weekly discussion at 7pm in backyards of Northbrook friends. Light refreshments will be provided. You don't have to attend every session, but focus chapters for discussion are listed for each date so you can be ready for the evenings you are able to attend.

Our book for this six-week session will be [Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life](#), by Richard Rohr. *With rare insight, Rohr takes us on a journey to give us an understanding of how the heartbreaks, disappointments, and first loves of life are actually stepping stones to the spiritual joys that the second half of life has in store for us.*

- July 22 - Donna and Walt Young: 6372 Muirfield Court, Bloomfield Hills (Ch. 1-2)

- July 29 - Lauri Dailey and Todd Dolan: 29650 Bristol Lane, Bingham Farms (Ch. 3-4)
- August 5 - Kathy and Michael Bauhof: 4138 Washington Crescent, Troy (Ch. 5-8)
- August 12 - Paulette Lein: 7094 Danbrook, West Bloomfield (Ch. 9-11)
- August 19 - Amy Annett: 2799 Sylvan Shores Drive, Waterford (Ch. 10-Coda)

Communion Sunday Care & Share Donation Drive - August 1 - 8

We are collecting the following items for the food/household pantry at First Presbyterian Church of Pontiac the first two Sundays in August: **cereal, flour, sugar, canola oil, apple juice, canned fruit, canned tomatoes, chili, canned tuna and chicken (with pop-top lids), condensed milk, rice, pinto/black beans, dish soap, baby wipes, toilet paper and paper towels.** Please place your donated items in the manger and donation basket in the main hallway near the doors going into Fellowship Hall. You may also bring your items to the church the week between these Sundays. Thank you for your generosity! ~The Mission Connection Committee

Northbrook Family Reunion - August 11

Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details about this upcoming gathering. Bring your friends and family - as well as your favorite classic photos from Northbrook - and we'll spend the evening together enjoying food, reminiscing, having some fun, and enjoying a campfire on the patio.

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.

Ongoing at Northbrook

Youth Group - Sundays at 4pm

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.

Knit Wits - 4th Wednesdays at 1pm

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

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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)