

Welcome to  
*Northbrook Presbyterian Church*  
July 25, 2021

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Call to Worship, Welcome & Prayer

If God is for us, who can be against us?

**Nothing can separate us from God's love.**

The Lord upholds those who are falling;

**God raises those who are bowed down.**

\*Hymn of Praise - *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* - 611

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!

Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

2 All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays; stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

3 Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.

Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.

Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.

Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

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

*\*Please stand as you are able*

Prayer for Illumination / Scripture - John 6:1-21

Sermon

Prayers of the People / the Lord's Prayer

\*Affirmation of Faith - a Brief Statement of Faith, parts 4, 5 & 6

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.**

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

\*Sending Hymn - *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken* - 498

1 Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Galilean shore.  
Jesus, Bread of Life from heaven, was their food forevermore.  
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,  
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

2 Loaves were broken, words were spoken in a quiet room one night.  
In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.  
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,  
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

3 Loaves are broken, words are spoken, as in faith we gather here.  
Jesus speaks across the ages: "I am with you; do not fear!"  
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,  
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share  
bread for which the millions hunger, words that tell your love and care.  
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,  
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Announcements

Charge & Benediction

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### **Leading You in Worship Today**

Pastor: Rev. Ben Larson-Wolbrink

Liturgist: Nancy Best

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](http://northbrookpc.org/generosity).

You can also give to Northbrook via text message. Simply create a FaithStreet account at [www.faithstreet.com/join](http://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](mailto: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, 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](mailto: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 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, 5-7pm (campfire following)**

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](mailto: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.

## *Northbrook Presbyterian Church*

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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](#)  
or Facebook Page: [facebook.com/northbrookpc](https://facebook.com/northbrookpc)