

Northbrook Covenant Church

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OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

Monday through Friday

9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Thank you to those serving in our worship.

Officiant & Preacher: José González

Scripture Reader: Laurie Johnson

Pianist: Vera Vasilenko

Worship Team: Rachel Johnson

Mary Lynn Dornfeld

Greeter: Debbie Poterek

Usher: Grant Erickson

A/V Slides: Charlie Poterek

Communion Servers: Kris & Raun Gallegos,

Kristin Gonzalez

We exist to glorify God

-Father, Son and Holy Spirit -

*-By becoming mature disciples of
Jesus Christ*

-And inviting others to join us.



Northbrook Covenant Church

January 4, 2026

Celebration of Worship

Sermon Notes

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Written by Beth Merrill Neel

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Praise & Worship

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

CHW #183

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

CHW #154

"Go Tell it on the Mountain"

CHW #188

Passing of the Peace

L: The Lord be with you!

C: And also with you!

Prayer

Mutual Blessing *

Scripture

Laurie Johnson

John 15:9-17

Sermon

José González

"The Friendship of Jesus"

Song of Response

"What a Friend we have in Jesus"

CHW #399

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Sending Song

"The Benediction"

Benediction

*Following the blessing, children aged preschool through 5th grade are invited to Sunday School.

Adult Sunday School, now Faith Life, meets from 9:15 - 10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall. Our study will be from "The Bible Project" using short videos and discussion format led by members of the class. We look forward to seeing you there! Questions may be directed to Debbie Poterek or Olga Vasquez.



In January, the 2026 directory will get printed. If you have had a change of address in 2025 and have not yet let the office know of your new address, please contact Kathleen and let her know at 847-272-8270 or northbrook.covenant@gmail.com. We would like to remember you on your birthday so if you haven't received a card from church for your birthday this year, that means we do not have a record of your birthday. Please let us know. Also let us know of any incorrect information in the current directory (phone, email, etc.).



The Northbrook Covenant Staff would like to thank the congregation for their generous gift and all the tokens of appreciation this season. It is a joy and privilege to serve this church. Thank you for all of your support and encouragement! --Northbrook Covenant Church Staff

Undeck the Halls-- Immediately following our service **today** we will be taking down the Christmas decorations. All help is greatly appreciated.

White Elephant Gift Exchange-- Join us for a little post-Christmas fun! On Sunday, **January 11** at 11:45 am (after service) in the Fellowship Hall. Bring an unwrapped little gift (must be able to fit on a table) and get ready for some joyous mischief!

Monthly Midweek Ministry-- All ages are welcome for this special gathering of neighboring Covenant churches for a night of fellowship, food, and faith. Hosted at Libertyville Covenant Church 5:30-7:30 pm. This month's meeting is Wednesday, **January 21st**.

Let's Pray Together, January 18

Join us after service for a time to pray for the year ahead for our church and for one another. Join us in the Fellowship Hall after the service. Please note the date changed from what was listed in the newsletter.

NORTHBROOK NEWS

January 4, 2026

THIS WEEK

Today Jan 4	9:15 am 10:30 am	Faith Life (Adult Sunday School) Worship <i>Greeter: Debbie Poterek</i> <i>Usher: Grant Erickson</i> <i>Reader: Laurie Johnson</i> <i>A/V Slides: Charlie Poterek</i> <i>Communion Servers: Kris & Raun Gallegos, Kristin Gonzalez</i> <i>Counters: Kris Gallegos & Dwight Johnson</i> <i>Sunday School Volunteers: Rachel Johnson</i>
Sat	9:30 am	Journey Together in Faith: Brunch
Next Sun Jan 11	9:15 am 10:30 am 11:45 am	Faith Life (Adult Sunday School) Worship <i>Greeter: Jessica Smith</i> <i>Usher: David Dwight</i> <i>Reader: David McKee</i> <i>A/V Slides: Olga Vasquez</i> <i>Counters: Charlie Poterek & Dwight Johnson</i> <i>Sunday School Volunteers: Rachel Johnson</i> White Elephant Gift Exchange in FH
LOOKING AHEAD		
Jan 14/28	9:30/6:00	Journey Together in Faith Small Group
Jan 18	11:45 am	Let's Pray Together (after service in FH)
Jan 20	11:45 am	Men's Luncheon-@ TBD
Jan 21	5:30 pm	Monthly Midweek Ministry @ Libertyville
Feb 1	11:45 am	NECC Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting February 1-- Please mark your calendars for the annual meeting on Feb 1st at 11:45 a.m. It is a meeting to review the ministries of NECC in 2025, vote on a budget for 2026, and vote on Leadership Team and committee members. It is important for voting members to be present at this meeting. Please plan to be here.