

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: David McKee

Pianist: Vera Vasilenko

Worship Team: Rachel Johnson

Jan Dwight

Greeter: Jessica Smith

Usher: Grant Erickson

A/V Slides: Olga Vasquez

*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 11, 2026

Celebration of Worship

Sermon Notes

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

CHW #898

Praise & Worship

"Psalm 23 (The Lord's My Shepherd)"

"Christ is the Truth the Way"

CHW #207

Passing of the Peace

L: The Peace of Christ be with you!

C: And also with you!

Prayer

Mutual Blessing *

L: The Lord be with you!

C: And also with you!

Scripture

David McKee

Matthew 9:9-12

Sermon

José González

"How Jesus Makes Friends"

Sending Hymn

"Jesus What a Friend for Sinners" *CHW #350 v 1-3,5*

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.

Journey Together in Faith– Our January meetings will be on January 14 and 28. We have two sessions to choose from . One at 9:30 a.m. and the other at 6 p.m. All women of the church are welcome.

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.

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.**

Annual Meeting February 1– Please mark your calendars for the annual meeting on Feb 1at 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.

Early Service at 8:30 a.m. We will be worshipping at 8:30 am in addition to our regular 10:30 a.m. every fourth Sunday of the month. For January the fourth Sunday is the 25th. Hope to see you there.

Community Easter Egg Hunt Planning Meeting -- Following service on January 25, join us for a quick planning meeting about the upcoming 2026 Community Easter Egg Hunt which we'll put on this spring. Learn more about the event and how YOU can be a part of it! Lend your ideas and input to make this a great event for all.

Pastor Rachel will be on a well deserved vacation this week from January 12-19. She will return to the office on January 20th. If you are in need of assistance during this time please contact the church office at 847-272-8270 or northbrook.covenant@gmail.com.

NORTHBROOK NEWS January 11, 2026		
THIS WEEK		
Today Jan 11	9:15 am 10:30 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> <i>Jessica Smith</i>
	11:45 am	White Elephant Gift Exchange in FH
Tues	2:30 pm	CLON Chat at Axelson
Wed	9:30/6	Journey Together in Faith Small Group
Next Sun Jan 18	9:15 am 10:30 am	Faith Life (Adult Sunday School) Worship <i>Greeter: Laurie Johnson</i> <i>Usher: Bob Olson</i> <i>Reader: Herbert Schonken</i> <i>A/V Slides: Kristin Gonzalez</i> <i>Counters: Bob Olson & Don Putman</i> <i>Sunday School Volunteers: Beth Olson</i> <i>Olga Vasquez</i>
	11:45 am	Let's Pray Together (FH)
LOOKING AHEAD		
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
Jan 21	6 pm	Leadership Team Meeting
Jan 25	8:30 am	Additional worship service 4th Sunday
Jan 28	9:30/6:00	Journey Together in Faith Small Group
Feb 1	11:45 am	NECC Annual Meeting