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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: Herbert Schonken  
Pianist: Vera Vasilenko  
Worship Team: Mary Lynn Dornfeld,  
                  Bonnie Stephens  
Greeter: Laurie Johnson  
Usher: Bob Olson  
A/V Slides: Kristin González

*We exist to glorify God  
-Father, Son and Holy Spirit -  
-By becoming mature disciples of  
Jesus Christ  
-And inviting others to join us.*



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**Northbrook Covenant Church**  
January 18, 2026

# Celebration of Worship

# Sermon Notes

## Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship

*Written by Beth Merrill Neel*

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### Praise & Worship

*"Christians We have Met to Worship" CHW#502 v1*

*"Gather Us In" CHW #511 v1-3*

### 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

*Acts 9:10-20*

Herbert Schonken

### Song of Preparation

*"Help Us Accept Each Other" CHW #583 vs.1,2,4*

### Sermon

José González

*"Mission Friends"*

### Sending Hymn

*"Christians We Have Met to Worship" CHW#502 v2*

*"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" CHW #628*

### 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 next meeting will be on January 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**

Join us after service today 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 1 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.

**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.

| NORTHBROOK NEWS                  |                                     |   |
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| January 18, 2026                 |                                     |   |
| THIS WEEK                        |                                     |   |
| <b>Today</b><br><b>Jan 18</b>    | 9:15 am<br>10:30 am<br><br>11:45 am | Faith Life (Adult Sunday School)<br>Worship<br><i>Greeter: Laurie Johnson</i><br><i>Usher: Bob Olson</i><br><i>Reader: Herbert Schonken</i><br><i>A/V Slides: Kristin González</i><br><i>Counters: Bob Olson &amp; Don Putman</i><br><i>Sunday School Volunteers: Beth Olson</i><br><i>Olga Vasquez</i><br>Let's Pray Together (FH) |
| <b>Tues</b>                      | 11:45 am                            | Men's Luncheon-@ TBD  |
| <b>Wed</b>                       | 5:30 pm                             | Monthly Midweek Ministry @ Libertyville   |
| <b>Wed</b>                       | 6 pm                                | Leadership Team Meeting   |
| <b>Next Sun</b><br><b>Jan 25</b> | 8:30 am<br>9:15 am<br>10:30 am      | Early Worship Service<br>Faith Life (Adult Sunday School)<br>Worship<br><i>Greeter: Betty Olson</i><br><i>Usher: David Dwight</i><br><i>Reader: Jan Dwight</i><br><i>A/V Slides: Selma Bucher</i><br><i>Counters: Bob Olson &amp; Dwight Johnson</i><br><i>Sunday School Volunteers: No Sunday School this week.</i>                |
| LOOKING AHEAD                    |                                     |   |
| <b>Jan 25</b>                    | 8:30 am                             | Additional worship service 4th Sunday   |
| <b>Jan 28</b>                    | 9:30/6:00                           | Journey Together in Faith Small Group   |
| <b>Feb 1</b>                     | 11:45 am                            | NECC Annual Meeting   |