

Northbrook Covenant Church

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OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

Monday– Friday

9 am—2 pm

Thank you to those serving in our worship.

Officiant & Preacher: Rachel Johnson

Scripture Reader: Jan Dwight

Pianist: Judy Anderson

Worship Team: Rachel Johnson, Jan Dwight

Greeter: Debbie Poterek

Usher: Bob Olson

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
August 16, 2026

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Celebration of Worship

Sermon Notes

Gathering Song *"Praise to the Lord"* CHW #61

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship by Beth Merrill Neel

In the light of this day we have gathered;

We are a community that is one, bringing our questions and our joy.

In the song and silence we will listen –

What is it that God would have us hear this day?

In our praise and our prayers we will remember

That God's glory shines around us and within.

Opening Worship

"Beautiful Savior" CHW #317

"Great is Thy Faithfulness" CHW #78

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Celebrating Our Graduates: Jack O'Hara

Prayer

Mutual Blessing* *L: The Lord be with you! C: And also with you!*

Scripture Jan Dwight

John 3:16, Mark 1:14-15, 2 Corinthians 5:17

Sermon Rachel Johnson

"Where is it Written: This World is not my Home"

Sending Song

"This is a Time to Remember" CHW #652

Benediction

*No Kid's Sunday School Today.

Hunger Resource Network, Students Helping Students, 8/23 at Bean Bar This student-led event supplements the groceries provided by HRN's Food Pack program, which our church serves, with care items. This year's event is at Bean Bar, 1901 Cherry Lane, Northbrook, on Sunday, August 23rd from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. You can help by 1) stopping by to assemble a bag of care items for \$35 per bag. Or 2) making one at home and dropping it off (see Pastor Jose for a list of items). Or 3) Stop by Sunset Foods and donate a pre-packed grocery bag for \$35. Contact Pastor José with any questions or for a list of items.

Change to Finances for Women Ministries In order to be consistent with our church's financial policies, there will be a change in how the finances of Women Ministries are handled. Instead of having a separate bank account, the funds for Women Ministries will be kept in the church's bank account. This is consistent with all other ministries and Ministry Teams of the church. The only change for church members is that checks will now be written to **Northbrook Covenant Church** instead of Women Ministries. When writing your check, **please put Women Ministries in the memo line** as this is necessary for the funds to be properly credited. Also, WM can mean either Women Ministries or World Missions. Please be sure to make this clear in the memo section of your check. What will not change is the activities and ministry of Women Ministries. It will continue as in the past. After August 1, please remember to write checks for Women Ministries to Northbrook Covenant Church and indicate Women Ministries in the memo line. Any questions about this change can be directed to Kris Gallegos, Financial Officer or Bob Olson, Financial Secretary. Thank you.

Blessing of the Backpacks on Sunday, August 23 -- All students are invited to bring their backpacks to service to be blessed for the new school year!

Celebrating Our Graduates -- Today Sunday, August 16, we will celebrate our recent high school graduate, Jack O'Hara! Bring a card for Jack as we celebrate this huge milestone during our worship and fellowship meal time.

Subversive Witness Group, September 8th, 6pm

How can we use the power we have to make the world better? Join us as we read *Subversive Witness*, by Covenant author Dominique Gilliard. Together the book will take us through stories across scripture to explore how we can view and use our various privileges to bear witness to God's love and move God's kingdom forward. You will need the book, which is available across various online outlets and as a free e-book and audio-book on hoopladigital.com with a library card. We'll meet 9/8, 10/13, 11/10, and 12/1. Contact Pastor José if you are interested.

NORTHBROOK NEWS August 9, 2026		
THIS WEEK		
Today Aug 16	9:45 am 10:30 am 11:45 am	Congregational Prayer Time Worship Greeter: Debbie Poterek Usher: Bob Olson Reader: Jan Dwight A/V Slides: Olga Vasquez Counters: Bob Olson & Charlie Poterek Sunday School Volunteers: No Sunday School this week Fellowship Meal
Sun	4:30 pm	Emily Lee Voice Recital
Next Sun Aug 23	8:30 am 9:45 am 10:30 am	Early Service Worship Congregational Prayer Time Worship Greeter: Betty Olson Usher: David Dwight Reader: Beth Olson A/V Slides: Olga Vasquez Counters: Bob Olson & Charlie Poterek Sunday School Volunteers: No Sunday School this week
LOOKING AHEAD		
Aug 23	9:30 am	HRN Students Helping Students

You are cordially invited to attend the farewell concert of Emily Lee, member of Sarang Community Church who will be leaving in the fall to get her doctorate in music. The concert will be held at NECC today **Sunday, August 16th at 4:30 p.m.** in the sanctuary. Don't miss this opportunity to listen to this talented artist.

Many thanks to Bonnie Stephens and Mary Lynn Dornfeld for their many hours of work in planting, maintaining and watering the beautiful flowers at the church entryway and outside flowerbeds.

Pastor José is on vacation this week **August 16-22** and will be back next Sunday August 23rd. Contact Pastor Rachel with any pastoral needs during this time.