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OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

Monday– Friday

9 am—2 pm

Thank you to those serving in our worship.

Officiant & Preacher: José González

Scripture Reader: Beth Olson

Pianist: Rachel Johnson

Worship Team: Rachel Johnson,

Jan Dwight

Greeter: Betty Olson

Usher: David Dwight

A/V Slides: Selma Bucher

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*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 23, 2026

Celebration of Worship

Sermon Notes

Gathering Song

“Indescribable”

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

by Illustrated Ministry

Calling all children of the Living God: the gospel is good news for every age and every stage.

Let us worship together, the young and the old.

The good news is proclaimed in God’s words, and also in songs, around tables and cafeterias, in hallways and classrooms, in homes and in neighborhoods.

Let us worship together, every generation.

We come together with different abilities and disabilities, hearing from God and learning in a multitude of ways and styles.

All are welcome in the arms of Christ who proclaimed, “Let the children come!”

Let us worship together, united in our eternal hope.

Opening Worship

“Open the Eyes of my Heart”

“Goodness of God”

“The Steadfast Love”

CHW #98

Passing of the Peace

L: The Peace of Christ be with you!

C: And also with you!

Blessing of the Backpacks

Prayer

Mutual Blessing*

L: The Lord be with you! C: And also with you!

Scripture

Beth Olson

Luke 4:16-30

Sermon

José González

“Where is it Written: God Works in Mysterious Ways”

Sending Song

“God is Good”

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

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 23, 2026		
THIS WEEK		
Today 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: Selma Bucher Counters: Bob Olson & Charlie Poterek Sunday School Volunteers: No Sunday School this week
Sun	9:30am- 1:30 pm	HRN Students Helping Students at Bean Bar
Next Sun Aug 30	9:45 am 10:30 am	Congregational Prayer Time Worship Greeter: Beth Olson Usher: Grant Erickson Reader: Herbert Schonken A/V Slides: Sarah Saisi Counters: TBD Sunday School Volunteers: No Sunday School this week
LOOKING AHEAD		
Sep 8	6 pm	Subversive Witness Small Group
Sep 13	11:45am	Fall Celebration Fellowship Meal
Sep 15	11:45am	Men's Luncheon at Max & Benny's
Sep 16	9:30 am	Women Ministries Coffee

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.