

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: José González

Scripture Reader: Herbert Schonken

Organist/Pianist: Royce Eckhardt

Worship Team: Rachel Johnson,

Mary Lynn Dornfeld

Greeter: Beth Olson

Usher: Grant Erickson

A/V Slides: Sarah Saisi

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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 30, 2026

Celebration of Worship

Sermon Notes

Gathering Song *"Come Christians Join to Sing" #295*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship *by Beth Merrill Neel*

We gather this morning to remember our call:

To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.

We bring with us the events of the week in the world and in our lives,

Trying to know how to be just and loving and humble in the midst of it all.

We gather here, and see those who are doing justice, who are kind beyond measure, who set the example for humility.

With gratitude for living saints, with thankfulness for the purpose of faith, let us worship God.

Opening Worship *HYMN SING*

Passing of the Peace *L: The Peace of Christ be with you!*
C: And also with you!

God at Work: *Pastor Eva Sullivan Knoff*
Beth Olson & Bonnie Stephens

Prayer

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

Scripture *Hebert Schonken*
Acts 16:6-10

Sermon *José González*
"Where is it Written: When God Closes a Door..."

Sending Song
"Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment" #435

Benediction

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

Subversive Witness Small Group- Join us as we read *Subversive Witness*, by Covenant author Dominique Gilliard. Together we'll explore how we can view and use our privileges to move God's kingdom forward. The book is available to order online and as a free e-book and audiobook on hoopladigital.com with a library card. We'll meet 2nd Tuesdays of the month except for December when we will meet on 12/1.

Fall Celebration Join us Sunday September 13th for our Fall Celebration. Starting with Faith Life (Adult Sunday School) meeting at 9:15 a.m. Worship at 10:30 a.m. and a Fellowship meal at 11:45 a.m. Please sign up at the Welcome Center for the meal if you plan on attending so we have an idea of numbers.

Faith Life Resumes September 13 Please join us at 9:15 a.m. on Sundays for Faith Life (Adult Sunday School). We will be studying the Ten Commandments using the materials from The Bible Project.

Men's Luncheon- The next lunch is scheduled for September 15th at 11:45 a.m. at Max & Benny's on Waukegan Rd. Please RSVP to Roy Olson if you plan on attending.

Women Ministries Coffee- Our final coffee of the season will be September 16th at 9:30 a.m. Look for Journey Together in Faith to resume the First and Third Wednesdays beginning in October.

Change to Finances to Women Ministries To maintain consistency with NECC's financial policies, the funds for Women Ministries will now be kept in NECC's bank account. The only change for church members is that checks should now be written to Northbrook Covenant Church instead of Women Ministries. ***After August 1, please write checks for Women Ministries to Northbrook Covenant Church and indicate "Women Ministries" in the memo line.*** (Note: WM can mean either "Women Ministries" or "World Missions." Please be clear in the memo section of your check.) All activities of Women Ministries remain unchanged. Direct any questions about this change to Kris Gallegos, Financial Officer, or Bob Olson, Financial Secretary. Thank you!

Welcome James Albert Schonken! – On Sunday, September 20, we welcome James (Ryan and Shelbye parents and Herb and Dory grandparents) to this world! James was born July 21, 2016. Cards and gift cards (Amazon and Target are best) are welcome.

NORTHBROOK NEWS August 23, 2026		
THIS WEEK		
Today Aug 30	9:45 am 10:30 am	Congregational Prayer Time Greeter: Beth Olson Usher: Grant Erickson Reader: Herbert Schonken A/V Slides: Sarah Saisi Counters: TBD Sunday School Volunteers: Rachel Johnson, TBD
M-T	9-2pm	Church Office Closed
Next Sun Sep 6	9:45 am 10:30 am	Congregational Prayer Time Worship Greeter: Beth Olson Usher: Bob Olson Reader: Laurie Johnson A/V Slides: Sarah Saisi Communion Servers: Pastors, Herbert Schonken, Laurie Johnson Counters: Dwight Johnson & Bob Olson Sunday School Volunteers: Rachel Johnson
LOOKING AHEAD		
Sep 8	6 pm	Subversive Witness Small Group
Sep 13	9:15 am	Resume Faith Life (Adult Sunday School)
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

Baptism Following the Service

After the service Joe and Kimberly (Butler) Golota will bring their daughters to be baptized. They invite all who would like to witness the sacrament to return to the sanctuary after the service following a short break.