

Northbrook Covenant Church

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OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

Office Hours Tuesday– Friday

9:00 am—2:00 pm

Closed Monday for Labor Day

Thank you to those serving in our worship.

Officiant & Preacher: José González

Scripture Reader: Betty Olson

Pianist: Vera Vasilenko

Worship Team: Rachel Johnson

Mary Lynn Dornfeld

Greeter: Beth Olson

Usher: Laurie Johnson

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.*



Northbrook Covenant Church
September 21, 2025

Celebration of Worship

Sermon Notes

Prelude

Vera Vasilenko

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song

"Morning Has Broken"

Call to Worship

Written by Beth Merrill Neel

Blog Post "Hold Fast to What is Good" Used with Permission

Opening Worship

"Way Maker"

"This is My Father's World"

CHW #57

Prayer

Mutual Blessing *

Scripture

Betty Olson

Exodus 13:21-22; 14:5-6, 8, 10-20 [21-28, 31]

Sermon

José González

"Exodus: Back Against the ...Water"

Sending Hymn

"How Firm a Foundation"

CHW #437 v. 1-3, 5

Benediction

Postlude

Vera Vasilenko

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

Welcoming The Stranger

As we seek biblical wisdom on how we engage the topic of immigration, we invite you to participate in a Liturgical Common Read of *Welcoming the Stranger*. This book offers theological insights and real stories that help us understand the people behind a complex issue. Through this communal Covenant-wide reading experience, we'll explore what God's Word says about caring for immigrants and refugees. Join us as we prayerfully discern together, practice solidarity as a denominational family, and live into our calling as followers of Christ who welcome the stranger. To get the most from our time, you will need to order the book *Welcoming the Stranger*, available at covbooks.com and various outlets online. Please contact Pastor José if you are interested or have an issue obtaining the book. Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, October 14th at 6 pm**

Adult Sunday School, now Faith Life, meets from 9:15 - 10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall. Our first 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.

Monthly Midweek Ministry -- On Wednesday, **September 24** 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 PM -- Dinner. 6:30 PM -- Programming. Donations for dinner appreciated.

Feed My Starving Children (Outreach Event) -- Join us and other North Shore district Covenant Churches to pack food for the malnourished across the world on **Saturday, October 4** at 5 - 6:30 PM at the Libertyville FMSC location (742 E Park Ave). RSVP your spot by September 21 (contact Pastor Rachel for more details). Dinner to follow at Culver's.

Gary and Mary Lou Sander have retired from their mission work in Columbia. Our congregation has supported their ministry for many years. They will be visiting NECC next Sunday, **September 28th** to thank our congregation for their support and for sharing what is next in their lives. Please join us in welcoming them to Northbrook.

8:30 AM Worship

This fall we will have 3 Sundays where we will offer a modified worship service at 8:30am in addition to our regular 10:30am service --October 12th, November 16th, and December 7th. Contact Pastor Jose or Pastor Rachel with any questions.

NORTHBROOK NEWS

September 21, 2025

THIS WEEK

Today Sep 21	9:15 am 10:30 am	Faith Life (Adult Sunday School) Worship <i>Greeter: Beth Olson</i> <i>Usher: Laurie Johnson</i> <i>Reader: Betty Olson</i> <i>A/V Slides: Kristin González</i> <i>Counters: Kris Gallegos & Bob Olson</i> <i>Sunday School Volunteers: Rachel Johnson</i> <i>Debbie Poterek</i>
Wed	5:30 pm	Monthly Midweek Ministry-Libertyville
Next Sun Sep 28	9:15 am 10:30 am	Faith Life (Adult Sunday School) Worship- Gary & Mary Lou Sander Visit <i>Greeter: Joanne McCollim</i> <i>Usher: Bob Olson</i> <i>Reader: Jan Dwight</i> <i>A/V Slides: Selma Bucher</i> <i>Counters: Dwight Johnson & Don Putman</i> <i>Sunday School Volunteers:</i>

LOOKING AHEAD

Oct 4	5-6:30pm	Feed My Starving Children Packing Event
Oct 8 & 22	9:30 & 6	Journey Together in Faith Women's Group
Oct 14	6 pm	Welcoming the Stranger Small Group
Oct 15	9:30 am	WM Fellowship Coffee
Oct 17	6:30 pm	Game Night
Oct 19	11:45 am	Fellowship Meal followed by YMCA Trunk or Treat (Volunteers Needed)