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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: José González

Message: Gary & Mary Lou Sander

Scripture Reader: Jessica Smith

Pianist: Vera Vasilenko

Worship Team: Jan Dwight

Mary Lynn Dornfeld

Greeter: Joanne McCollim

Usher: Bob Olson

A/V Slides: Selma Bucher

We exist to glorify God

- -Father, Son and Holy Spirit -
- -By becoming mature disciples of lesus Christ
- -And inviting others to join us.



Northbrook Covenant Church September 28, 2025

# Celebration of Worship

Sermon Notes

**Prelude** Vera Vasilenko

**Welcome and Announcements** 

**Call to Worship** Written by Beth Merrill Neel Blog Post "Hold Fast to What is Good" Used with Permission

**Opening Worship** 

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" CHW #61
"His Mercy is More"

**Prayer** 

**Mutual Blessing\*** 

**Scripture** Jan Dwight

Psalm 32; Philippians 2:1-13

**Message** Gary & Mary Lou Sander "Letting Our Journey with Jesus Christ Transform Us"

**Song of Response** Special Music Jan Dwight "And the Father Will Dance Over You With Joy"

**Sending Hymn** 

"The Benediction"

**Benediction** 

**Postlude** Vera Vasilenko

\*No Sunday School Today.

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#### 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.

Please Welcome Gary and Mary Lou Sander who are visiting us today and giving the message. They retired this year from their mission work in Colombia. Our congregation has supported their work for many years. We thank them for their years spreading the Gospel and wish them well in retirement.

#### 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.

**Game Night!** Bring a game! Bring a snack! Bring a friend! Come out for a game night on Friday October 17th from 6:30-8:30 pm. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

**YMCA Trunk or Treat—** Sunday October 19, 1-3 pm. Support this fun, family-friendly Halloween community event hosted by the YMCA in our joint parking lot. Come volunteer at our church trunk to pass out candy and spread joy to our neighbors. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

#### NORTHBROOK NEWS **September 28, 2025** THIS WEEK **Today** 9:15 am Faith Life (Adult Sunday School) **Sep 28** 10:30 am Worship- Gary & Mary Lou Sander Visit Greeter: Joanne McCollim Usher: Bob Olson Reader: Jan Dwight A/V Slides: Selma Bucher Counters: Dwight Johnson & Don Putman Sunday School Volunteers: No Sunday School Today 5-6:30pm 0ct 4 Feed My Starving Children Packing Event 9:15 am Faith Life (Adult Sunday School) Next Sun Oct 5 10:30 am Worship Greeter: Laurie Johnson Usher: David Dwight Reader: Olga Vasquez A/V Slides: Kristin Gonzalez Counters: Bob Olson & Don Putman Sunday School Volunteers: Rachel Johnson LOOKING AHEAD Oct 8 & 22 9:30 & 6 Journey Together in Faith Women's Group Welcoming the Stranger Small Group Oct 14 6 pm Oct 15 9:30 am WM Fellowship Coffee Game Night Oct 17 6:30 pm Oct 19 11:45 am Fellowship Meal followed by YMCA Trunk or Treat (Volunteers Needed)

<u>Fellowship Meal</u>—All are invited for a pizza party on Sunday, October 19th for a time of fellowship. If you are willing and able, stay and volunteer for Trunk or Treat that starts at 1 p.m. Sign up for the meal and a separate sign up for volunteering are on the Welcome Center.