

Northbrook Covenant Church

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OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

Office Hours Monday– Friday

9:00 am—2:00 pm

Office Closed Thursday for Thanksgiving

Thank you to those serving in our worship.

Officiant & Preacher: José González

Scripture Reader: Bonnie Stephens

Pianist: Vera Vasilenko

Worship Team: Rachel Johnson

Mary Lynn Dornfeld

Greeter: Kristin Gonzalez

Usher: David Dwight

A/V Slides: Selma Bucher

*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
November 23, 2025

Celebration of Worship

Sermon Notes

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Vera Vasilenko

Call to Worship

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Opening Worship

"Praise the Lord with Joyful Song" CHW #321

HYMN SING

Prayer

Mutual Blessing *

Scripture

Bonnie Stephens

Exodus 33:12-22 ; 34:5-7

Sermon

José González

"What's the Point?"

Sending Hymn

"How Good it is to Know the Lord" CHW #486

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. Please contact Pastor José if you are interested or have an issue obtaining the book. Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, December 9th at 6 pm.**

WM Advent Night Tuesday **December 9th** at 7 p.m. Women Ministries will be hosting their annual Advent Night. All women of the church are welcome. Bring a friend!

Journey Together in Faith- We will be meeting once in December on December 10th at 9:30 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. All women of the church are invited to join us.

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

Sunday **November 23rd** is **CWRD Sunday** for many Covenant churches. CWRD provides disaster response, refugee response, and a clean water initiative among other services for people in need throughout the world. You can give to this wonderful organization by marking your donation to the church for "CWRD." More information can be found in the November newsletter or on the rack on the Welcome Center.

Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service Today, November 23rd at 4 p.m. The Northbrook Clergy Association invites you to their **Community Thanksgiving Celebration** hosted by St. Giles Episcopal Church 3025 Walters Avenue, Northbrook. Canned food donations will be accepted for local food pantries.

Deck the Halls- Today after service we will be decorating the church for Christmas. If you are willing and able your help would be greatly appreciated.

NORTHBROOK NEWS

November 23, 2025

THIS WEEK

Today Nov 23	9:15 am 10:30 am	Faith Life (Adult Sunday School) Worship <i>Greeter: Kristin Gonzalez</i> <i>Usher: David Dwight</i> <i>Reader: Bonnie Stephens</i> <i>A/V Slides: Selma Bucher</i> <i>Counters: Bob Olson & Dwight Johnson</i> <i>Sunday School Volunteers: Rachel Johnson</i> <i>Olga Vasquez</i>
	11:30 am	Deck the Halls church decorating
Sun	4 pm	Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service
Thurs	All Day	Thanksgiving Day—Office Closed
Next Sun Nov 30	9:15 am 10:30 am	Faith Life (Adult Sunday School) Worship— First Sunday of Advent HOPE <i>Greeter: Debbie Poterek</i> <i>Usher: Laurie Johnson</i> <i>Reader: Raun Gallegos</i> <i>A/V Slides: Charlie Poterek</i> <i>Counters: Kris Gallegos & Dwight Johnson</i> <i>Sunday School Volunteers: No Sunday School</i>
LOOKING AHEAD		
Dec 9	6 pm	Welcoming the Stranger small group
Dec 9	7 pm	WM Advent Night
Dec 10	9:30/6 pm	Journey Together in Faith
Dec 14	10:30 am	Lessons and Carols Worship



Pastor José will be on vacation this week from **November 24-December 1** and will return to the office on December 2. If you are in need of pastoral care during this time please contact Pastor Rachel at 847-272-8761 or music.northbrookcov@gmail.com