Thank you to all those serving in our worship!

	This Week	Next Week
Officiant & Preacher	José González	José González
Worship Team	Vera Vasilenko, Rachel Johnson, Jan Dwight	Vera Vasilenko, Rachel Johnson, TBD
Scripture Reader	David McKee	Debbie Poterek
Greeter	Ena Zurad	Betty Olson
Usher	Laurie Johnson	Bob Olson
A/V	Charlie Poterek	Sarah Saisi
Kids' Sunday School	Rachel Johnson Betty Olson	Rachel Johnson Beth Olson
Counters	Bob Olson Dwight Johnson	Charlie Poterek Bob Olson
Hospitality	Sunny McKee	TBD
Communion Servers	N/A	TBD

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NORTHBROOK COVENANT CHURCH

We exist to glorify God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—by becoming mature disciples of Jesus Christ and inviting others to join us.

Celebration of Worship

Advent 1: HOPE
November 29, 2026

GATHER

Song — *Prepare the Way*

Welcome & Announcements

ENCOUNTER

Advent Reading & HOPE Candle

Luke 24:7, Isaiah 9:6-7 — *Pastors José & Rachel*

PRAYER - Loving God, we thank you for the hope you give us. Help us prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming. Bless our worship. Help us live holy and righteous lives. We ask it in the name of the one born in Bethlehem. Amen.

ENCOUNTER (con't)

While We Are Waiting Come #773

What a Beautiful Name

ENGAGE

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!

Response: And also with you!

Prayer

WORD & SPIRIT

Mutual Blessing*

Group 1: The Lord be with you!

Group 2: And also with you!

Scripture *Mark 13:24-37*

Sermon *Hope Draws Near: Watching & Waiting*

RESPOND & SEND

Song *Canticle of the Turning*

Benediction

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

WHAT TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK:



SERMON NOTES:

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2027 Commitment Cards are Due

Thank you to all who have turned in a commitment card for 2027. It is very helpful in planning our budget for 2027. If you haven't turned in a pledge, we ask that you prayerfully consider making a commitment. Cards can be found on the Welcome Center, or you can call or email the church office.

Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday, December 6, 11:30 AM

We invite all members and friends of NECC to stay after service for an informational meeting. While there is nothing to vote on, we would like to inform the congregation of an upcoming large necessary capital expense. Please plan to be there.

Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 13, 10:30 AM

Come for a very special service of scripture and song as we trace the story of God through the Bible right to the birth of Jesus! Mark your calendars and invite friends and family. Dessert Bar to follow.

Women Ministries Advent Night

Tuesday, December 15, 7:00 PM

Join the women of the church for a night of song, fellowship, and sweet treats! Sign-up at the Welcome Center if you plan to attend.

Christmas Eve Worship Service

Thursday, December 24, 4:00 PM

Please join us for a special Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Invite your family and friends to join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.

NORTHBROOK EVENTS – AT-A-GLANCE
November 29 – December 6

Today	**9:15 AM**	Faith Life (Adult Sunday School)
Nov 29	**10:30 AM**	Worship – Advent 1 HOPE
Tues	**6:00 PM**	*Subversive Witness* Small Group
Wed	**9:30 AM**	Journey Together in Faith
Next	**9:30 AM**	Congregational Prayer Time
Sunday	**10:30 AM**	Worship- Advent 2 PEACE
Dec 6	**11:30 AM**	Special Congregational Meeting

LOOKING AHEAD

Dec 8	**1:30 PM**	CLON Chat at Axelson
Dec 9	**6:00 PM**	Leadership Team Meeting
Dec 13	**10:30 AM**	Lessons & Carols with Dessert Bar following the service
Dec 15	**7:00 PM**	Women Ministries Advent Night
Dec 16	**9:30 AM**	Journey Together in Faith
Dec 24	**4:00 PM**	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

