

## **Northbrook Covenant Church**

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### **OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:**

Office Hours Monday– Friday

9:00 am—2:00 pm

Thank you to those serving in our worship.

Officiant & Preacher: José González

Scripture Reader: Selma Bucher

Pianist: Vera Vasilenko

Worship Team: Rachel Johnson

Mary Lynn Dornfeld

Greeter: Betty Olson

Usher: Bob Olson

A/V Slides: Charlie Poterek

Communion Servers: Betty Olson, Debbie and

Charlie Poterek

*We exist to glorify God*

*-Father, Son and Holy Spirit -*

*-By becoming mature disciples of  
Jesus Christ*

*-And inviting others to join us.*



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**Northbrook Covenant Church**  
**December 7, 2025**

# Celebration of Worship

# Sermon Notes

## Welcome and Announcements

### Advent Wreath

David & Sunny McKee

PEACE: *Micah 5:2-5*

## Opening Worship

*"Prepare the Way"*

*"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*      *CHW #135*

## Welcoming of New Members

*Dick & Joann Larson, David & Sunny McKee*

## Prayer

## Mutual Blessing \*

### Scripture

Selma Bucher

*Matthew 3:1-12*

### Sermon

José González

*"Choosing God's Reign"*

## Song of Response

*"O Promised One of Israel"*      *CHW #124*

## Celebration of the Lord's Supper

## Sending Hymn

*"The Benediction"*

## Benediction

**\*\*No Sunday School Today.**

### **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.

**Poinsettias-** Honor someone you love this Christmas season by purchasing a poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary. Plants are \$15 each and order forms can be found at the Welcome Center. Make checks payable to the church, mark "flowers" in the memo line and place in the offering basket. Deadline to order is **Sunday December 14th**. Orders and checks can also be mailed to the church office.

**2026 Offering Envelopes now available-** Please pick up your 2026 offering envelopes. They are on the Welcome Center with your name on the label. If you have not had envelopes in the past but would like them now please let Kathleen in the office know and we can get a number assigned to you. CLON residents your envelopes will be dropped off at CLON by the end of December if they are not picked up. Look for them in your CLON mailboxes.

**Giving Tree** – The Giving Tree has made its appearance once again on the Welcome Center. Donations from the Giving Tree will be used to purchase needed items for Cornerstone. There are envelopes that you may take to make a monetary donation to help purchase Christmas gifts for the residents of Cornerstone. Checks should be made payable to Women Ministries.

## **NORTHBROOK NEWS**

**December 7, 2025**

### **THIS WEEK**

<b>Today Dec 7</b>	9:15 am 10:30 am	Faith Life (Adult Sunday School) Worship– 2nd Sunday of Advent PEACE <i>Greeter: Betty Olson</i> <i>Usher: Bob Olson</i> <i>Reader: Selma Bucher</i> <i>A/V Slides: Charlie Poterek</i> <i>Communion Servers: Betty Olson, Charlie and Debbie Poterek</i> <i>Counters: Bob Olson &amp; Charlie Poterek</i> <i>Sunday School Volunteers: No Sunday School</i>
<b>Tues</b>	2:30 pm	CLON Chat at Axelson
<b>Tues</b>	6 pm	Welcoming the Stranger small group
<b>Tues</b>	7 pm	WM Advent Night
<b>Wed</b>	9:30/6 pm	Journey Together in Faith
<b>Next Sun Dec 14 Lessons &amp; Carols</b>	9:15 am 10:30 am	Faith Life (Adult Sunday School) Worship– 3rd Sunday of Advent JOY <i>Greeter: Betty Olson</i> <i>Usher: David Dwight</i> <i>Reader: Lessons &amp; Carols Readers</i> <i>A/V Slides: Olga Vasquez</i> <i>Counters: Bob Olson &amp; Don Putman</i> <i>Sunday School Volunteers: No Sunday School</i>
<b>LOOKING AHEAD</b>		
<b>Dec 14</b>	10:30 am	Lessons and Carols Worship
<b>Dec 24</b>	4:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship