



**Financial Update**

Thank you to those who have made extra contributions as we try to reach our goal for 2018 tithes and offerings. We are almost there; only \$8000 to go. We need to cover unexpected expenses for our heating system and appreciate your gifts .

Please remember that any contribution you want credited to 2018 needs to be in the offering by

Sunday, December 30 or in the mail postmarked by December 31.

The 2019 offering envelopes are available at the information center.

**NORTHBROOK NEWS**

**December 23, 2018**

**THIS WEEK**

<b>Today Dec 23</b>	10:30 am  1 pm	Worship <i>Greeter: Nancy Dahlberg</i> <i>Usher: David Dwight</i> <i>Reader: Betty Olson</i> Good Neighbor Church
<b>Mon Dec 24</b>	4 pm	Christmas Eve Worship <i>Greeter: Melissa O'Hara</i> <i>Usher: David Dwight</i> <i>Reader: Pastor Jose</i>
<b>Tues Dec 25</b>	10 am	Christmas Day- Merry Christmas! Office Closed Good Neighbor Church
<b>Next Sun Dec 30</b>	10:30 am  1 pm	Worship <i>Greeter: Roy &amp; Beth Olson</i> <i>Usher: Nathan Michael</i> <i>Reader: Kris Gallegos</i> Good Neighbor Church
<b>LOOKING AHEAD</b>		
<b>Dec 31</b>	9 am-12pm	New Year's Eve Day Office Hours
<b>Jan 1</b>		New Year's Day Office Closed



If you would like to **read ahead for next week's sermon**, please read Luke 2

Please join us for our **Christmas Eve Service at 4:00 pm on December 24th**





### **Email List**

If you would like to be put on the email list for newsletter, prayer chain, general information, or anything else, please contact Kathleen at the office (northbrook.covenant@gmail.com)

**Volunteers for Children’s Ministry**-Praise God our nursery and children’s ministry is growing. In response to God’s faithfulness we are hoping to put together a rotation of volunteers to assist Loreto in the nursery once every 4-6 weeks (2 adults are needed in the nursery for child safety). We are also hoping to have a similar rotation of volunteers to help teach kid’s church once every 4-6 weeks as well. Please contact Pastor Jose if you desire to help these ministries. joseg.northbrookcov@gmail.com



### **Church Directory-**

If your information has changed since the last directory or you would like to opt out of the directory please contact our office manager Kathleen to update it for the next directory. Thank you.

**Giving Tree** – Women Ministries of Northbrook will be providing Christmas gifts for the people who reside at CCO. We have winter pajamas for the women and children, bath towels to be used as a grab bag at their annual Christmas party , and also winter outerwear for men, women and children that will be needed this winter. This outreach is a big financial undertaking and WM could use your support. If you would like to support this mission take an envelope from the wooden “Giving Tree” located in the narthex and place your donation in the envelope. You may put the envelope in the wooden WM box or give it to Bonnie or Mary Lynn. We are making a difference in the lives of people at CCO by sharing the love of Jesus!



### **Adult Sunday School Resumes January 6<sup>th</sup>**

For the month of January Thomas Cellilli will be teaching Adult Sunday School. Here is a preview:

#### **The Gospel from Babel: How Language Shapes Our Witness.**

We will be reexamining the account and aftereffects of the Tower of Babel in light of the whole story of the Bible to see how God’s use of human language shapes the way we see our gospel mission to all people from every tribe, tongue, and nation. Starting in Genesis 11, we will trace our way through redemptive history highlighting certain passages in Exodus, Zephaniah, the account of Pentecost in Acts, and Revelation.

**Women’s Bible Study** - Our Wednesday morning bible study will be on break until the end of the year. We will resume Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.



### **Covenant Harbor Winter Camp**

Registration is now open for Jr./Sr. High Winter Camp 2019 for February 15-17, 2019! Register online at [covenantharbor.org](http://covenantharbor.org) for \$159 per student which includes meals, lodging, program and activities!

### **Youth Group-**

There is no Youth Group tonight. Youth Group will resume on January 13, 2019.



### **Notice of Annual Meeting:**

Our church annual meeting will be held at 12:30 January 27. We will have a light potluck lunch following the morning service and then meet to review our 2018 year and plan for 2019. Transportation back to Covenant Village will be provided after the meeting.

# Celebration of Worship

## Prelude

## Opening Hymn

*"Let All Mortal Flesh"*

## Welcome & Announcements

### Advent Wreath:

*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* #120 v. 4

*Advent Reading* Light Four Advent Candles

### Songs of Praise & Worship

*"O come All Ye Faithful"* #147 v. 1 & 2

*"O Little Town of Bethlehem"* #154 v. 1 & 4

*"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"* #157 v. 1 & 3

### Our Children Gather

Melissa O'Hara

### Our Church at Prayer

Jose Gonzalez

### Our Offerings to God

**Choral Anthem** *"How Will We Know Him?"*

### Scripture

Betty Olson

Luke 1:29-56

### Hymn of Preparation

*"For Ages Women Hoped and Prayed"* #144

### (Children Remain in Service Today)

### Message

Jose Gonzalez

*"While We Wait: Where God is Working"*

### Closing Hymn

*"My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord"* #495 v. 1-3 & 5

### Benediction

### Postlude

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### OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

Monday & Tuesday Office Closed

Wed. Thurs. Fri. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.