

## **Northbrook Covenant Church**

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

Monday and Tuesday 9:00 am –2:00 p.m.

Wednesday & Thursday Office is Closed

Friday 9:00 am—Noon

Thank you to those serving in our worship.

Officiant & Preacher: José González

Scripture Reader: Sunny McKee

Pianist: Vera Vasilenko

Worship Team: Rachel Johnson

Mary Lynn Dornfeld

Greeter: Joanne McCollim

Usher: Laurie Johnson

A/V Slides: Olga Vasquez

*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 28, 2025**

# Celebration of Worship

# Sermon Notes

## Gathering Song

*Bjorlin*

*"Among the Displaced in a Backwater Town"*

## Welcome and Announcements

## Call to Worship

*Written by Beth Merrill Neel*

*Blog: Hold Fast to What is Good. Used with Permission*

## Opening Worship

*"Joy to the World"*

*CHW #146 vs 1,2,4*

*HYMN SING*

## Prayer

## Mutual Blessing \*

## Scripture

Sunny McKee

*Matthew 2:1-15*

## Sermon

José González

*"Location, Location"*

## Sending Hymn

*"Angels from the Realms of Glory"*

*CHW #159*

## Benediction

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

**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.



**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.



In January, the 2026 directory will get printed. If you have had a change of address in 2025 and have not yet let the office know of your new address, please contact Kathleen and let her know at 847-272-8270 or northbrook.covenant@gmail.com. We would like to remember you on your birthday so if you haven't received a card from church for your birthday this year, that means we do not have a record of your birthday. Please let us know. Also let us know of any incorrect information in the current directory (phone, email, etc.).

**White Elephant Gift Exchange—** Join us for a little post-Christmas fun! On Sunday, January 11 at 11:45 am (after service) in the Fellowship Hall. Bring an unwrapped little gift (must be able to fit on a table) and get ready for some joyous mischief!



The Northbrook Covenant Staff would like to thank the congregation for their generous gift and all the tokens of appreciation this season. It is a joy and privilege to serve this church. Thank you for all of your support and encouragement! --Northbrook Covenant Church Staff

## NORTHBROOK NEWS December 28, 2025

### THIS WEEK

<b>Today Dec 28</b>	9:15 am 10:30 am	Faith Life (Adult Sunday School) Worship <i>Greeter: Joanne McCollim</i> <i>Usher: Laurie Johnson</i> <i>Reader: Sunny McKee</i> <i>A/V Slides: Olga Vasquez</i> <i>Counters: Kris Gallegos &amp; Dwight Johnson</i> <i>Sunday School Volunteers: Rachel Johnson</i> <i>Beth Olson</i>
<b>Mon-Wed</b>	9am-12pm	Shortened Office Hours
<b>Thurs</b>	All Day	New Year's Day– Office Closed
<b>Next Sun Jan 4</b>	9:15 am 10:30 am	Faith Life (Adult Sunday School) Worship <i>Greeter: Debbie Poterek</i> <i>Usher: Grant Erickson</i> <i>Reader: Laurie Johnson</i> <i>A/V Slides: Charlie Poterek</i> <i>Communion Servers: Kristin Gonzalez, TBD</i> <i>Counters: Kris Gallegos &amp; Dwight Johnson</i> <i>Sunday School Volunteers: Rachel Johnson</i>
<b>LOOKING AHEAD</b>		
<b>Jan 1</b>	All Day	New Year's Day– Office Closed
<b>Jan 11</b>	11:45 am	White Elephant Gift Exchange in FH

**Holiday Office Hours—** 12/29-12/31 9 am—Noon. Jan 1 the office is closed. January 2nd resume normal office hours of 9 am—2 pm.