

NORTHBROOK

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A Faithful United Methodist Congregation



seeking:
honest questions
for deeper faith

March 1, 2026

Second Sunday in Lent

11:00 A.M.

NORTHBROOK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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March 1, 2026
Order of Worship | 11:00 A.M.

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Chad Hunt

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Margareta Wesolowska

arr. Dan Forrest

*Call to Worship

Rev. Allen Hoskyn

Leader: What is it like to begin again?

**People: It is like flowers in the spring that push through frozen ground.
It is like babies learning to walk, one clumsy step at a time.
It is like Nicodemus in the night, asking Jesus for guidance.
It is like a Sunday morning, starting our week anew.**

Leader: May we find God in our seeking.

People: May we learn as we go.

Leader: May we be brave enough to begin again.

All: Let us worship the God of new beginnings.

*Opening Prayer

Rev. Allen Hoskyn

Holy God,
We come to you today with our biggest questions:
Who are we called to be?
What do you need from us?
Where are you in our midst?
How can we follow you more clearly?
As we read your Word today, we ask that you would weave
answers into the text. Speak to us through these ancient stories
that we might find what we are seeking in you. With gratitude
and open hearts we pray.
Amen.

*Hymn

Blessed Assurance

UMH 369

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin silently before God.

Silence

God of new life, you call us into unknown places,
and we bury our heads in the sand.
You promise all the stars in the sky,
and we doubt it can be true.
You speak of new life in the Spirit,
and we tell ourselves we've missed our chance.
Over and over and over again, you invite us closer to you.
Show us the way. Forgive our mistakes.
Give us the courage to begin again with you.
Amen.

Family of faith, hear and believe this good news:
There is a grace to God's love that is bigger than we can imagine.
No matter what we did or didn't do yesterday, we have been forgiven.
Today, the slate is wiped clean. Today, we are made new.

We belong to God. We are held in God's love. We are made new.
Thanks be to God!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

**Gracious and generous God,
We thank You for Your new mercies that greet us each morning,
for Your patience when we lose our way,
and for the grace that always invites us to begin again.
As we bring these gifts, we do so with grateful hearts.
Everything we have is from You.
Receive what we offer as a sign of our trust and thanksgiving.
In Jesus' name, Amen.**

Offertory

Take My Heart
Chancel Choir

by Sandy Wilkinson

*Doxology

UMH 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Scripture

John 3:1-17

Sermon

"Seeking: How do we begin again?"

Rev. Jennifer Andone

The Great Thanksgiving for Lent

Rev. Allen Hoskyn

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you....

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ....

...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving,
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Holy Communion

*Hymn

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

UMH 480

*Benediction

Rev. Jennifer Andone

As you leave this place,
may God bless you with seeking.
Seek out the hungry.
Seek the weary.
Seek the good in every person you pass.
Seek out the hopeful.
Seek the faithful.
Seek God in each of us.
As you seek and as you wonder,
may you find what you are looking for.
In the name of our loving God,
who is always seeking us,
go now in peace.
Amen.

*Congregational Response

**Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;
Be of good courage, armed with heav'nly grace.
In God's good Spirit daily to increase;
Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.**

***Standing as able**



Welcome to Northbrook! Please fill out the **“Connect Card”** located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate later in the service. Thank you for worshiping at Northbrook today! If you have questions or need assistance, please go to the welcome booth at the entrance to the sanctuary.

March’s Second Mile Offering supports the United Methodist Committee on Relief, UMCOR, bringing disaster relief and hope around the world. Every dollar goes directly to help communities recover. Give to be a part of God’s hands at work.

The March Prayer Focus is for persons who are starting over again after losing loved ones, homes, or businesses as a result of natural disasters.

Christian Love and Sympathy is extended to the Merritt family on the death of Joe and Christy’s brother-in-law, Mike Kinser.

Prayer Concerns: *Submit a Prayer Request at Northbrookumc.com/prayer.*

Rev. Tom Adams	Mozelle Funderburk	Ashley Saferight
Mark Beliveau	Marie Given	Jama Shackelford
Ed Bell	Margaret Henke	Ed Shell
Jeanne Beyers	Janelle Hicks	Corinne Smith
Jan Boyea	Dave House	Connie Stow
Wayne Bryan	Family of Mike Kinser	Theresa Wells
Justin Esposito	Joyce Ryan	Evelyn Yarbrough

Altar flowers are made possible through your donations and dedications.

Honor a loved one, commemorate a special occasion, or acknowledge the glory of God with altar flowers

Please consider donating today. To sign up for 2026 visit bit.ly/NUMCflowers.





Wednesday Night Dinner | March 4 | 5PM-6:30PM | Menu: Pork Marsala, Basil Linguine, Garlic Parmesan Broccoli, Bread Sticks, Fresh Baked Cookies. Please use the QR code below to register if you plan to attend. Registration is very important! **The registration deadline is Monday at noon.**

Wednesday Night Bible Study | Beginning March 4 at 6-7 PM | Join us for a short Bible study series on Wednesday evenings with Rev. Kena Newkirk. This four-week series is called “Questioning Christ,” an exploration of the questions in Matthew 22. There is no prep needed! Contact: Rev. Kena Newkirk

Summer Camp Registration | STEM and Godly Play Worship Camp | Registration for Northbrook Children’s Ministry opens for members on March 4 and for non-members on March 11. Find out more at <https://www.northbrookumc.com/summer.html>

Road Trip VBS 2026 | Volunteer Registration is now open! | Join us in a fun-filled adventure on the open road as we host Road Trip VBS, June 21-25. Participant registration for members opens on March 4, and for non-members on March 11. Sign up at Northbrook.com/Events

All announcements can be accessed using the Midweek QR Code:

Midweek Newsletter	Giving	Wed Night Dinner	Align Commitment
			



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