

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

November 27, 2016

In preparation for worship, please take time to silence all electronic devices, and quiet our thoughts, so that we all may focus our hearts and minds on the Lord.

Prelude *O Splendor of God's Glory Bright* arr. Hopson

Welcome and Concerns of the Church

The Cookie Song Marilyn Reed

Call To Worship Matthew 4:16,17

Hymn #174 *Angels From the Realms of Glory (1,4,5)* Regent Square

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading Lamentations 3:19-24 (p.1279)

Lighting the First Advent Candle "Hope"

9:00am Seble Zein and Naomi and Noah Mulugeta

10:45am Dave and Jean McIntire

Declaration of Hope (Unison): As we wait expectantly for the coming of Christ, we light the Candle of Hope. Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Amen.

Hymn #135 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* Hyfrydol

The Greeting

Worship Song *Light of The World* Hughes

Worship Song *10,000 Reasons* Myrin/Redman

During the 9:00am service, children up to grade 5 may be dismissed to Children's Sunday School.

During the 10:45am service, children in K through 5th grades may be dismissed to the gym for Lighthouse Kids children's church after the hymn/worship song.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer Deborah Watson,
Pastoral Associate

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory *Emmanuel* *Angrisano*
Linda Pilacik, Soprano
Emil Pilacik, Trumpet

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 1:3-5, 8-11; 4:16-18 (p.1794, 1798)

Sermon **Hope: A Way of Seeing** **Steve Weed,**
Pastor

Hymn #133 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* *Veni Emmanuel*

Benediction

Prayer Ministry 9:00am Greg Hein
10:45am Linda Behmke

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God by Joey Nangle, Isabel Lally and Heather Wieland in loving memory of their parents/grandparents.

Thank you for being with us in worship today! To learn more about our church, Welcome Bags are available for newcomers in the Narthex (entrance area at the front doors.)

CDs of today's sermon are available in the Chapel within 15 minutes after the service. Previous Sundays' sermons are available by date in the bin on the small table. Sermons are also available online at our website www.narberthpres.org or podcast through iTunes.

There will be an Advent Rejuvenation in Song led by Donald Robinson and the Praise Team on Wednesday Nov. 30 and Wednesday Dec. 7 from 7:00-8:00pm in the Sanctuary. Along with a lot of singing and praise, there will be Scripture, prayer and a brief meditation. Childcare is provided and all are welcome to eat together beforehand in the Fellowship Café (Gym) from 5:45-6:45.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



During the month of December the Chancel and Sanctuary will again be fully decorated for Christmas. The poinsettias will be fully displayed on the 4th. After the service **on December 18, 2016**, the smaller poinsettias will be delivered to members and friends of the congregation. Most will be given to those who were unable to attend the morning service, but ALL will be given to say **WE LOVE YOU!**

The Memorial Plants will be **\$12.00** each. This is a lovely way to remember loved ones, and to add to the congregation's enjoyment of the season. Please complete the form below and return it to the church office as soon as possible. Thank You! Please make **checks payable to Narberth Presbyterian Church.**

Dedications will be listed in the bulletin Dec. 18. Dedications must be received by December 15 to be included in the bulletin of 12/18.

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Christmas Poinsettias

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Attached is \$ _____ (checks/cash) to be identified as follows:

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory (or honor) of:

(please print)

By _____

OR

Given to the glory of God with thankful joy for His continuing love and grace.

By _____

_____ I would be happy to deliver one (or more) plants after the service on Sunday, December 18, 2016.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND EVENTS:

<u>Sun. Nov 27</u>	<u>First Sunday in Advent</u> 9:00am and 10:45am Worship Services
Wed. Nov 30	7-8pm Advent Rejuvenation in Song led by Donald Robinson and the Praise Team
Sat. Dec 3	The Great Christmas Cookie Giveaway! (Need all cookies by Sat. 9:00am) 9:00am Bagging cookies, 11:00am delivery in Narberth
<u>Sun. Dec 4</u>	<u>Second Sunday in Advent</u> 9:00am and 10:45am Worship Services with Communion
Wed. Dec 7	7-8pm Advent Rejuvenation in Song led by Donald Robinson and the Praise Team
<u>Sun. Dec 11</u>	<u>Third Sunday in Advent</u> 9:00am and 10:45am Christmas Choir Presentation:
Thurs. Dec 15	10:00am Christian Nursery School Christmas Pageant
Fri. Dec 16	1:30pm Sr. Christmas Carol Sing & Tea, Parlor
<u>Sun. Dec. 18</u>	<u>Fourth Sunday in Advent</u> 9:00am and 10:45am Worship Services 10:15am Between services Children's Christmas Pageant, in Gym 7:00pm Benefit Christmas Concert by Sarah & Colin Comstock and <i>Found Wandering</i>
<u>Sat. Dec. 24</u>	<u>Christmas Eve</u> 4:00pm Family Friendly Candlelight Service (shorter and designed for young families) 5:30pm Family Friendly Candlelight Service 8:00pm Traditional Candlelight Service
Sun. Dec 25	Christmas Day 10:00am One combined Worship Service
<u>Sat. Dec 31</u>	<u>7:00pm New year's Eve Service</u> - Communion
<u>Sun. Jan 1</u>	<u>New Year's Day</u> 10:00am One combined Worship Service – Communion (These two services are identical)

FAMILY MINISTRY: CHILDREN, YOUTH & PARENTS

Sunday Morning Schedule

Infants and Toddlers

- 9:00am-12:15pm: *Nursery* provided in the *Nursery Room* downstairs near the restrooms, and a separate crying/changing room is directly across from the bottom of the stairs.

2 to 3 Year Olds

- 9:00-10:30am: *Hands On Bible, Blue Door Room* downstairs.
- 10:45am-12:15pm: *Spinners!* class, *Red Door Room* downstairs.

4 to 5 Year Olds

- 9:00-10:30am Sunday School *Red door room* (Kindergarten students may attend *Lighthouse Kids*, see below)

Grades 1-3:

These children attend the first part of the worship service with parents and are *dismissed half-way through* to attend:

- 9:30-10:30am: *Rotation Sunday School, Brown Door Room* downstairs.
- 10:45am-12:15pm: *Lighthouse Kids*, downstairs in the *Gym*.

Grades 4-5:

These children attend the first part of the worship service with parents and are *dismissed half-way through* to attend:

- 9:30-10:30am: *Tweens Class*, downstairs in the *Gym*.
- 10:45am-12:15pm: *Lighthouse Kids*, downstairs in the *Gym*.

Grades 6-12:

We welcome our new Director of Youth Ministries, John Chaffee. Watch for a chance to get together with parents and students soon!

- 9:30 Youth Sunday School: Next Sunday, Dec 4th, will be the last class of "Stepping Up". Dec 11th will be a joint MS and HS Sunday School
- 4:00pm HS Youth Group: Dec 4th, last one for 2016. Then, Christmas Party on Dec 11th from 4-6pm.
- Youth Fellowship - Wednesday 6-8pm - Catch up over dinner then fellowship and discussion with Alice - Youth Room (2nd Flr.)

- **Upcoming Youth Events:**

- 12/11 Youth Group Christmas Party, 4-6pm
 - 12/16 Starwars: Rogue One

- For all youth-related questions, please contact John Chaffee 610-664-4880 x112 jchaffee@narberthpres.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **The Senior Adults are going to Longwood Gardens on Tuesday, Nov 29!**
Sign-up in the Chapel, or call for more details.
Why not join us for this event? We're a friendly bunch, always glad to meet new friends and add to our numbers!
Planning ahead to December, save Friday, December 16th to attend our annual Christmas Carol Sing and Tea! More details to come.

- † **There will be an Advent Rejuvenation in Song** led by Donald Robinson and the Praise Team on Wednesday Nov. 30 and Wednesday Dec. 7 from 7:00-8:00pm in the Sanctuary. Along with a lot of singing and praise, there will be Scripture, prayer and a brief meditation. Childcare is provided and all are welcome to eat together beforehand in the Fellowship Café (Gym) from 5:45-6:45.

- † **There are still some green index cards** in the Chapel with prayer requests for each of our Mission Causes. Please pick one up and offer your gift of prayer.

- † **Our straw poll** regarding denominational discernment concluded on Monday, Nov. 14. Thank you for your very strong participation. Complete results are still pending. The Session will meet on Nov. 29 to study all the results and to reflect on recent town hall meetings and conversations. In early December, we are tentatively planning to send a letter to the congregation with an update on the straw poll and recommended next steps. Thanks again for your participation and your ongoing prayers for our beloved church.

- † **Found Wandering Concert – December 18th at 7:00pm**
Save the date now for an evening of joyful Christmas music led by Sarah & Colin Comstock and Found Wandering. A free-will offering will once again benefit the Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission in Philadelphia. Postcards with all of the details are available in and around the Sanctuary to take and share.

- † **Have you ever wondered how lyrics get projected during the service?** NPC has been using trained llamas to run the projection system during Sunday services, but the cost of food and lodging has become prohibitive. If you can be available for 1 service a month, you could help in the NPC projection ministry. Please contact John Furlong at furlongjk@gmail.com or 215-482-8198 if you are interested in volunteering. And, please, help us send the llamas back to Peru.

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- † **With the upcoming arrival of her fourth child, Virginia Davis is stepping down** from the Volunteer Coordinator this month and Deborah Doherty is taking over scheduling child care. We are in need of volunteers every week for both services, especially in the infant room. This week we are going to start scheduling the winter months. If you have a question about what clearances you need or if you would like to start volunteering, please email Deborah at deborahdoherty@rocketmail.com. If you regularly attend and use the child care please consider signing up for one week a quarter.
- † **The Christmas Cookie Giveaway is only 1 week away!!** (Saturday, December 3rd) We are aiming for 8000 cookies this year. So anyone willing to bake, knot ribbons for the bags, fill bag, tie ribbons on the bags, or deliver the cookies to our local neighbors - especially Saturday afternoon, please contact either Marilyn Reed (alsomarilynreed@gmail.com) or Donna Hart (djmhart@gmail.com) or look for either of us at services any Sunday. T Sign up in the chapel to bake, bag and/or help deliver cookies.
For bagging, please arrive at 9:00am in the kitchen downstairs.
For delivering, please arrive at noon, also to the kitchen.
Marilyn Reed, 215-776-3598, alsomarilynreed@gmail.com
his is a fun and very worthwhile project, so please considering helping us with it!
- † **Collecting now for donations to make toiletry bags for the homeless.** We are collecting small or travel size shampoo and/or conditioner, shaving cream, disposable razors, soap, combs, washcloths, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash (small size), as well as gallon size ziplock bags to put the item in. We deliver the bags to Neighborhood Crusades to distribute in their ministry to the homeless and needy in Philadelphia. Donations may be dropped off just outside the sanctuary entrance doors (by the drums) underneath the bulletin board.
- † **Sr. Adult Christmas Carol Sing & Tea:** Friday, December 16 at 1:30pm in the Parlor. All are welcome!
- † **Thank you for your participation at NPC's Gifts of Hope Gallery** on November 20th! If you were unable to attend, we will continue to receive orders until December 20th. You may drop off orders in the Chapel after worship or mail them to the church—your gift cards will be mailed to you or made available here at NPC. Gifts “purchased” at the Gallery last Sunday totaled approximately \$9,459 and we expect to fill many more orders. Thank you! We look forward to celebrating Christmas with gifts that bless others!



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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, November 27

First Sunday in Advent

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor

9:00am Worship Service

10:30am Sunday School, Parlor

10:45am Worship Service

No Youth Group today

Monday, November 28

7:00pm Prayer Group, open to all, Steve's Office

7:00pm MBR-Bible Study, Music office

7:00-9:30pm New Elder/Deacon Training, Parlor

7:30pm Men's Bible Study in Galatians, Resource Center

Tuesday, November 29

6:30am Men's small group

7:00am Men-Sponsored Prayer Breakfast, at Narberth Diner

9:30am Sr. Trip to Longwood Gardens

11-12noon Study & Prayer group, led by Faith Hornung, Parlor

7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal

7:00pm Called Session meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, November 30

5:45pm Wednesday Night Dinner at the Fellowship Café (Gym)

6:30pm Children's classes (up to grade 5)

7:00pm Advent Rejuvenation in song led by Praise Team (Sanctuary)

Thursday, December 1

4:00pm kickball with the Pastor, Gym

7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm Basketball in gym

Friday, December 2

10:00am Women's' Bible Study, Parlor

6:30pm Parents' Night Out

7:00pm Young Adult Bible Study, Parlor

Saturday, December 3

9:00am Shepherds' Meeting, Parlor

Great Cookie Giveaway

Bagging cookies: 9:00am,

Delivering Cookies: 11:00am

Sunday, December 4

Second Sunday in Advent

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor

9:00am Worship Service - Communion

10:30am Sunday School, Parlor

10:45am Worship Service – Communion

Narberth Dickens Festival

4:00pm HS Youth Group

Each Week

Christian Nursery School – Jennifer Addy, Director, 610-664-8890

2, 3 & 5 Day Programs 9:00am to 11:30am & 11:30am to 3:30pm Extended Day Program, Sept.-May

AA meets 12:30pm, Monday–Friday. Also, Saturday at 12:30pm & Sunday at 4:30pm

Counseling: Dr. Janet Moore: cell: 484-686-6630 email: jlmpsy@hotmai.com

Planning ahead Information and calendar updates 24/7 at www.narberthpres.org

Dec 5 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Dec 6 7:00pm Knitters' Group, Resource Room

Dec 6 7:30pm Deacons' Meeting, Parlor

Dec 7 7:00pm Advent Rejuvenation in song led by Praise Team (Sanctuary)

Dec 11 9:00am and 10:45am Services-Choir Presentation

Dec 11 4:00-6:00pm YG Christmas Party

Dec 15 10:00am Nursery School Christmas Pageant, Sanctuary

Dec 16 1:30pm Sr. Adults Christmas Carol Sing and Tea

Dec 16 YG Event: Star Wars Rogue One viewing

Dec 18 10:15am Sunday School Christmas Pageant (between services)

Dec 18 7:00pm Benefit Concert by Found Wandering, Sanctuary
Dec 20 7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor
Dec 24 Services: 4:00pm, 5:30pm, 8:00pm
Dec 25 10:00am One Combined Service
Dec 31 7:00pm New Year's Eve Service - Communion
Jan 1 10:00am One Combined Service - Communion