

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

December 31, 2016 / January 1, 2017

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

Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Call To Worship

Hymn #72

To God Be the Glory

Glory

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading

Philippians 3:10-14

(p. 1829)

7:00pm Isabel Lally

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Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All the people: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

O loving God, to turn away from you is to fall, to turn toward you is to rise, and to stand before you is to abide forever. Grant us, dear God, in all our sins, your forgiveness; in all our duties, your help; in all our uncertainties, your guidance; in all our dangers, your protection; in all our sorrows, your peace. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, may you be the goal of our journey and our rest along the way. In his name and to his glory. Amen.

Paraphrase from Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD)

Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

The Gloria Patri

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Greeting

Worship Song

I Will Follow

Tomlin/Ingram/Morgan

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Deborah Watson,
Pastoral Associate

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Passing of Friendship Pads

Saturday Night Offertory

Falling In Love With Jesus

Butler

David Nobles

Sunday Morning Offertory

O The Blood

Miller

Jennifer Fisher

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 5:15-17; 1 Timothy 4:7,8;

Hebrews 11:6

(p.1823, 1848, 1875)

Sermon

What Are Your Spiritual Goals in 2017?

Getting in Shape for the Lord

Steve Weed,
Pastor

Hymn

I Am The Bread of Life

Toolan

Invitation To Communion

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

Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad. We bless you for creating the whole world, for your promises to your people Israel, and for Jesus Christ in whom your fullness dwells.

Born of Mary, **he shares our life.**

Eating with sinners, **he welcomes us.**

Guiding his children, **he leads us.**

Visiting the sick, **he heals us.**

Dying on the cross, **he saves us.**

Risen from the dead, **he gives new life.**

Living with you, **he prays for us.**

With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the death and resurrection of our Lord. Receive our sacrifice of praise. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that this meal may be a communion in the body and blood of our Lord. Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast.

Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love, that we may run the race as your faithful disciples until we feast at your table in glory. We praise you, Abba Father, through Christ your Word made flesh, in the life giving power of the Holy Spirit.

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again. Amen.**

Sharing The Bread and The Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Worship Song

Your Grace Is Enough

Tomlin/Maher

Benediction

Prayer Ministry

7:00pm Scott Todd

10:00am Isabel Lally

Today on this first Sunday of the month, we celebrate Holy Communion. As Presbyterian Christians, we invite all who profess faith in Jesus Christ to receive communion, regardless of denominational affiliation or membership in this church. At the 9:00 service you are invited to receive communion by coming forward down the center aisle. We break off a piece of the bread (gluten free available), dip it in the cup and eat. At the 10:45 service, the Elders and Deacons serve you bread and the cup in your seats. We eat and drink together as a sign of our unity in Christ.

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.

Starting next Sunday, January 8, we begin Too Busy Not To Pray: Connecting With God in All of Life (Details on p.7)

Six-Week Explorers' Class on Sunday afternoons, from 3-5pm, starting on Jan 22, led by Pastor Steve and our Pastoral Associate, Debbie Watson. We will “explore” our relationship with Jesus Christ, Presbyterian beliefs, and Narberth Presbyterian in particular. For newcomers or members who want a refresher. Please call the church office (610) 664-4880. Childcare provided.

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 8, 2017 at 12:15-2:00pm, lunch and childcare provided. Along with discussing the budget and ministries of our church in 2017, we will hear a detailed update on the straw poll and our denominational discernment.

TOO BUSY NOT TO PRAY

Too Busy Not To Pray

Starting Sunday mornings on January 8 and running through Sunday, February 26, Pastor Steve will begin a series of messages on “Too Busy Not To Pray: Connecting With God In All of Life.” Who among us does not wrestle both with busyness and stress, and the desire for a deeper prayer life and connection with God?

This will be our theme as a church community for 8 weeks in January and February. Along with Sunday morning messages, many small groups and classes will focus on this theme, including Wednesday nights. Starting Jan 11, 6:50-8:00, led by Pastor Steve!

All church members and friends are also encouraged to read the book by Bill Hybels with the same title, Too Busy Not To Pray. Books will be available for a donation of \$5.00 (as you are able), starting on New Year’s Eve at our 7:00pm service, and on New Year’s Day at our 10:00am service.

Sunday January 8 9:00am and 10:45am

Back to regular Sunday service times. First sermon on “Too Busy Not To Pray”

January 9 (Monday) We start reading the book Too Busy Not To Pray as a congregation (2 chapters per week)

ALL in our church and community are welcome to join in this spiritual journey together!

On Monday nights, from 7:00-8:30pm, Debbie Watson will lead a small group focused on the book, Too Busy Not to Pray, for all who would like to grow in their understanding and experience of prayer. We will meet in the parlor for 8 weeks, beginning January 16th.

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:

- **Upcoming Youth Events:**

- * Youth Sunday School: There is no Youth Sunday School this Sunday.

- * Sunday School Returns on Jan. 8th!

- * Winter Youth Kickoff on Jan. 8th, 4-6pm! More details to come!

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **“A Time To Remember” This Wednesday, January 4th at 7:00pm**
For everyone who has lost someone dear, whether family or friend, this service will be a time of reflection, prayer, and encouragement. Led by Gerri Wismer, Debbie Watson, and John Chaffee.
- † **In the darkness that is Aleppo, Syria, the light of Christ continues to shine.**
Through our missions budget via The Outreach Foundation, NPC supports the National Evangelical [Presbyterian] Church of Syria and Lebanon whose churches, including in Aleppo and other locations in Syria, continue to worship the Lord and minister faithfully in Christ’s name to those who are displaced. Despite destruction of property, the Presbyterian Church of Aleppo pledges “to continue our ministry...and as a church to be a sign of hope in this despairing time... We will never cease to dedicate our effort to bring love and peace into the city of Aleppo...Greeting to all of our partners hoping that they will pray for us this Christmas in Aleppo in order that we will meet the needs of marginalized people.” Elsewhere in the region, your gifts to Interserve through this year’s Gifts of Hope Gallery will help support a short-term medical clinic providing much needed medical care. Thank you for your gifts which shed the light of Christ in places of great suffering. Please continue to support these ministry partners in prayer.
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- † **Dr. Janet Moore** has been serving in our Counseling Ministry for the past 10 years, working with individuals struggling with a wide range of personal and psychological challenges. Dr. Moore’s perspective is that addressing mental health issues is essential to opening our hearts and minds, thereby enabling a closer relationship with God that can sustain us in an imperfect world. You may reach Dr. Moore by leaving a message on her church extension, 610-664-4880 (ext. 121), or at 484-686-6630.

2017 Giving envelopes are available in the Chapel. Your number may have changed as we consolidate to numbers between 1 and 200. If you want envelopes and do not have them on the table, please drop a note in the office or send an email to cbellamy@narberthpres.org