

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

March 26, 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 *More Love to Thee, O Christ* *arr. Evanovich*
Maxwell Birch, Organist Assistant

Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Call To Worship

Hymn #20 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* *Ode To Joy*

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading Ephesians 3:14-19 (p.1820)
9:00am Katie Wenger
10:45am John Chaffee

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All the people: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, as our children sing today, we are reminded of how easily little ones can receive your gifts. They often model humility and gratitude that is lacking in us. We confess that our love for you and others has fallen short. In the stress and challenges of life, we have doubted your love. We have not paused long enough to listen to your voice, calling us back home, to you. Please forgive us through the cross, where your love was lavished upon us. Help us to receive that love more deeply, and to pass it on more generously. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

The Greeting

Worship Song *No Longer Slaves* *the Newsboys*

9:00am Sacrament of Infant Baptism **Audrey-Claire Ekua Mims**
Daughter of Stacie Adjaye and Harry Mims

9:00am Hymn *Jesus Loves Me, This I Know (1,2)*

10:45am Songs of Praise

Nursery School Children

*We Thank You
Noah's Arky Ark
I See The Moon*

Anthony Coppa, Leader

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

When You Speak To Me
Linda Pilacik, Soprano

Paris

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading Matthew 3:13-17; Romans 8:14-16 (p.1499, 1757)

Sermon

Spring Training
Listening To The Voice of The Beloved **Steve Weed,**
Pastor

Hymn #514 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine* *Assurance*

Benediction

Prayer Ministry 9:00am Meg McKinley
10:45am Scott Todd

Thank you for being with us in worship today! To learn more about our church,
Welcome Bags are available for newcomers in the Narthex

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.

Today at the second service, we welcome our Nursery School children and their families, along with our teachers. The children will sing in worship, and afterwards all are invited to a reception in the Chapel.

Prayer for Healing

On Sundays from 8 - 8:45 am and after the 9 am service, from 10:15-10:45am, prayer for healing is offered in a confidential, quiet and welcoming environment. The team is available to meet with you in prayer for every need of healing: healing of relationships, critical physical challenges, emotional brokenness, crises of faith, addictions, wounds of the past and present, etc. The place is Pastor Steve's office.

On Wednesdays in Lent, 7:00-8:00pm, we are journeying together and reading through Pond River Ocean Rain - a new book by Chaz Howard on finding peace in the storms of life. The text uses stories, questions, accessible illustrations, and water metaphors to enrich our understanding and experience of God. Over the course of our study we'll consider themes like stillness (like a pond), deeper trust in God's will (much like the current of a river), peace within mystery (as experienced in the depths of the ocean), and being used to bring forth growth in those around us (like the rain). Chaz, his wife Lia, and their three daughters have been worshipping here at Narberth Presbyterian Church for the last two years. Chaz has served for many years as Chaplain at the University of Pennsylvania

On Thursday nights in Lent, Pastor Steve is leading a weekly gathering on "Spiritual Training During Lent." You are welcome to come any week as you are able, to listen and/or to share how you are growing spiritually and any goals you are pursuing. The format is: (1). Brief time of teaching from Scripture. (2). Voluntary sharing – what practices are helping you to grow? What are you learning? How are you applying what you are learning? (3). How can we pray for you? Our goal is to foster an atmosphere of encouragement to strengthen our love for God and to grow more into the likeness of Christ. Think of it as analogous to meeting with a fitness coach at the Y or Planet Fitness during Lent. Thursday nights at 7:15-8:45 in the Parlor.

This week's theme: Practicing the Presence of God

TREASURER'S REPORT

NPC Treasurer's Report: Current Expense Account – 2016

Year to Date- Y/E 2016

	2015 YTD	2016 YTD	2016 YTD Budget	Over/ (Under) Budget
Sunday morning offerings	\$1,098,599	\$1,053,421	\$1,217,000	(\$163,579)
Expenses				
Missions and Deacons' assistance	238,955	225,577	252,300	(26,723)
Pastoral services and church staff	585,063	636,403	646,405	(10,002)
Other expenses	<u>360,030</u>	<u>311,888</u>	<u>318,295</u>	<u>(6,407)</u>
Total	1,184,618	1,173,868	1,217,000	(43,132)
 Net budgeted items	 (86,019)	 (120,477)	 (0)	 (120,477)

We are very thankful for your financial participation with NPC. Your gifts allow our ministry to continue, helping us to reach out and support missions locally and around the world, teach our children and youth, and maintain our church building.

For 2016, offerings fell \$45,178 below our 2015 total, and \$163,579 below budget. Our total spending in budgeted areas fell \$43,132 below budget, giving us a net result of a shortfall for the year in budgeted areas of \$120,477. This difference was funded out of cash on hand and our endowment.

Outside of the budget there was additional spending of \$198,129, most of which was related to various projects around the building funded by special gifts received in prior years.

In part due to three straight years of offerings falling short of the budget, the 2017 budget was reduced to \$1,161,000. Through February 2017, giving has totaled \$182,802, which is \$26,564 ahead of 2016 at the same time. A full report will be provided after we close the first quarter

We ask for your continued support of our ministry during 2017.

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:

- 9:30 Youth Sunday School:
- 4:00pm HS Youth Group
- Youth Fellowship - Wednesday 6-8pm

Upcoming Youth Events

- High School Youth Group 4:00pm each Sunday
 - April 21st MS Game Night at the Naveen house
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- For all youth-related questions, please contact John Chaffee 610-664-4880 x112 jchaffee@narberthpres.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **Young Life** is looking to raise money to provide financial assistance to students for their annual summer camp trip. This year they are looking to do so by collecting gently used shoes. We are hoping to give a short pitch for the collection during a service and then place a bin or two somewhere in the church for people to drop shoes if they choose. This collection would take place over the course of maybe four Sundays this Spring. The organization we're working with, Funds2Orgs, facilitates these shoe collections and is the one who pays us for the shoes. They ship the shoes overseas to “Local small business entrepreneurs (i.e. micro-entrepreneurs) around the world purchase the shoes for pennies on the dollar. They are then sold to retail customers for a fraction of their original price in North America. This is done because our business model helps communities and people in developing nations to create and grow profitable businesses of their own. The commerce helps the local economies.”
- † **We are pleased to announce that Dave McIntire has accepted our offer to continue as Business Administrator!** Dave will be working 30 weeks per year, basically with the summers out of town, and will continue to be the primary contact for all “business” related items at the church in addition to having overall responsibility for the property and supervising all non-pastoral staff. **We are actively looking** for someone to cover the summers and a few other weeks during the year when Dave is away, for a total of 17 weeks per year, at 15 hours per week. This “Assistant Business Administrator” will have similar but slightly scaled down duties as Dave. **We are also actively searching** for someone to work just on Sundays from about 7:30am to 12:30pm making sure that the building is set up and heated/cooled as appropriate, and be a trouble-shooter for any technology issues. If you are interested in either of these part-time positions, or know anyone who might be, please reach out to Linda Behmke, lrbehmke@yahoo.com or 610-275-8627.
- † **Victor Habib, an NPC member**, graduated in December from Eastern University with a Master’s in International Development, and is looking currently for a job opportunity with a non-governmental organization (NGO). Victor is hoping to work in one of the following areas: education and training, community development, community mobilization, peacebuilding, project planning and management, or biblical leadership and empowerment, but he is also open to other possibilities related to his training (and background in Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Math). Victor is asking for renewed prayer concerning his job search. If he does not find a job in the next 3 months, he will have to return to Egypt with his degree, but not much real-life experience. Knowledge of any opportunities you might be aware of will be appreciated.

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- † **Deborah Baker and Glenn Turner** are happy to extend an invitation to the congregation to join them as they get married on April 8, 2017 at 2:30pm here at NPC.



- † **Singers needed for an Easter Sunday Choir!** Only 2 short rehearsals! Sundays April 2 and April 9, after the 10:45 Service. Rehearsals will be in the Choir Room for 1/2 hour - about 12:30 - 1:00 (earlier, if service is shorter). Let's fill the Choir Loft on Easter! Thanks, Sherry Beebe

- † **Kids up through 5th Grade** - If music makes you happy, here's an opportunity for you! For the next 3 Wednesday evenings, all children through grade 5 are invited to gather in the Parlor from 6:30-7:00pm, where we'll be singing and having a good time making music for the Lord. Sherry Beebe and Donald Robinson will be leading the group. Pastor Debbie will be there, too. Why not come try it out? If you like, you can come for dinner at 5:45pm, and then, if you don't have too much homework, you could join Pastor Terry's or Pastor Debbie's Bible Club for a fun time of learning, ending at 8pm sharp. Questions? dwatson@narberthpres.org or 610-664-4880 (x114)

- † **Have you enjoyed stopping at the Chuckwagon before the 1st service?** Lots of us do enjoy that coffee and donut, but the Chuckwagon folks are in need of your help!! Volunteers are needed to buy the donuts (early) and help serve in the kitchen from roughly 8:30-9:30am. There's lots of visiting with people you know and getting to meet new people as well. For specific details, call Chuck Lewis (610-645-0691) or John Raezer (610-909-7440) or just talk to them on Sundays!

- † **Visit the book table in the Chapel and the Children's Library** as well for books on Lent and Easter.
Please remember to check at home for any books that need to be returned.
Thanks!



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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, March 26

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor

9:00am Worship Service

9:30am Sunday School class, Parlor

10:30am Sunday School, Parlor

History of the Reformation

10:45am Worship Service-Nursery School children and reception

4-6pm HS Youth Group

Monday, March 27

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

7:00pm MBR-Bible Study, Music office

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

Tuesday, March 28

6:30am Men's small group

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

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

7:00pm Worship Band Rehearsal

7:00pm Knitters' group, Resource Room

7:00pm Missions Committee, Parlor

7:00-9:00pm Finance Seminar for engaged
couples, Youth Room

Wednesday, March 29

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

6:30pm Children's Choir with Donald
Robinson and Sherry Beebe

(up to grade 5), Parlor

7:00pm Children's classes

7:00pm **Adult Class-Pond, River, Ocean,
Rain** Led by Chaz Howard, Chapel

Thursday, March 30

4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor, Gym

7:15-8:30 **Spiritual Planet Fitness check-
in "Practicing the Presence of God" with
Pastor Steve, Parlor**

7:30pm Basketball, Gym

Friday, March 31

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

7:30pm **Young Adults Study, Parlor
"If You Want To Walk on Water..."**

Saturday, April 1

4:00pm Memorial Service for Sandra Links
Reception following

Sunday, April 2

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor

9:00am Worship Service-Communion

9:30am Sunday School class, Parlor

10:30am Sunday School, Parlor

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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: jlmpsych@hotmail.com

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

Apr 3 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Apr 4 7:00pm Deacons' Meeting, Parlor

Apr 7,21 9:30am Moms' Bible Study, Parlor

Apr 7 6:30pm Parents' Night Out, Gym

Apr 8 2:30pm Deborah Baker/Gen Turner wedding

Apr 12 Wednesday Service

Apr 13 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Communion and Tenebrae

Apr 14 12:00pm Good Friday Community Service at NPC

Apr 16 Easter – 3 services 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:45am

Apr 18 7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor

Apr 21 1:30pm Sr. Slide Show, Parlor

Apr 21 6:30pm Middle School Fun Nite @ Naveens'