

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory

Love On The Line
Kathy McLean, Soprano

Ligertwood

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Philippians 1:3-6, 21-26; 3:10-14

(p.1825, 1829)

Sermon

Spring Training
What We Have Learned
This Week About Life

Steve Weed,
Pastor

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.

Worship Song

Mercy Tree

Nordhoff/Neale

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

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe. At your word the earth was made and spun on its course among the planets. Your hand formed us from the dust of the earth and set us among all your creatures to love and serve you.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, whom you sent to save us. He came with healing in his touch, and was wounded for our sins. He came with mercy in his voice, and was mocked as one despised. He came with peace in his heart, and met with violence and death.

By your power he broke free from the prison of the tomb, the one who was dead now lives. The one who humbled himself is raised to rule over all creation, the Lamb upon the Throne. The one ascended on high is with us always, as he promised.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ.

Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

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

Hymn #519

It Is Well With My Soul

Ville du Havre

Benediction

Prayer Ministry

9:00am Charlie Choi
10:45am Linda Behmke

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

To dedicate a plant for Easter, please see page 7.

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 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.

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 worshiping 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.

EASTER FLOWERS 2017

On **Easter morning, April 16**, our sanctuary will again be filled with the beauty and fragrance of lovely spring flowers. If you wish to dedicate a plant as a memorial to loved ones or simply to express your joy in God's love, please fill out the form below. After both worship services on Easter, we are looking for people to deliver these plants to members of our church family who are unable to worship with us here. You do not need to donate a plant in order to deliver one.

Please consider being the bearer of Easter greetings and love from our congregation to someone who otherwise might be alone on that day. See below for further details.

If you want to donate a memorial plant for Easter, please make your check in the amount of \$12.00 payable to **Narberth Presbyterian Church** and mark it "Easter Plant." You may call the office with the info, or put it in the offering plate or mail it to be received in the church office by **Thursday, April 13**.

Name: _____

_____ I would like to give a plant as a memorial:

"Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

(Please print name clearly)

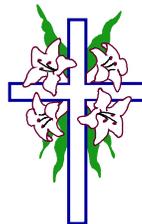
by:

or

_____ I would like to give a plant to express my joy for God's continuing love and grace.

WE NEED YOU to help deliver these plants and the warm greetings of the congregation after the 9:00am or 10:45am Easter service. If you are willing to help, please indicate below:

Name and phone number



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

† **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!



On the Web:

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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, April 2

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor

9:00am Worship Service-Communion

9:30am Sunday School class, Parlor

10:30am Sunday School, Parlor

History of the Reformation

10:45am Worship Service-Communion

4-6pm HS Youth Group

Monday, April 3

6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

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, April 4

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 Deacons' Meeting, Parlor

7:00pm Worship Band Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 5

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

Meatloaf and mashed potatoes, salad, fruit, dessert.

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, April 6

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, April 7

9:30am Moms' Bible Study, Parlor

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

5:30pm Wedding Rehearsal, Sanctuary

6:30pm Parents' Night Out, Gym

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

Saturday, April 8

2:30pm Deb Baker/Glenn Turner wedding

Sunday, April 9

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor

9:00am Worship Service-Palm Sunday

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: jlmpsy@hotmai.com

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

Apr 12 7:00pm Holy Week 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 9:30am Moms' Bible Study, Parlor
Apr 21 6:30pm Middle School Fun Nite @ Naveens'