

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

September 3, 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** *Canzona* *Young*

**Welcome and Concerns of the Church**

**Call To Worship**

**Hymn** *Majesty, Worship His Majesty* *Hayford*

**Worship Song** *In Christ Alone* *Townend & Getty*

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Scripture Reading** Luke 24:13-27 (p.1642)  
9:00am Noah Mulugeta  
10:45am John Chaffee

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**All the people: Thanks be to God!**

**Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, we thank you we are not alone on this journey of life. You walk with us, yet often we fail to recognize you. We confess that we neglect our souls, and the practices that would leads us closer to you and to others. Forgive us for now fully believing that you are alive, and not staking our lives more confidently on that Fact. Lord Jesus, this morning, please meet us where we are. Feed us the word until our hearts burn. As we break the bread of your sacrifice, open our eyes to see you. Then may our feet be swift and beautiful for you. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

**Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon**

**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 Gloria Patri

## The Greeting

### Worship Song

*Soul On Fire*

*Third Day*

*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 5<sup>th</sup> 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

### Passing of Friendship Pads

### Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

### Offertory

*Tree of Life*

*Antonelli*

Joe Antonelli

### Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

### Scripture Reading

Luke 24:28-35

(p.1643)

### Sermon

**Coming Alive Again**

**Steve Weed,**  
Pastor

### Hymn #315

*Break Thou the Bread of Life (1,3,4)*

### 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 and triune God, whom we worship as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In Jesus Christ you spoke the word that brought the world into being. By the Holy Spirit you brought order out of chaos and breathed life into your creatures.

**In his ministry on earth, Jesus cared for all, forgiving their failures, healing their hurts, and nurturing their faith, giving himself in utter sacrifice for those he loved. He inspired ordinary people to Spirit-filled living, and displayed in his life, death, and rising again the power of your Spirit.**

Nurture us at this table, O God, that we may grow to the stature of Jesus Christ. By the Holy Spirit, help us surrender more of ourselves to you, that we might know the freedom of your will. Help us to love you above all else and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves.

**Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm. Amen.**

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

**Prayer of Preparation**

**Sharing of the Bread and Cup**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Hymn # 234**

***Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!***

***Easter Hymn***

**Benediction**

**Prayer Ministry**

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

**The altar flowers today** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, by Carol and Harold Heller.

**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.

**On Sunday, September 10, at both services, we will have the joy of anointing and blessing our children and teachers** as they go back to school. All children, pre-school through 12th grade, along with teachers, will be invited to come forward to be anointed and blessed in prayer. In Scripture, anointing with oil is often symbolic of the presence and peace of the Holy Spirit.

**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](http://www.narberthpres.org) or podcast through iTunes.

**New Explorers' Class start Sunday Sept 24. More details on p.12**

### **Special Offering for Hurricane Harvey Disaster Relief**

Our prayers are with those who have lost loved ones, been displaced, or sustained property damage due to Hurricane Harvey. The destruction has been devastating and the needs are great. For the next several weeks, we will be receiving a special offering for Hurricane Harvey disaster relief to be sent through **The Salvation Army**. The Salvation Army has volunteer teams and mobile feeding units (canteens) in the region or in route to provide immediate assistance, and will remain in the communities impacted by the hurricane to support long-term disaster recovery efforts and provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

#### **To give:**

**Sunday morning offering:** Please make your checks out to NPC and note Hurricane Harvey in the memo section, & put it in the offering plate.

**By text:** Txt the amount of your gift and keyword Harvey to 610-624-4831. Example: \$25 Harvey

**Online:** Visit [narberthpres.org/give](http://narberthpres.org/give) and select Harvey as the fund.

In addition to our financial gifts, we have reached out to First Presbyterian Church of Houston, an ECO congregation, to offer our assistance. We will keep you informed of additional ways we may bless those in great need.

### **Summer Sermons**

- July 27 The Power of Small Steps In The Spirit (Pastor Steve)
- July 9 What The World Needs Now... (John Chaffee, Dir. of Youth Ministry)
- July 16 The Biggest Catch of Your Life (Pastor Steve)
- July 23 God So Loved the World: One Person at a Time (Pastor Steve)
- July 30 The Spiritual Renewal We All Need (Pastor Steve)
- August 6 Reaching Out Our Hands (Rev. Dr. Chaz Howard)
- August 13 Long Haul God-Long Haul People (Dr. Deborah Watson)
- August 20 Contentment and Community (Dr. Diane Chen)
- August 27 The Presence (Pastor Steve)
- Sept 3 Coming Alive Again (Pastor Steve, Luke 24:13-35)

Next Sunday Sept 10 Unfasten Your Seat Belts! (Matthew 28:16-20)

**Open prayer group – Sunday mornings at 8:00am (Pastor Steve’s office).**

Anyone is welcome to come any time between 8 and 9am to pray for the worship service, the preacher, the worship team, the hearts of people coming to worship, and the ministry of the Holy Spirit, guiding us individually and together as a church.

**Prayer for Healing (Pastor Steve’s Office)**

Sunday mornings, 10:15-10:45am, prayer for healing is offered in a confidential, quiet and welcoming environment.

# MISSIONS CONFERENCE



## All of us are invited to the Great Co-Mission Conference on September 28-29<sup>th</sup>!

Filled with and guided by the Holy Spirit, all who follow Jesus are called to be witnesses of and for the Gospel.

**The Great “Co-Mission,”** to be held at nearby **Paoli Presbyterian Church**, is for anyone who is passionate about, involved with, or curious about what it means to be a missional church; it is for all who want to join in welcoming and sharing in God’s work in our community.

**Friday night** is for everyone who is, or has been involved in missions, and **Saturday** is for anyone who wants *learn* more by *listening* to engaging, informative, inspirational speakers, and *joining* in conversation, prayer and worship focused on the multi-faceted sharing of the good news of the Gospel. Come *explore* our common-unity, and *learn* how the Lord wants to build a stronger and deeper community of faith which welcomes all people.

Andy Crouch will be the keynote speaker for the conference. Other speakers include Tony Campolo, Sturgis Poorman, Jeff Conway, and Jeff Moretzsohn, speaking on how to help without hurting, local ministry with refugees, holistic approaches to alleviate poverty, and how to live an authentic Christian life in a secular world and make a difference.

Sign up in the Chapel, and take an informational brochure for this potentially life-changing (and FREE) conference!

PRESBYTERY *of* PHILADELPHIA



**300th Celebration: October 7, 2017  
Worship Event**

**Our culminating worship celebration will take place on Saturday, October 7, 2017 beginning at 10:00 am**

**Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church, 2800 West Cheltenham Ave.**

**This gathering will include:**

- Guest preachers Rev. Dr. Craig Barnes, President of Princeton Theological Seminary, and Rev. Denise Anderson, Co-Moderator of the 222nd General Assembly;
- Collective youth and adult choirs led by Dr. Donald Dumpson and other music leaders from around our presbytery;
- Special guests and leaders from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and our local community;
- Celebration of saints past and present, whose faithfulness continue to shape the spirit of our witness today and tomorrow;
- Post-event fellowship and reception beginning at approximately 12:00 p.m.

## EMBRACING THE FALL: GIFTS FOR MINISTRY & MISSIONS

As summer recedes and the hectic activities of the fall get underway, ministry at NPC continues and takes new directions. New learning opportunities emerge and service expands as NPC seeks to flourish as an Acts 29 church. Whether serving children or youth in Sunday School or fellowship events, discipling adults on Sunday morning and weekday evenings, joining NPC's friends and members in compassionate service in the local area, or worshipping corporately on Sunday mornings, NPC's friends and members are deeply connected. In addition to ministries based at NPC, we partner with over 35 individuals and mission agencies to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and deed. Throughout the world, our mission partners labor in the joy of the Lord, confident of our prayers and financial support.

NPC has always been blessed to have a very generous congregation. **Your gifts worship God and allow these ministries to happen!** As we move into fall, we encourage you to maintain this generous spirit, through our **various ways to give:**

**During worship:** Place tithes, offerings and other gifts in the offering plate. (Please make checks payable to Narberth Presbyterian Church.)

**Online:** Prioritize giving in your budget—give to God first! Go to [narberthpres.org](http://narberthpres.org) and click the “give” button on the upper right side. You can set up recurring gifts using a debit card or e-check. It's easy...and secure.

**By text:** Txt the amount of your gift to 610-624-4831. After a one-time setup, you'll get a receipt in seconds.

**By mail:**

Send to Carol Bellamy, Financial Secretary  
Narberth Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 414  
Narberth, Pa 19072-0414

**Marketable Securities (stocks, bonds or mutual funds):**

If you hold stocks, bonds or mutual funds that have appreciated in value, you may find it advantageous to donate appreciated securities to fulfill your pledge or as an extra gift. Donors generally are permitted to deduct the value of appreciated securities as a charitable donation (check with your tax advisor). Please contact either Jim Hoffman, Treasurer, through the church or David Place, Elder, for assistance.

**Offering update:** Through August 20, 2017, offerings totaled approximately \$651,000, slightly higher than the prior year. Our 2017 budget for the full year is \$1,161,000, which we trust God to meet through the generosity of His people. Thank you for your generous spirit! Your gifts allow us to engage in significant ministries, build a loving, Christ-centered community, and offer worship to our great God.

# 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

#### \*\*\*Summer Schedule: 2-3's join 4-5's in Red door room\*\*\*

- 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 (begins Sept 10)
- 4:00pm HS Youth Group (begins Sept 24)

### Upcoming Events:

- Friday Sept 22 6:30-9:00pm Middle School Fun Night, Gym
- Middle School Breakaway Retreat Oct 6-8
- High School Reality Retreat Nov 3-5

For all youth-related questions, please contact John Chaffee 610-664-4880 x112  
[jchaffee@narberthpres.org](mailto:jchaffee@narberthpres.org)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **Small Groups, Deacons, Elders, Band, Youth Group, Staff, Individuals!**  
The Fellowship Café needs YOU! As we gear up for an exciting season of Wednesday Night learning opportunities, we want to continue our tradition of providing a meal for everyone at 5:45pm. Dee Knight has stepped away from her apron after many years of savory service in the kitchen, and we have been rethinking the meal – simplifying it so that we all are fed: around the tables in the gym, and in the classes upstairs. We have a willing leader/point person. We need YOU to join a once-a-month team to help with the simple preparation, serving, and clean-up.  
Our goal is to have everyone fed and on their way out of the Gym by 6:45pm, and the clean-up crew on their way by 7:00pm. Please sign-up in the Chapel, and if you want to talk about the possibilities (or your hesitations), contact Debbie Watson at [dwatson@narberthpres.org](mailto:dwatson@narberthpres.org) or 610-664-4880 (x114).
- † **Do you lead or facilitate, or host a small group? Are you afraid to (but want to be part of a group)?** Take a (small) leap of faith into the Parlor!  
This Fall's Small Group Lunch will focus on beginning and growing a viable small group. Come enjoy the food and friendly conversation as we explore the possibilities in this season of new beginnings. Sunday, September 17, 2017 at 12:15pm in the Parlor. Questions? Contact Debbie Watson at [dwatson@narberthpres.org](mailto:dwatson@narberthpres.org) or 610-664-4880 (x114).
- † **All Sr. Adults (usually age 60 and above, but we don't card!) are invited to enjoy a trip to Japan**, through slides and stories with Diane Chen, on Friday, September 22nd, at 1:30pm in the Parlor. Sign up in the Chapel. It's free. There are refreshments. Bring a friend!
- † **Our Sr. trip this month on Sept 26, will be to The Highlands**, a nearby historic property. We take a tour, and then enjoy lunch in a local café or diner. Please sign up in the Chapel, where there are more details.
- † **New Explorers' Class:**  
A New 6-week Explorers' Class will begin on Sunday afternoons, starting Sunday, September 24 at 12:15-2:30pm, led by Pastor Steve and Debbie. Lunch and childcare provided.  
The Explorers' Class is designed for newcomers and provides a warm, welcoming atmosphere for discussing our relationship with Christ, opportunities and mission of NPC, and what it means to be Presbyterian Christians. Please sign in Chapel.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **Wednesday, September 6 7:30pm “Faith on the Field” at Eastern University, Olsen Field.** Carson Wentz, QB for the Philadelphia Eagles talks about faith and football. Free event for the community. Doors open at 6:30pm, final seating by 7:15pm.
  
- † **On Sunday, September 10, at both services, we will have the joy of anointing and blessing our children and teachers** as they go back to school. All children, pre-school through 12th grade, along with teachers, will be invited to come forward to be anointed and blessed in prayer. In Scripture, anointing with oil is often symbolic of the presence and peace of the Holy Spirit.
  
- † **Alpha Course Training: Thursday, September 7, at Good Sam Church in Paoli (6:30-9:15)** If you have a desire and a burden to share your faith with others, please consider joining Pastor Steve for this night of training. Alpha has been perhaps the most effective ministry internationally to lead people to Christ over the last decade.
  
- † **The Tuesday morning men's sermon discussion group** has adjusted their meeting time to 7am (from 6:30), and would welcome new participants. They meet in the Resource Room next to Pastor Steve's office every Tuesday morning. Contact: David Fraser (davidallenfraser@gmail.com)
  
- † **Stop by the Resource Table**, located in the chapel area, and see new books for all members for the family.
  
- † **Scripture Readers needed!** Each week someone from the congregation blesses us by reading the first scripture portion for the day. We are compiling a Winter/Spring roster of people for the two services, and would be happy to have you read if you are at least 7 years old and are willing to speak a little more slowly than you probably do otherwise! Please sign up in the Chapel, and leave your e-mail so that we can get the "script" to you the Friday or Saturday before you read.
  
- † **Notice of Nondiscriminatory Policy As to Students-** Narberth Presbyterian Christian Nursery School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.



**On the Web:**

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## BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

***Sunday, September 3***

8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor

**9:00am Worship Service**

**10:45am Worship Service**

***Monday, September 4***

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, Copy Room

***Tuesday, September 5***

7:00am Men's small group, Resource Room

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

7:00pm Deacons' Meeting, Parlor

***Wednesday, September 6***

**7:30pm "Faith on the Field"** at Eastern University, Olsen Field. (See announcement p.13))

***Thursday, September 7***

9:00-11:30am Nursery School Staff Meeting, Parlor

1:30pm CNS Board Meeting, Parlor (Kickball with the Pastor resumes Sept. 21)

6:30pm Alpha Training Course at Good Sam in Paoli

***Friday, September 8***

***Saturday, September 9***

5:30pm Shepherds' Open House and BBQ at Debbie's

***Sunday, September 10***

8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor

**9:00am Worship Service**

(Blessing & Anointing of children and teachers, both services.)

**10:45am Worship Service**

***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](mailto:jlmpsy@hotmai.com)

***Planning ahead Information and calendar updates 24/7 at [www.narberthpres.org](http://www.narberthpres.org)***

- Sept 12 7:00-9:00pm Elder/Deacon Training
- Sept 13 7:00pm Sermon Follow-up gathering, sign up in Chapel
- Sept 14,28 9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor
- Sept 17 12:15pm Luncheon for small group development, all interested are invited, Parlor
- Sept 19 7:00pm Session Meeting with the Administrative Commission of Philadelphia Presbytery
- Sept 20 5:45pm-8:00pm Wednesday Night begins
- Sept 21 4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor resumes
- Sept 22 1:30pm Sr. Adult Slide Show, (Japan), Parlor
- Sept 22 6:30-9:00pm Middle School Fun Night, Gym
- Sept 26 10:15am Sr. Trip to The Highlands
- Sept 29-30 Save the dates! Missions Conference at Paoli Pres. (See announcement on page 8)
- Oct 7 10:00am Service of Celebration @ Enon Baptist Church for Phila. Presbytery 300th