

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

September 10, 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** *Prelude in Classic Style* **Young**

**Welcome and Concerns of the Church**

**Call To Worship**

**Hymn #92** *Crown Him With Many Crowns* **Diademata**

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Scripture Reading** Luke 24:44-49 (p.1644)  
9:00am Anusha Vyas  
10:45am Jack Comstock

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

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

**Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, thank you for the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we crown him with many crowns as our exalted King. Yet we confess that we are often timid in expressing our faith and love. We hide your light and withhold your good from others. Please forgive us for our lack of love for you, and our failure to love our neighbor, through the passion of the One who died for us. May the faith we own, be the faith we share, with bold witness and loving actions. In the Name of Jesus. Amen.

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

**The Greeting**

**Worship Song** *God Is On the Move* **Williams**

**Anointing and Blessing of Children and Teachers** **Donald Robinson,**  
Piano

**Hymn** *Jesus Loves Me (1 verse)*

*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**

*Ceaseless Praise*  
Donna Wren, Soprano

*Fettke*

**Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

**Scripture Reading**

Matthew 4:18-20; Matthew 28:16-20

(p.1500,1550)

**Sermon**

**Preparing for “Acts 29”:  
Unfasten Your Seatbelts!**

**Steve Weed,**  
Pastor

**Hymn #498**

*I Love to Tell the Story*

*Hankey*

**Benediction**

**Prayer Ministry**

9:00am Jack Comstock  
10:45am Scott Todd

**The altar flowers today** are given to the glory of God by Gerri Wismer in love and remembrance of my Bill, on our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, you are forever in my heart.

**Today 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 page 8.**

### **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.

### **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.

# WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT NPC

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>

## 5:45-6:45: Supper in the Fellowship Cafe

Each week a simple nutritious meal will be provided by rotating teams of volunteers. You are invited to help once a month with a team doing prep, serving and clean-up. See page 8 for menus and request for glad volunteers.

## 6:30-7:00pm Children's Choir

Donna Wren and Sherry Beebe will lead a children's choir for **1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades** in the Choir room each week. The eventual goal is to sing in Sunday Worship.

## 6:30 or 7:00pm-8:00pm Children's Classes and Childcare

- (6:30-8:00pm) **Kindergarten and younger** will have Bible Story time with Sharon Shallow in the Red Door Room (large nursery school room).
- (7:00-8:00pm) **1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> grades** will meet with Pastor Terry for Bible Time in his office, followed by kickball in the gym.
- (7:00-8:00pm) **4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades** will meet with Debbie Watson for Bible Club in her (very cool) office.

## 6:45-8:00pm Middle School Youth Group

- New addition this Fall! This will replace the once-a-month Fun Night, as we meet weekly now on Wednesdays. Led by John Chaffee, in the Youth Room

## 6:45-8:00pm Adult Classes

- ***Making Room for God: exploring the rhythms of grace*** --learning more about keeping company with Jesus every day in ways that transform us. If you long for something more, something different, something deeper, something that connects the presence of God to the changes you crave, this class will provide some of the means. From the beginning the church linked the desire for more of God to intentional practices, relationships and experiences that gave people space in their lives to keep company with Jesus. Discipleship and spiritual disciplines complement each other. Come and learn. **Led by Dave Fraser Location: Chapel**
- ***Learning To Love The Psalms***  
Often referred to as the "anatomy of the soul," the Psalms have long served as the praise and prayer book for the people of God. The Psalms are written, not as theological pronouncements from on high, but more like personal prayer in the form of poetry, or like reading someone's spiritual journal. The Psalms not only teach us, but give voice to our faith and doubts, our deepest feelings. The rich variety of the Psalms call us back to the centrality of worship, and the rediscovery of God's greatness and goodness. Each class includes a brief video message, followed by discussion. Come and be refreshed in the presence of God  
**Led by Norm Johanson Location: Parlor**

# 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)
- 6:45pm Wednesdays Middle School YG (begins Sept 20)
- 4:00pm Sunday 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

- † **You are invited to the Great Co-Mission Conference on September 28-29<sup>th</sup>!**  
**The Great “Co-Mission,”** to be held at nearby Church of the Good Samaritan, in Paoli, 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.
- † **Presbytery of Philadelphia 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration: October 7, 2017**  
Our worship celebration will take place on Saturday, October 7, 2017 beginning at 10:00 am Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church, 2800 West Cheltenham Ave.  
All are invited.
- † **Making Room for God: exploring the rhythms of grace** --learning more about keeping company with Jesus every day in ways that transform us. If you long for something more, something different, something deeper, something that connects the presence of God to the changes you crave, this class will provide some of the means. From the beginning the church linked the desire for more of God to intentional practices, relationships and experiences that gave people space in their lives to keep company with Jesus. Discipleship and spiritual disciplines complement each other. Come and learn.  
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- † **Freedom in Christ**  
**Thursday evenings 8-weeks: Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>-Nov 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.**  
Many Christians long for a closer walk and relationship with Jesus, and often find that unforgiveness, a lack of repentance, and other physical, emotional or spiritual issues stand in the way. **Unbound prayer** leads people lovingly and gently on a journey to freedom from issues that stand between them and a fuller walk with God. Join us on Thursday evenings for 8 weeks to learn about and practice the Unbound prayer model. Thousands of Christians around the world have found that Unbound prayer is an extraordinary gift from God, providing deliverance from issues that have plagued them for years, and bringing new vibrancy to their spiritual lives  
**Led by Dana Kaminstein and Gene McGee, Location: Parlor**

## 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.  
**Weekly Menus: #1 Pasta, #2 Chicken, #3 Mac & Cheese, #4 Potato Bar, #5 Pork BBQ**  
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.
- † **Chuckwagon resumes today!! Yeah!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **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.
- † **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.
- † All Sundays in the month of October are open for flower dedications. If you would like to make one, just call or email the office.
- † **Open Mic Night at NPC**  
**On Sunday, Oct. 15th from 7:00 to 8:30pm NPC is hosting our first Open Mic Night!** Our goals for the evening are as follow: to celebrate the talent within our own church family and friends; to raise funds for the Deacons' Assistance Fund and their ministry in our community, and to simply enjoy an all-church evening together! Bring a dessert to share – we'll provide cold drinks and coffee. This event is open to everyone, so why not invite a friend or two? There is no charge to attend, or perform. Donations for the Deacons' Assistance Fund will be gratefully accepted.  
  
So, if you are musical, have written poetry, want to tell a funny story, or just want to come and enjoy the entertainment of other people performing for you, this evening is for you. To attend or perform, please sign up, by e-mailing John Chaffee at [jchaffee@narberthpres.org](mailto:jchaffee@narberthpres.org).



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## BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

### *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**

### *Monday, September 11*

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 12*

7:00am Men's small group, Resource Room  
 7:00am Men-Sponsored Prayer Breakfast, at Narberth Diner  
**7:00pm Elder/Deacon Training, Parlor**

### *Wednesday, September 13*

9:30am Staff Meeting, Parlor  
**7:00pm Ice Cream bar and sermon follow-up** on The Great Commission and evangelism, led by Pastor Steve

### *Thursday, September 14*

9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor  
 (Kickball with the Pastor resumes Sept. 21)

### *Friday, September 15*

10:00am Women's Bible Study, Parlor  
 7:30-9:00pm (Parlor) Young Adult Community resumes its weekly Friday night gatherings

### *Saturday, September 16*

### *Sunday, September 17*

8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office  
 8:00am Sunday School, Parlor  
**9:00am Worship Service**  
**10:45am Worship Service**  
 12:15pm Luncheon for small group development, all interested are invited, Parlor

### *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 19	7:00pm Session Meeting with the Administrative Commission of Philadelphia Presbytery
Sept 20	5:45pm-8:00pm Wednesday Night begins-supper, then classes for all ages
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 24	12:15-2:30pm New Explorers' class begins, lunch included, Parlor (childcare as needed)
Sept 26	10:15am Sr. Trip to The Highlands
Sept 28	9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor
Sept 28	7:00pm new 8-week class: Freedom in Christ – Unbound Prayer, Parlor
Sept 29-30	Save the dates! Missions Conference at Paoli Pres. (See announcement on page 5)
Oct 6-8	Middle School Breakaway Retreat
Oct 7	10:00am Service of Celebration @ Enon Baptist Church for Phila. Presbytery 300 <sup>th</sup>
Oct 15	7:00-8:30pm Open Mic Night
Nov 3-5	High School Reality Retreat