

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

September 24, 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

Linda Pilacik,
Organist

Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Call To Worship

Romans 1:16

Hymn #99

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Laudes Domini

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading

John 7:37-39; 2 Timothy 1:5-7

(p.1660, 1852)

9:00am Rashmi Vyas
10:45am Cathy Callaway

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All the people: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you are the giver of life, the source of living waters. In the words of the prophet, we confess that we have dug our own wells, that do not hold water. We have sought our own kingdom, instead of yours. Too often, we have yielded to fear, instead of reaching out to others. Please forgive us and cleanse us. Thank you for your scandalous love that took our place on the cross. Fill us with the power of the Holy Spirit to serve others, and to be bold and loving witnesses for you. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Invitation to Friday Morning Mom's Group

Jo-Anne Kaplan

Invitation to Thursday Night "Unbound" class

Gene McGee

The Greeting

Worship Song

Call It Grace

Unspoken

Worship Song

Days of Elijah

Mark

*During the 9:00am service, children up to grade 5 may be dismissed to Children's Sunday School.
6th grade and up meet in the Youth Room for 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

Passing of Friendship Pads

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

By My Spirit
Linda Pilacik, Soprano

Phillips

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Acts 1:1-8

(p.1690)

Sermon

Acts 29

Where's The Power – What's The Power?

Steve Weed,
Pastor

Hymn #720

Christ, Whose Purpose Is to Kindle

Ode To Joy

Benediction

Prayer Ministry

9:00am Isabel Lally
10:45am John Furlong

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God by Joyce Nicolai, in loving memory of her dad, Roy C. Brinton.

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.

**New Explorers' Class starts TODAY Sept 24. More details on page
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.

Assignment for this week:

- Monday through Friday, read one chapter per day in the Book of Acts.
- Saturday, or any days you are led, meditate more deeply on next week's passage, Acts 1:9-14
Sermon: "Are We Preparing For Spiritual Awakening?"

Guidelines for reading Acts:

"The key to your reading of Acts is to recognize the "movement" of the gospel from Jerusalem to Rome, narrated in six parts (panels) and signaled by Luke's little summary statements in 6:7; 9:31; 12:24; 16:5; and 19:20. In each case the narrative seems to pause for a moment before it takes off in a new direction - sometimes geographically, sometimes ethnically, and sometimes both." (Gordon Fee, How To Read The Bible Book By Book).

Luke wants us to read Acts as "a play in which we are invited to become actors ourselves. The stage opens up and we discover we're in the middle of the action. That is part of the point of the "ending", which isn't really an ending: the story continues, and we are part of it." Acts 29! "It is a play in which the only true acting is what happens when the spirit of the playwright himself takes charge." (NT Wright, Bible Study Guide on Acts and Acts For Everyone).

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 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 and select Harvey as the fund.

Through last Sunday, your gifts for Hurricane Harvey relief in Texas totaled approximately \$5,000. Thank you for your generosity; this offering will continue to be received for the next several weeks. With restoration efforts now underway in two locations - Texas and Florida - the Session has determined to match the Hurricane Harvey gifts with an equal amount drawn from our savings, up to a sizable cap, for use in Florida by the Salvation Army in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma. Your gifts matter to God and help many people, and we encourage your continued generosity.

Dear NPC family,

What: Q Commons simulcast national event – “Healing Our Divided Land”

Where: Host church is – Liberti Church Center City

When: Thursday, October 26th, 7-9pm

How: purchase tickets online.....you can do so via their website page for this Philly event host - <http://qcommons.com/philadelphia>

There are different ticket prices for individuals, couples, groups 8+, and students.

There will be a really great opportunity to listen to quality speakers – listed below or on the website.

I think we are a church that cares deeply about the issues that can lead to - Healing Our Divided Land! John Kennedy

Speakers: David Brooks, Kara Powell, Propaganda, Ruth Naomi Floyd, Dave Brindley, Arthur L. Satterwhite, III.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT NPC

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 calendar page for each week's menu.

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

Donna Wren and Sherry Beebe will lead a children's choir for **1st through 5th 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) **1st through 3rd grades** will meet with Pastor Terry for Bible Time in his office, followed by kickball in the gym.
- (7:00-8:00pm) **4th and 5th 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: Living by 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 calls 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, Youth Room
- 6:45pm Wednesdays: Middle School YG
- 4:00pm Sunday HS Youth Group

Upcoming Events:

- Middle School Breakaway Retreat Oct 6-8
- Open Mic Night for all Oct 15th 7:00-8:30pm
- Fall Festival party \$ cookout, Sunday, October 29 4-6pm
- High School Reality Retreat Nov 3-5

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

2017 MISSIONARY CAUSES

Mission

4D Ministries – Hank Paulson

Amnion Crisis Pregnancy Center

Child Evangelism Fellowship, Inc. – North Ireland

Chosen People Ministries (formerly Messiah Now) - Cruz

Cornerstone Christian Academy

Corrymeela Community – North Ireland

CRU (Campus Crusade for Christ) - Darwin

CRU (Campus Crusade for Christ) – Brindley (Philly Bridges)

CRU (Campus Crusade for Christ) - Shenk

DiscipleMakers - Hall

Esperanza Health Center

Fellowship International Mission/Jos Seminary - Tushima

Greater Europe Mission- Loeffler

Habitat for Humanity - Camden

Habitat for Humanity –Philadelphia

House of His Creation

Interserve-USA - Kennedy

InterVarsity – Emma Shaw

Kingdom Connect - Duffy

Kirkwood Camp (Presbytery of Philadelphia)

Neighborhood Crusades Inc.

Presby's Inspired Life

Presbyterian Reformed Ministries International

Presbyterians for Renewal (Wee Kirk)

Presbytery of Philadelphia General Mission

REAP - Granada

Servant Partners – Dan & Denise Anderson

SIM USA - Jewell

The Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota (Standing Rock)

The Philadelphia Project

The Welcome Church – Steinnagel

Timothy Academy

United World Mission - Woodbury

Wycliffe Bible Translators - Shannon

Young Life (Western Philadelphia Suburbs)

Ambassador

Helga Sauter/Margie Nathanson

Alice Antonelli

Terry Weyant

Jennifer & Tim Roykouff

Joyce Lewis

Lally / Hartsock

Kathy McLean

Jean McIntire

The Bowser Family

Bob Moore

Greg Esterhai

Scott Todd

Helga Sauter

Linda Behmke

Linda Behmke

Melissa Esterhai

Jesse Kennedy

Meg McKinley

Ken & Sally Kapner

Curt Haring

Helga Sauter

Suzanne Morrison

Cathy Callaway

Steve Weed

Scott Todd

Charlie Choi

Faithe Hornung

Helga Sauter

Ashley Reed

Sharon Shallow

Jane Murray

Georgia Ward

Helga Sauter

Carol Heller

Barbara Montgomery

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **Our Sr. trip this month to The Highlands**, a nearby historic property, is **THIS TUESDAY**. 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.
- † **You are invited to the Great Co-Mission Conference on September 28-29th!** **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.
- 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 at www.good-samaritan.org/co-mission, or www.paolipres.org for this FREE (including Saturday lunch) conference which will *explore* our common-unity, and *learn* how the Lord wants to build a stronger and deeper community of faith which welcomes all people.
- † **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 or 610-664-4880 (x114).
- † **New Explorers’ Class:**
- A New 6-week Explorers’ Class starts today, 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.

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† Freedom in Christ

Thursday evenings 8-weeks: Sept. 28th-Nov 16th 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

† Presbytery of Philadelphia 300th 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.

† 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.

† You can do something to restore the lives of victims of human trafficking here in Pennsylvania.

Walk Her Home is having a walk/run & kids Fall festival October 7, 2017 starting at the Westtown School in West Chester, PA. Registration starts at 9:00am, there is a Q & A expert panel discussion at 10:00am and the walk/run at 11:00am. You can go on-line to register at walkherhome.org and/or contact Sally Kapner at salthegalforme@yahoo.com.

† Please join NPC's Orphan Care Ministry for a 5K Walk/Run on Saturday, October 14th, at Ridley Creek State Park, Pavillion #17. We will again be teaming up with Compassion Corps to raise awareness and funds for school scholarships for orphans in Liberia & Uganda. This is a fun, family-friendly event, with walkers and runners of all ages and abilities. To sign up, go to <http://www.compassion-corps.com/orphan-day-5k/>, or show up at 9 am. The run will begin at 10 am, and conclude with snacks, coffee, and information about how you can make a difference in the lives of orphans. For questions, feel free to contact Jess Gaffga (jessicagaffga@yahoo.com) or Valerie Foley (valerie@vfoley.com).

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- † Need encouragement? Longing for adult conversation? Want a two-hour break from your (darling) toddler? **Moms' Group** resumes this Friday, September 29th, from 9:30 to 11:30 am in the Parlor. We are an open small group, always warmly accepting new members. We will be starting a new study, looking at the life of Sarah. As always, free childcare, coffee, snacks, and prayer are provided! Please contact Jess Gaffga (jessicagaffga@yahoo.com) or Jo-Anne Kaplan (jrgarrid@yahoo.com) with any questions or for more information.

- † **Open Mic Night at NPC for All Ages**
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.

- † **Sunday Morning Curbside Cafe** - Do you wish to share Christ's blessings with others more boldly? Join us in stepping outside the walls of the church and greeting our neighbors and passers-by with Christ's love through free coffee, goodies, a friendly conversation, and prayer. And you will not be doing it alone. If such a desire is "percolating" in your spirit, contact Debbie Watson or email Clara Louie at claralouie@yahoo.com.

- † **Director of Children's Ministry Update**
As Pastor Terry prepares for retirement at the end of December, the Personnel Committee has been in full swing searching for our next amazing ministry leader. So far we have held three focus groups with parents and staff and posted the position on several national job boards. We are finalizing the search team to interview candidates. If you know our next amazing ministry leader, please tell Linda Behmke at lrbehmke@yahoo.com.

- † **Stop by the Resource Table**, located in the chapel area, and see new books for all members for the family.

- † **Wednesday Supper menu this week:** Potato Bar, salad, fruit, dessert

ACTS 1

Acts 1:1-8 In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ²until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. ⁴On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” ⁶Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸**But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”**

Application Questions - for individuals or small groups:

- What is a witness? What are the points of comparison between a legal understanding of witness and a follower of Christ?
- What has been the most effective kind of witness you have observed or received from others?
- How would you most like to grow as a witness?
- How is God calling us at NPC to be witnesses of Christ in our community?
- What do you think Jesus meant by “power?” What is its purpose?
- How have you experienced the Holy Spirit? How would you describe that experience or its fruit? What can we do to receive more of the power of the Spirit?
- How would you evaluate the boldness of your faith? Do you desire to become more bold, and if so, what steps could you or we as a church take?
- What can we learn about witness from the progression of the gospel from Jerusalem to Samaria to the ends of the earth?
- Where in your life is your positive witness for Christ most needed? Where might God be calling you to step out with greater faith and love?



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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, September 24

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

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor

9:00am Worship Service

10:45am Worship Service

12:15-2:30pm New Explorers' class begins, lunch included, Parlor (childcare as needed)

4:00pm High School Youth Group

Monday, September 25

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 26

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

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

10:00am Prayer group in Parlor

10:30am Sr. Trip to The Highlands, Plymouth Meeting

7:00pm Missions Committee, Parlor

7:30pm Praise Team rehearsal, Sanctuary

Wednesday, September 27

5:45pm-8:00pm Wednesday Night supper, then classes for all ages

Menu: Potato Bar, salad, fruit, dessert

6:45pm Adult Discipleship classes

Thursday, September 28

9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor

4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor, gym

7:00pm new 8-week class: Freedom in Christ – Unbound Prayer, Parlor

Friday, September 29

9:30am Moms' Bible Study, Parlor

10:00am Women's Bible Study, Chapel

Missions Conference at Good Sam

7:30-9:00pm Young Adult Group, Parlor

Saturday, September 30

Missions Conference at Good Sam

Sunday, October 1

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

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor

9:00am Worship Service-Communion

10:45am Worship Service-Communion

12:15-2:30pm Explorers' class, Parlor

4:00pm High School Youth Group

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: jlmpsyh@hotmail.com

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

Oct 1 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Oct 3 7:00pm Deacons' Meeting, Parlor

Oct 5 6:00-7:00pm supper followed by 7:00-8:30pm Memorial Service for Margie Nathanson

Oct 6-8 Middle School Breakaway Retreat

Oct 7 10:00am Service of Celebration @ Enon Baptist Church for Phila. Presbytery 300th

Oct 7 Anti-Human Trafficking Walk/Run Westtown School, 9:00am registration

Oct 8 12:00pm Cream of the Crop Luncheon, Parlor

Oct 10 7:00pm Elder/Deacon Training, Parlor

Oct 12,26 9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor

Oct 13,27 9:30am Moms' Bible Study, Parlor

Oct 13 7-9pm Pickleball resumes (2nd and 4th Fridays), Gym

Oct 14 Orphan Care 5k Walk or Run, Ridley Creek State Park 9:00am registration

Oct 15 7:00-8:30pm Open Mic Night

Oct 17 7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor

Oct 18 9:30am Staff Meeting, Parlor

Oct 20 1:00pm Sr. Slide Show (Greece), Parlor

Nov 3-5 High School Reality Retreat