

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

October 1, 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

Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Call To Worship

Hymn #689 (1,2,4,5) *The Church's One Foundation* *Aurelia*

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading John 17:15-23 (p.1680)

9:00am Dana Ergenbright

10:45am Carrie Robinson

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All the people: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we thank you for Jesus Christ, who is for us and not against us. You have confirmed this truth through his death, resurrection, and ascension, and even now he prays for us. We confess that we have not faithfully lived into this reality. We have neglected prayer and not held Jesus at the center of our relationships. We have allowed our opinions and complaints and divisions to supplant the mind of Christ. Please forgive us at the cross. Awaken us with new desire for you. Bind us together in the love of Jesus, and may the Holy Spirit overflow to bless others. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

The Gloria Patri

The Greeting

Worship Song *All The People Said Amen* *Maher*

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

Your Presence Is Heaven

Houghton

The Praise Team

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Acts 1:9-14

(p.1691)

Sermon

Acts 29

Are We Preparing For Spiritual Awakening?

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

At The Cross (Love Ran Red)

Tomlin

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, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. We praise you for saints and martyrs, for the faithful in every age who have followed your Son and witnessed to his resurrection.

From every race and tongue, from every people and nation, you have gathered them into your kingdom. You have shown them the path of life and filled them with the joy of your presence.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Sent to be our Savior, he took our flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. His words are true. His touch brings healing. To all who follow him, he gives abundant life.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ, and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world. Amen.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Communion music

9:00am

Mozart Sonata k.333, Andante Cantabile

Avery Gagliano

10:45am

Donald Robinson

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn

Let Every Christian Pray

Green

Benediction

Prayer Ministry

9:00am Meg McKinley

10:45am Linda Behmke

In today's services - special opportunity for prayer:

In keeping with today's message on prayer and unity, and spiritual awakening, there will be a special opportunity to pray for one another. If you would like to submit a prayer request for something you would like to receive prayer for every day in the coming week, you are invited to write your name on a note card (found in all the pews), and a brief description of your prayer request.

Right after the sermon, Pastor Steve will guide anyone who has filled out a card to please pass it across the pew to the inside aisle. Ushers will pick them up during the following worship song, "At The Cross", and bring them upfront to the baskets on the communion table.

Then during the final hymn or after the service is completed, if you would be willing to pray every day this week for someone's prayer request, please come to the front, pick up a card at "random", and faithfully lift that person to the Lord in prayer. Next week, either at church, or in some other way, try to reach out to the person and let them know you prayed for them. Oftentimes, amazing new connections are made, we experience the body of Christ in action, and prayers are answered!

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.

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 2:1-41
Sermon: "Pentecostal Presbyterians?"

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 over \$5,500. 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

FALL GROUPS AND CLASSES AT NPC

Monday

6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, 1st, 3rd, & 5th Mon. Ringers needed.

7:00pm MBR (Men Being /Becoming Real) Bible study, prayer and support in a safe and friendly setting. Music Office. All men welcome.

7:00pm Prayer Group, meets in Steve's Office. All are welcome.

7:30pm Men's Bible Study—Galatians Meets in the copy room. All men welcome.

Tuesday

11:00am Prayer and Study, Parlor. All are welcome.

Wednesday

6:45pm Making Room for God: Living by the Rhythms of Grace --learning more about keeping company with Jesus every day in ways that transform us. 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

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Thursday

7:00-8:30pm Freedom in Christ

Thursday evenings 8-weeks: Sept. 28th-Nov 16th , meets in the Parlor

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

Friday

9:30am Moms' Group meets every other Friday in the Parlor. Come take a much needed break, every other Friday, next meeting Oct 13, 9:30-11:30 am. We talk, pray and read the Bible in a casual environment over coffee and snacks. All moms are welcome. Free childcare.

10:00am Women's Bible Study meets every Friday, location varies between Parlor and Chapel. All ladies are welcome.

7:30pm Young Adults

We meet in the Parlor. All are Welcome. Bible study and social events.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **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. We have a willing leader/point person. We need YOU to join a once-a-month team to help with the simple meal 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 started last Sunday. There's still time to join them! They meet at 12:15-2:30pm in the Parlor, 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.

- † **Freedom in Christ**

Thursday evenings 8-weeks: Sept. 28th-Nov 16th 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

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

- † **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.

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† **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.

† **You can do something to restore the lives of victims of human trafficking: Walk Her Home** is having a walk/run & kids Fall festival **October 7** 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).

Please join The Philadelphia Project for our 7th Annual Silent Auction & Donor Dinner Silent auction starts at 5pm with dinner to follow.

5pm, Saturday, October 28, 2017 at the Church of the Good Samaritan, Paoli, PA. Questions// michelle@thephiladelphiaproject.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.

† **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.

† **Wednesday Supper menu this week:** Pasta with meat sauce, salad, fruit, dessert.

ACTS 1

Acts 1:9-14 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

¹² Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day’s walk from the city. ¹³ When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

Application Questions - for individuals or small groups:

What does it mean that Jesus ascended to heaven? (Acts 2:32,33; Romans 8:33,34; Hebrews 1:3,4; Ephesians 1:18-23). What does the ascension mean for Jesus? For us?

How do you understand the angels' ("two men") gentle rebuke to the disciples in verses 10,11? Do you see any applications to your life?

What do you notice about the composition of the people gathered awaiting the promised Holy Spirit? What "composition" of a local church do you think is pleasing to God?

From Acts 1:12-14, 2:17,18, 4:13, and 1Corinthians 1:26-29, what kind of people does God use? Are you encouraged by this?

Between the end of Jesus' resurrection appearances (40 days) and the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost (50th day), there were 10 days of waiting for the Holy Spirit. What do you think happened in those 10 days? What did it look like?

Can you recall a time you experienced a breakthrough after an intense time of waiting on God? What is the value of a preparation or "wait training" time?

Acts 1:14 says that these 120 believers (Acts 1:15) joined together constantly in prayer, and some versions say, "in one mind", or "one accord." What is remarkable about this group's unity? Why is unity so important in a local church community? How is unity fostered? Since unity is not uniformity or sameness, how does unity work together with diversity?

What is the relationship between prayer and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit? Have you ever experienced a connection between the two? How so? What are the best experiences you've had in praying with others or in the company of others? What challenges?

If God were to move with new power in your life, what steps would God ask you to take in order to be "prepared?"



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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

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

Monday, October 2

6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
 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, October 3

7:00am Men's small group, Resource Room
 7:00am Men-Sponsored Prayer Breakfast, at Narberth Diner
 11:00am Prayer group in Parlor
 7:00pm Deacons' Meeting, Parlor
 7:30pm Praise Team rehearsal, Sanctuary

Wednesday, October 4

5:45pm-8:00pm Wednesday Night supper, then classes for all ages
 Menu: Pasta with meat sauce, salad, fruit, dessert
6:45pm Adult Discipleship classes
6:45pm Middle 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: jlmpsy@hotmail.com

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

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 16,30 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
 Oct 17 7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor
 Oct 18 9:30am Staff Meeting, Parlor
 Oct 20 1:00pm Sr. Slide Show (Greece), Parlor

Thursday, October 5

4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor, gym
6:00-7:00pm Supper in the Gym with open mic
7:00-8:30pm Memorial Service for Margie Nathanson, Sanctuary

Friday, October 6

10:00am Women's Bible Study, Chapel
6:30-9:00pm Parents' Night Out, Gym
 7:30-9:00pm Young Adult Group, Parlor
 6:30pm Middle School Breakaway Retreat (Meet in parking lot)

Saturday, October 7

10:00am Service of Celebration @ Enon Baptist Church for Phila. Presbytery 300th
 10:00am Anti-Human Trafficking Walk/Run Westtown School,
 9:00am registration

Sunday, October 8

8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office
 8:00am Sunday School, Parlor
9:00am Worship Service
10:45am Worship Service
12:00pm Cream of the Crop Luncheon
 Middle School Breakaway Retreat concludes
 4:00pm High School Youth Group
 Explorers' Class (Time TBD)