

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

October 22, 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.

Extended Prelude, led by Praise Team

8:45-9:00am and 10:35-10:45am

Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Call To Worship

John 12:32

Hymn #92

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Diademata

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading

Luke 15:3-7; John 10:14-16

(p.1623, 1667)

9:00am John Hart

10:45am Anne Barr

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All the people: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, thank you for the persistence of your love. We are prone to wander and to leave the God we love, yet you keep pursuing us. We confess that we have not loved our neighbor the way you love us. We too easily give up on people. We have resigned ourselves to what is, and failed to believe in the power of the gospel. Please forgive us through the death and resurrection of Christ. Fill us with the Holy Spirit, that we may see lives changed, starting with our own. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

The Greeting

Worship Song

10,000 Reasons

Myrin/Redman

Worship Song

Mighty To Save

Morgan/Fielding

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

Old Church Choir

Williams

The Praise Team

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:41-47

(p.1694)

Sermon

Acts 29 Church:

The Saving Power of Jesus Christ

Steve Weed,

Pastor

Hymn #669

God of Grace and God of Glory

Cwm Rhondda

Benediction

Prayer Ministry

9:00am John Kennedy

10:45am Emma Shaw

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.

In our congregational study of the Book of Acts,

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 3:1-10; 1Peter 4:10,11

Open Administrative Commission Meeting TODAY at 1:00 PM in the Chapel

Members of the Commission will be available to meet with members of the congregation to respond to any questions members may have about the dismissal process. The Administrative Commission was formed by the Presbytery in response to Session's request for gracious dismissal, with property, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia to ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians. If you have questions, please contact Dave Bellamy at 610-520-9382 or dbellamy@narberthpres.org. Light refreshments will be served in the Chapel after the second service.

FAMILY MINISTRY: CHILDREN, YOUTH & PARENTS

Sunday Morning Schedule

Infants and Toddlers

- 9:00am-12:15pm: *Nursery* provided in the *Nursery Room* downstairs near the restrooms, and a separate crying/changing room is directly across from the bottom of the stairs.

2 to 3 Year Olds

- 9:00-10:30am: *Hands On Bible, Blue Door Room* downstairs.
- 10:45am-12:15pm: *Spinners!* class, *Red Door Room* downstairs.

4 to 5 Year Olds

- 9:00-10:30am Sunday School *Red door room* (Kindergarten students may attend *Lighthouse Kids*, see below)

Grades 1-3:

These children attend the first part of the worship service with parents and are *dismissed half-way through* to attend:

- 9:30-10:30am: *Rotation Sunday School, Brown Door Room* downstairs.
- 10:45am-12:15pm: *Lighthouse Kids*, downstairs in the *Gym*.

Grades 4-5:

These children attend the first part of the worship service with parents and are *dismissed half-way through* to attend:

- 9:30-10:30am: *Tweens Class*, downstairs in the *Gym*.
- 10:45am-12:15pm: *Lighthouse Kids*, downstairs in the *Gym*.

Grades 6-12:

- 9:30 Youth Sunday School, Youth Room
- 6:45pm Wednesdays: Middle School YG
- 4:00pm Sunday HS Youth Group

Upcoming Events:

- 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.

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

6:45pm Learning To Love The Psalms

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

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

7:30pm Young Adults

Please note the new day, and a new book study on life together, by D. Bonhoeffer.

This Thursday there will be an introduction and books given out to begin reading the following week.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † On Sunday night October 15, we celebrated the diverse and wonderful talents of our congregation at **Open Mic Night!** It was an evening of music, poetry, jokes, laughter, joy, and generosity. Combined with designated offerings that morning, **your gifts added \$1,448 to our Deacons' Assistance Fund**, which our Deacons use to help those in our midst who encounter financial difficulties. **Thank you** for your generosity and to our Deacons for their faithful administration of the Fund.

With your gifts and additional NPC funds earmarked by the Session and Board of Deacons, we will send **\$27,500 to the Salvation Army for disaster relief** in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, Hurricane Irma (Florida), Hurricane Maria (Puerto Rico), wildfires in California, and earthquakes in Mexico City. Thank you for your generosity. **Please continue to pray for the residents in all of these ravaged areas.**

- † **The Fellowship Café needs YOU!** In this 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 still need folks to join a once-a-month team to help with the simple meal preparation, serving, and clean-up. 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).

† **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. **Led by Dana Kaminstein and Gene McGee, Location: Parlor**

† **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 have received several resumes and interviews are being lined up in the next couple of weeks. If you know our next amazing ministry leader, please tell Linda Behmke at lrbehmke@yahoo.com. Our search committee includes: Linda Behmke, Charlene McGrew, John Kennedy, John Chaffee, Melinda Groeneveld, Lisa Hoffman, Sarah Comstock, Dave Bellamy.

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- † **Sunday Morning Curbside Cafe** - A group of us will be outside the church in the lawn area on Windsor Ave., greeting our neighbors with free coffee, pastries, conversation, and prayer if desired. Come outside and join us anytime from 10:45-11:45 a.m. TODAY - for fellowship, and prayer for us, with us, for yourself, or for our neighbors!

- † **Christmas Choir Notice** All interested singers are invited to join in singing on Christmas Music Sunday, December 10. Rehearsals will be in the Choir Room, on Monday evenings from 7:30-8:30 beginning this Monday, October 23. Sign up sheet is in the chapel.

- † **For those who like to sing!** On an occasional basis, prior to the worship services, our musicians will be offering an “extended prelude” of music and praise. The praise team will kick it off this Sunday, Oct. 22 from 8:45-9:00am. On other Sundays, Sherry will play the organ for a hymn sing.

- † **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.

- † **Please join The Philadelphia Project for our 7th Annual Silent Auction & Donor Dinner** Silent auction starts at 5pm with dinner to follow.
5pm, **Sat., October 28, 2017** at the Church of the Good Samaritan, Paoli, PA.
Questions// michelle@thephiladelphiaproject.com

- † **For the last 75 years, Young Life has focused on introducing adolescents to Jesus Christ** and helping them grow in their faith. Join us to celebrate & share about the work of Young Life in the lives of students across the Main Line. This year's event will be on **Monday, October 30th** at the Saturday Club in Wayne.
7:30pm: Arrive for lite fare & drinks, followed by an area update, entertainment, and an opportunity to invest in the lives of students.
We hope to see you there! For questions, or to RSVP, please reach out to Trish & Greg Hein, trmm1211@msn.com or 6106082524.

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

ACTS 2

Acts 2:41-47 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷**praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.**

Application Questions – for individuals or small groups:

- If verse 47 is like the "punchline" of Acts 2:41-47, what is the connection between verses 47 and the previous description of the early church? Or stated differently, why do churches grow or not grow?
- From verse 47, what does it mean that the church had "favor", and who are "all the people?"
- How would you describe the relationship between the church and the surrounding community? How do we hold to the truth of the gospel and also have favor with the community? How do we navigate the tension between those two goals? (Romans 12:2; John 17:15-19).
- What does it mean to be "saved?" Is this part of your Christian vocabulary? What non-religious synonym or metaphor would you use to describe being "saved?" If someone asks you, "Are you saved?" What do you say in response?
- How would you correct these two statements in a more fully biblical direction:
 - "the saving of souls"
 - "I'm saved", that is, "I'm going to heaven when I die."
- In verse 47, what are the implications of each phrase:
 - The LORD added
 - To their NUMBER
 - DAILY
 - Those who were BEING SAVED
- How could verse 47 be fulfilled in our day? What actions might God be calling us to take? How do you see yourself participating in the great commission? (Matthew 28:19).



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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, October 22

8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office
 8:00am Sunday School, Parlor
9:00am Worship Service
10:45am Worship Service
1:00pm Open meeting with Presbytery's Administrative Commission, Chapel
 2:30pm Explorers' Class, Parlor
 4:00pm High School Youth Group

Monday, October 23

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 24

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 Missions Committee, Parlor
 7:30pm Praise Team rehearsal, Sanctuary

Wednesday, October 25

5:45pm-8:00pm Wednesday Night supper, then classes for all ages
 Menu: Potato Bar, salad, fruit, dessert. (g-free/vegetarian, too)
6:45pm Adult Discipleship classes
6:45pm Middle School Youth Group

Thursday, October 26

9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor
 4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor, gym
 6:30-8:30pm Private use – Fellowship of Chr. Athl. Meeting, Parlor
7:00-8:30pm Unbound: Freedom in Christ class, Chapel
 7:00pm Knitters Group, Resource Room
7:30-9:00pm Young Adult Group, Youth Room (Life Together book study)
 7:30pm Adult Basketball in the gym, open to all

Friday, October 27

9:30am Moms' Bible Study, Parlor
 10:00am Women's Bible Study, Chapel
 6:00pm Wedding rehearsal, Sanctuary
 7-9pm Pickleball, Gym

Saturday, October 28

12:00pm Wedding and reception, Sanctuary & Parlor (Private event)

Sunday, October 29

8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office
 8:00am Sunday School, Parlor
9:00am Worship Service
10:45am Worship Service
 12:15pm 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: jlmpsy@hotmail.com

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

Oct 30 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
 Oct 31 6:00-7:00pm Trunk-or-Treat in the parking lot
 Nov 3 6:30-9:30pm Parents' Night Out, Gym
 Nov 3-5 High School Reality Retreat
 Nov 5 12:00pm Congregational meeting to elect new elders and deacons (Sanctuary)
 Nov 6,20 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
 Nov 7 NPC provides primary polling place in Narberth (Parlor)
 Nov 7 7:00pm Deacons' Meeting, Chapel

Nov 9 9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor
Nov 10 9:30am Moms' Bible Study, Parlor
Nov 10 1:30pm Sr. Slide Show: Switzerland, Parlor
Nov 10 7-9pm Pickleball (2nd and 4th Fridays), Gym
Nov 14 7:00pm Elder/Deacon Training, Parlor