

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

November 12, 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 *Blessing and Honor* **Simone**

AUTUMN from "The Four Seasons **Vivaldi**

Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Call To Worship

Hymn #2 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* **Nicaea**

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading Acts 4:32-37 (p.1697)

9:00am Becky McGee

10:45am Joyce Lewis

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All the people: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you are holy, full of might and mercy. We confess that our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. For you desire truth in the inward being. Through the cross of Jesus Christ, please forgive us and cleanse us in those places we cannot reach with human hands. Create in us, a pure heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us, and throughout your church. By your Holy Spirit, restore to us the joy of your salvation. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

The Greeting

Worship Song *He Reigns* **Furler/Taylor**

9:00am Sacrament of Infant Baptism **Simon Finch Smith**

Son of Chris & Carrie Smith

9:00am Hymn #470 *Jesus Loves Me, This I Know*

10:45am Worship Song *How Great Is Our God* **Tomlin**

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.

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:

- 6:45pm Wednesdays: Middle School YG
- 4:00pm Sunday HS Youth Group

Upcoming Events:

- All youth Christmas Party Dec 10th at 4-6pm in the youth room
- Star Wars Movie Outing Dec 15th, gather at 6:15pm at King of Prussia UA Movie Theatre for 7:00pm showing. Tickets only available through NPC website

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 of Christian Athletes – Kasey Dougherty
Fellowship International Mission/Jos Seminary – C. 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)

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Helga Sauter
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Terry Weyant
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Joyce Lewis
Isabel Lally
Kathy McLean
Jean McIntire
The Bowser Family
Bob Moore
Greg Esterhai
Ashley Reed
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

Barbara Montgomery

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **Cookie Time!**

It's that time of year when we begin to prepare for our **Great Cookie Giveaway on Dec 2nd** and Narberth Dickens Festival on Dec 3rd. Start baking those cookies and freeze them. Or freeze the cookie dough so it's ready to bake when needed. We need 7,500 cookies to bag to give to our neighbors and to give out at the Dickens Festival!

We need your help! Please sign up to bake/buy cookies, bag and distribute cookies to our neighbors on Dec 2nd and at the Dickens Festival on Dec 3rd!

† **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).

† **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 are in the Choir Room, on Monday evenings from 7:30-8:30.

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- † **New Women's Study Group starting on Thursday evenings!** Starting the Thursday after Thanksgiving we will meet from 7:00-8:30pm. Join us for an Advent study, "The Women of Christmas: Experience the Season Afresh with Elizabeth, Mary and Anna". These three women demonstrate remarkable faith and trust in God. Following in their footsteps we too can prepare for the Savior to enter our hearts, minds and lives in a vibrant, new way. For more information contact Cathy Callaway at ccallaway@narberthpres.org or 215-341-6607.

- † **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 from 8:45-9:00am. Next one: A Hymn Sing led by Sherry Beebe on Nov 19, 8:45-9:00am 10:35-10:45am.

- † **TODAY, November 12, at The Flanders in Ocean City,** the congregation is invited to the book signing for "Don't Leave Me, French Fries" by Chris Abbott. He asks for prayer to be healthy enough to attend and sign his newly published book, and welcomes all who can make it down to OC.

- † **Wednesday Supper menu this week:** Mac & Cheese and stewed tomatoes, salad, fruit, dessert.

- † **Wycliffe Bible Translators (Al & Barb Shannon)** need a new ambassador to pray for and represent them at NPC. Please contact the office, 610-664-4880, if anyone in our congregation is called to be the "connection" for this Mission Cause.

- † **Visit the book table in the Chapel!**
We have a new assortment of music for adults and children. Also, be sure to visit the Children's Library upstairs with your children.
Please look for any forgotten items from the resource center that might be in your home. Thanks! (Helen Moffa)

- † **Dr. Janet Moore** has been serving in our Counseling Ministry for the past 10 years, working with individuals struggling with a wide range of personal and psychological challenges. Dr. Moore's perspective is that addressing mental health issues is essential to opening our hearts and minds, thereby enabling a closer relationship with God that can sustain us in an imperfect world. You may reach Dr. Moore by leaving a message on her church extension, 610-664-4880 (ext. 121), or at 484-686-6630.

ACTS 4

Acts 5:1-11

Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. ²With his wife's full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet.

³Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? ⁴Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God." ⁵When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened. ⁶Then some young men came forward, wrapped up his body, and carried him out and buried him. ⁷About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. ⁸Peter asked her, "Tell me, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land?" "Yes," she said, "that is the price." ⁹Peter said to her, "How could you conspire to test the Spirit of the Lord? Listen! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also."

¹⁰At that moment she fell down at his feet and died. Then the young men came in and, finding her dead, carried her out and buried her beside her husband. ¹¹Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events.

Application Questions – for individuals or small groups:

- From Acts 4:32-37, what stands out to you in this description of the early church?
- Barnabas is introduced in 4:36,37 with his new name, meaning "the son of encouragement." How would you describe the nature of his encouragement here, along with other places in Acts where he is mentioned? (9:26-28; 11:19-26). What are some ways you can grow in the ministry of encouragement?
- How is Barnabas a sharp contrast with Ananias and Sapphira? How is Acts 4:32-37 likewise a sharp contrast with 5:1-11? What can we learn from this striking juxtaposition?
- What did Ananias and Sapphira do that was so wrong? What was the essence of their sin? What do you think motivated them to sell the land? To keep part of the money? How are their actions and motives not consistent with Christian character and behavior?
- Why do you think there was such severe judgment against Ananias and Sapphira? What does this story reveal about the nature of God, the nature of the church, the nature of human beings? What word of hope or grace do you see in this story, since none of us is without sin?
- How does 1John 1:5-2:2 relate to this story, and how do we as Christians deal with our sin?
- According to Acts 5:11, what was the result of this episode? Do you think we as the church need more of this fear today? If so, why? What kind of fear is this, compared to the kind that is destructive?
- Is it possible to have the power of the Holy Spirit without conviction of our sin? How are you challenged to change as a result of this story?

SERMON NOTES

November 12, 2017 Pastor Steve Weed

Acts 29

Problems In Paradise: Get Real!

Acts 4:32-37

Acts 5:1-11

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 5

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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, November 12

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 Last Explorers' Class, Parlor

4:00pm High School Youth Group

Monday, November 13

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

7:30pm Christmas Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Tuesday, November 14

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

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

11:00am Prayer group, Resource Room

2:00-7:00pm Presbytery Meeting: Ambler Pres. Church

7:00pm Session Meeting, (moved up 1 week)

7:30pm Praise Team rehearsal, Sanctuary

Wednesday, November 15

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

Menu: Mac & Cheese/tomatoes, salad, fruit, dessert. (g-free/vegetarian, too)

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

Nov 20 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Nov 22 7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Service, Sanctuary

Nov 24 7-9pm Pickleball (usually 2nd and 4th Fridays), Gym

Nov 23-24 Office closed for Thanksgiving holiday

Nov 28 Sr. Trip to Longwood Gardens

Nov 30 9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor

Dec 1 9:30am Moms' Bible Study, Parlor

Dec 1 6:30-9:30pm Parents' Night Out, Gym

Dec 2 9:00am The Great Cookie Give-a-Way, (starts in downstairs kitchen)

Thursday, November 16

12:00-3:00pm ECO Mission Affinity Group, Parlor

1:00pm CNS Board Meeting, Chapel

4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor, gym

7:00-8:30pm Unbound: Freedom in Christ class, Chapel

7:30-9:00pm Young Adult Group, Parlor
(Life Together book study, chapter 2)

7:30pm Adult Basketball in the gym, open to all

Friday, November 17

10:00am Women's Bible Study, Chapel

Saturday, November 18

Sunday, November 19

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

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor

9:00am Worship Service

10:45am Worship Service

12:00-2:00pm Gifts of Hope Gallery, Gym

4:00pm High School Youth Group