

Offertory *Arioso* *Bach*

Spencer Hurst, Cello

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 4:4-6 (p.1797)

Meditation **REDISCOVERING GRACE**
The Glorious Light of Christ **Steve Weed,**
Pastor

“Candles and Carols”

A service of hope, peace, joy, and love

Music by Mark Hayes, Narration: Pamela Martin

We Bring His Light

Dancers: Austine Howard, Katie Kennedy, Kathy McLean,
Andrea Ogle, Tiffany Tompkins

Prelude: Call to Light

1. Light of Hope

2. Light of Peace

3. Light of Joy

4. Light of Love

5. Light of Christ

Benediction

Prayer Ministry

9:00am Greg Hein
10:45am Linda Behmke

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Elizabeth Starr Thompson and Alfred Mancini, Sr. by the Donadio family.

Director: **Sherry Matthews Beebe, Minister of Music**

Narrators: **Emil Pilacik** and **Deborah Watson**

Candle lighting: **Maxwell Birch**

Sound Ministry: **Tim Hoops**

And

The Sanctuary Choir

Soprano: Colleen Holmes, Joyce Lewis, Jean McIntire,
Linda Pilacik, Missi Stretch, Doris Trescher, Christine Vega,
Rashmi Vyas, Donna Wren

Alto: Lucy Branin, Diane Chen, Maxi Coforio, Pam Fleming,
Shiang-Ju Steenhoff, Kelly Watson

Tenor: Philip Beebe, Glenn Frantz, Peter Phillips, Andrew Steenhoff

Bass: Ed Dickinson, David Holmes, Dave McIntire, Michael Morrison

Our Annual Meeting will be held TODAY in the gym at 12:15-2:00pm, lunch and childcare provided. After a delicious lunch, we will review the budget for 2018, with a discussion of the ministries of our church. We will also provide an update on our denominational transition. Members are encouraged to attend. Friends of the church are also welcome.

Thank you for being with us in worship today! To learn more about our church, Welcome Bags are available for newcomers in the Narthex (entrance area at the front doors.)

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.

During Advent, daily devotionals are available throughout the church. Please pick one up to enrich your devotion to Christ.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



During the month of December, the Chancel and Sanctuary will again be fully decorated for Christmas. The poinsettias will be fully displayed on the 10th. After the morning services **on December 24, 2017**, the smaller poinsettias will be delivered to members and friends of the congregation. Most will be given to those who were not to attend the morning service, but ALL will be given to say **WE LOVE YOU!**

The Memorial Plants will be **\$12.00** each. This is a lovely way to remember loved ones, and to add to the congregation's enjoyment of the season. Please complete the form below and return it to the church office as soon as possible. Thank You! Please make **checks payable to Narberth Presbyterian Church.**

Dedications will be listed in the bulletin Dec. 24. Dedications must be received by December 20 to be included in the bulletin of 12/24.

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Christmas Poinsettias

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Attached is \$ _____ (checks/cash) to be identified as follows:

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory (or honor) of:

(please print)

By _____

OR

Given to the glory of God with thankful joy for His continuing love and grace.

By _____

_____ I would be happy to deliver one (or more) plants after the morning services on Sunday, December 24, 2017.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND EVENTS:

Sun. Dec 10 **Second Sunday in Advent**

9:00am and 10:45am Christmas Choir Presentation:
“Candles and Carols”

Thurs. Dec 14 10:00am Christian Nursery School Christmas Pageant

Fri. Dec 15 1:30pm Sr. Christmas Carol Sing & Tea, Parlor

Sun. Dec 17 **Third Sunday in Advent**

9:00am and 10:45am Worship Services (8:45 Extended
Praise Team Prelude)

10:20am Between services Children’s Christmas Pageant,
in Gym

Wed. Dec 20 **7:00pm A Night To Remember** –A service of comfort
and hope for all who experience sadness and loss in this
season or year.

Sun. Dec. 24 **Fourth Sunday in Advent**

9:00am and 10:45am Worship Services

Sun. Dec. 24 **Christmas Eve**

4:00pm Family Friendly Candlelight Service
(shorter and designed for young families)

5:30pm Family Friendly Candlelight Service

8:00pm Traditional Candlelight Service

Sun. Dec 31 **New Year’s Eve Day**

9:00am and 10:45am Worship Services

Regretfully, there will be no Found Wandering Concert this year.

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

YOUTH NEWS ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Youth Committee: Calling all demographics of the church! We are creating a new Youth Committee and we would like to invite you to be a part of it. The task of youth ministry is the joy of the whole church, and it is our expressed interest to have as many different decades of life a part of this crew! This committee will help to represent the happenings of the youth to the rest of the church, to help brainstorm new events, find ways to gift our volunteers, and create a feedback loop for how we can improve NPC's Youth Program. We would love to have you, if you are able! Please email John Chaffee at jchaffee@narberthpres.org to express your interest. Our first meeting will be just after Thanksgiving!

Confirmation Class 2018: Calling all youth who are interested in attending Confirmation and becoming members of Narberth Presbyterian Church! Just after the New Year we will be starting a new round of Confirmation; this is open to MS as well as HS youth. We will be covering the Christian faith, the Ten Commandments, the Creeds of the Church, and how Narberth Pres. sets out to be a community of faith. We will culminate on Pentecost, which is Sunday, May 20th. On that day we will have a large celebration and welcome all Confirmands into the Church as full members! To help make this a special spring, we would love to have the participation of the rest of the church, if this interests you, please email John Chaffee at jchaffee@narberthpres.org about Confirmation!

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 - 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
Alice Antonelli
Terry Weyant
Jennifer & Tim Roykouff
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
Kim Ishmael
Barbara Montgomery

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **Sr. Christmas Carol Sing and Tea THIS FRIDAY!** Come out at 1:30pm and meet in the Parlor for our fabulous yearly gathering to celebrate this season of anticipation! Christ the Savior is born! Let's celebrate in music and munchies.
- † **A BIG Thank You! Thank You!** to all the cookie bakers, buyers, baggers, and deliverers who contributed to our 2017 Narberth community Cookie Giveaway! We collected 3,800 cookies and distributed 315 bags of cookies to our Narberth neighbors. Thank you for helping us spread good cheer and blessings to our neighbors!
- † **Thank you for your participation at NPC's Gifts of Hope Gallery** on November 19th! If you were unable to attend, we will continue to receive orders until December 20th. You may drop off orders in the Chapel after worship or mail them to the church—your gift cards will be mailed to you or made available here at NPC. Gifts “purchased” at the Gallery and since then total \$8776.96 so far. Thank you for your generosity. We look forward to celebrating Christmas with gifts that bless others!
- † **Christmas Trees!** Don't forget to stop by Roxborough Presbyterian Church at 8230 Ridge Avenue to purchase your Christmas tree, which benefits The Philadelphia Project. Their prices are very reasonable, and range from \$25 - \$40. Sale hours are: Sunday, 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM; Monday – Thursday, 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM; Friday, 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM and Saturday, from 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM.
- † **Wed. Dec 20 7:00pm A Night To Remember** – A service of comfort and hope for all who experience sadness and loss in this season or year. All are invited, and invite any friends or family who might receive comfort and strength.
- † **Sunday Morning Curbside Cafe** - We will bring our hospitality to people at the Narberth train station on Dec. 10 and 17. Join us if you are able. There will be no Curbside Cafe on Dec. 24 and 31. Stay tuned for our winter cafe schedule and activity.
- † **From John Kennedy with Interserve:** We have a missionary family (couple and three young boys) coming back for a brief visit in February 6-7, 2018. We will be running our winter Candidate School then and so are looking for some empty nesters or folks with a big house who could offer hospitality/lodging for those 2 nights/days. They arrive here in the area on the 6th and depart on the morning of the 8th. If you are able help you can reach me, John Kennedy, at my work number – 610-352-0581; or my cell – 610-930-8994. Or by email JKennedy@ludlow.net

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- † **This past Thursday, Teri Weed and Judy Grant delivered 52 quilts to Quilts For Comfort in Delaware.** The quilts will be given to patients at children’s hospitals, dialysis centers, and cancer centers. Each quilt has been embroidered with the words, “Made for you with love and prayer by the quilters of NPC.” The quilting group at NPC has now made and delivered a total of 651 quilts. The quilting group meets at NPC on 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 9:30-12:00 and is led by Teri Weed. All are welcome to come and check it out!
- † **New Women’s Study Group has started on Thursday evenings!** We meet from 7:00-8:30pm in Steve’s Office. 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. **All are welcome to join at any time. For ordering books, please contact Cathy Callaway at ccallaway@narberthpres.org or 215-341-6607.**
- † **Have you ever wondered how lyrics get projected during the service?** They say a thousand monkeys on a thousand typewriters could reproduce the works of Shakespeare, but we’ve found that our simian friend Bobo isn’t so good at running the projector. If you can be available for 1 service a month, you could help in the NPC projection ministry. Please contact John Furlong at furlongjk@gmail.com or 215-482-8198 if you are interested in volunteering. Next slide, Bobo. Good Bobo.
- † **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 is **Sunday, Dec. 17, 8:45-9:00am.**
- † **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.
- † **2 of Santa’s elves are missing somewhere in the church!** John Chaffee has been looking for them all week. If you spot one, let him know! There is a candy cane reward for the finders.



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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, December 10

Second Sunday in Advent

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

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor

9:00am Worship Service-Music Sunday

10:45am Worship Service-Music Sunday

12:15pm Annual Meeting with Lunch provided, Gym

4:00-6:00pm All Youth Christmas Party

Monday, December 11

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 Gal., Copy Room

Tuesday, December 12

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

11:00am Prayer group, Resource Room

6:00pm CNS "Little Stars" program, large classroom downstairs

7:00pm Session Meeting, New members received, Parlor

Wednesday, December 13

5:45pm-8:00pm Wednesday Night supper, then classes for all ages (Last Wed. Night of the Fall)
Menu:, Chicken, salad, fruit, dessert.
(g-free/vegetarian, too)

6:45pm Adult Discipleship class

6:45pm Middle School Youth Group

Thursday, December 14

9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor

10:00am Nursery School Christmas Pageant, Sanctuary

4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor, Gym

7:00pm New "Women of Advent" Study, led by Cathy Callaway, Steve's Office

7:00pm Young Adults Group, Parlor

7:30pm Adult Pick-up Basketball, Gym

Friday, December 15

10:00am Women's Bible Study, Chapel

1:30pm Annual Christmas Carol Sing and Tea, Parlor

Saturday, December 16

10:00-11:30am Sunday School Christmas Pageant rehearsal, Gym

Sunday, December 17

Third Sunday in Advent

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

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor

9:00am Worship Service

10:20-10:45am Christmas Pageant, Gym

10:45am Worship Service

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

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

Dec 20 7:00pm "A Night To Remember"- a service of comfort and hope

Dec 24 Christmas Eve Services: 4:00pm, 5:30pm, 8:00pm

Dec 25 and 26 Office Closed for Christmas

Dec 28 9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor

Dec 29 7-9pm Pickleball, Gym

Jan 1 Office Closed

Jan 2 7:00pm Deacons' Meeting, Parlor

Jan 9 7:00pm Elder/Deacon Training, Parlor

Jan 11,25 9:30am Quilts for comfort, Parlor

Jan 12,26 7:00pm Pickleball, Gym

Jan 16 7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor