



**Passing of Friendship Pads**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

*Tree of Life*

*Antonelli*

Joe Antonelli

**Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

**Scripture Reading**

Acts 10:30-48

(p.1710)

**Sermon**

**Encountering Christ:**

**What About Good People Who Are Not Christians?**

**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, eternal and triune God, whom we worship as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In Jesus Christ you spoke the word that brought the world into being. By the Holy Spirit you brought order out of chaos and breathed life into your creatures.

**In his ministry on earth, Jesus cared for all, forgiving their failures, healing their hurts, and nurturing their faith, giving himself in utter sacrifice for those he loved. He inspired ordinary people to Spirit-filled living, and displayed in his life, death, and rising again the power of your Spirit.**

Nurture us at this table, O God, that we may grow into the stature of Jesus Christ. As one people in Christ, help us to lead a life worthy of the calling to which we have been called, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

**Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm. Amen.**

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again. Amen.**

**Sharing of the Bread and Cup**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Hymn**

*I Am The Bread of Life*

*Toolan*

**Benediction**

**Prayer Ministry**

9:00am Isabel Lally

10:45am Scott Todd

**Today on this first Sunday of the month, we celebrate Holy Communion.** As Presbyterian Christians, we invite all who profess faith in Jesus Christ to receive communion, regardless of denominational affiliation or membership in this church. At the 9:00 service you are invited to receive communion by coming forward down the center aisle. We break off a piece of the bread (gluten free available), dip it in the cup and eat, then return to your seat by the outer aisles. At the 10:45 service, the Elders and Deacons serve you bread and the cup in your seats.

**On Communion Sundays,** a portion of the offering is earmarked for our Deacons' Assistance Fund. This fund is used to meet critical needs within our own church family and beyond. Thank you for your very generous donations.

*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.)*

# 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 5 Year Olds

- 9:00-10:30am: *Gospel Light, Red Door Room* downstairs
- 10:45am-12:15pm: *Play through the Bible, Red Door Room* downstairs.

### Grades K-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:

- 9:30am Youth Sunday School
- 10:30am Confirmation Class
- 7:00-9:00pm Middle School YG on 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays
- 4:00pm Sunday HS Youth Group

### Current Events:

***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 began a **new round of Confirmation at 10:30am in the Youth Room**. This is open to MS as well as HS youth. We are 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](mailto:jchaffee@narberthpres.org) about Confirmation!

For all youth-related questions, please contact John Chaffee 610-664-4880 x112  
[jchaffee@narberthpres.org](mailto:jchaffee@narberthpres.org)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **Sunday Morning Curbside Cafe:** "Come & See" is our theme for Curbside Cafe 2018. With a regular presence outside the church, we seek to invite our neighbors to *come and see* the love of Jesus through our simple hospitality, prayers, and intentional conversation. For our team, it has been so exciting to see God's vivid work in us and among us! So we invite you, too, to join us and *come and see* for yourselves from **10:45-11:45 a.m.** on Windsor Avenue.
  
- † **New Thursday night class** –January 25 – March 22 7:00-8:30pm  
Pastor Steve is leading a book study on **Mere Christianity** , Location: Parlor
  
- † **The Women's Bible Study** on the gospel of Luke will resume following the Mere Christianity class, on April 5<sup>th</sup>.
  
- † **Save the date for "A Day Away" – personal retreat at St. Raphaela Retreat Center**  
Wednesday, April 11th from 9:30 am-3:00 pm (\$25.00 cost includes morning snack and cold lunch) More details soon!
  
- † **Qualified Charitable Distributions to NPC from your IRA**  
In addition to checks, cash, online transfers (txt the amount to 610-624-4831), and stock gifts, direct contributions from IRAs for donors 70 ½ or older can be an attractive option. As you prepare to take your required minimum distribution from your IRA, please consider the special tax benefits of a direct IRA contribution to NPC. Individuals 70½ or older are permitted to direct distributions from most types of IRAs to charitable organizations and exclude those distributions from taxable income. Key step: the distribution check must be made payable to Narberth Presbyterian Church, not to you, in order to take advantage of this benefit. Please contact your accountant and/or IRA administrator to assess the suitability for you. Thank you for your generosity—your gifts help make ministry happen! May God be glorified and many helped through your gracious giving.
  
- † **Unbound:** From time to time we all experience obstacles to knowing the peace of Christ in our daily lives. Unbound is a ministry that helps us find the joy and freedom that Jesus desires for us. Personal prayer sessions are available on Sundays at 10:45 am with Gene and Becky McGee and on Wednesday evenings with Dana and Maria Kaminstein at 7 pm. Sessions available by appointment only. Contact Gene (267-446-9598), Becky (215-287-3844), Dana (610-247-4825), Maria (610-247-4927).

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## † **NEW NPC Children's Committee!**

NPC is forming a dynamic team of leaders to provide support and direction to all children's programming including but not limited to Sunday School, Wednesday Night Programming, Special Events, Christmas Programs, VBC, etc. If you have a heart for children and for children's ministry please contact Danielle Kauffman on how to be a part of our awesome team! [dkauffman@narberthpres.org](mailto:dkauffman@narberthpres.org).

† **Amnion's "Make Change for Life" Baby Bottle Collection and Diaper Drive:** Sanctity of Human Life Sunday on January 21 marked the beginning of NPC's annual fundraiser for Amnion Pregnancy Center. Baby bottles will be available to be taken home, filled with loose change and returned to NPC by **Sunday, February 18**. Donation of disposable diapers, size 3, 4, or 5, and baby wipes is also appreciated. All donations may be dropped off in the chapel or church office. Any questions, contact Alice Antonelli at [arichardson1@gmail.com](mailto:arichardson1@gmail.com)

† **Dr. Janet Moore** has been serving in our Counseling Ministry for the past 13 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.

## † **New Book Study - Thursday Nights - Mere Christianity!**

Pastor Steve is leading a 9 week in depth study of Mere Christianity by CS Lewis. This book, originally given as a series of 15 minute radio talks during the difficult days of WW2, is a modern spiritual classic.

Our class meets in the parlor and will run each **Thursday night from 7-8:30pm, January 25 through March 22**. Please feel free to invite friends. There is still time to join us this week. Books are available in the chapel, if you participate in the class. Childcare is also provided. Reading for this week, p. 35-65.

## † **Good News Evangelism Team: Fourth Tuesdays 7:00-8:30pm**

Led by Pastor Steve Location: Chapel

This will be a monthly gathering to receive training on sharing our faith, and to hear stories of how we see God at work. The emphasis will be less on programs and more on people, and how God is leading us to reach out into the community with the good news of Jesus Christ. ALL are welcome to this time of encouraging one another to fulfill the Great Commission.

**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](http://www.narberthpres.org) or podcast through iTunes.

# ACTS 9

## Application Questions from Acts 10 for individuals or small groups:

- In a sense, Acts 10 records the "conversion" of Cornelius AND Peter. How were their conversions different? Similar?
- How would you describe Cornelius' spirituality? Do you know any Cornelius-es?
- Cornelius seems to resemble many people we are surrounded by every day - not necessarily Christians, but good and noble people, with high ideals, perhaps spiritual but not religious. How does this story speak to you about your relationship with, and witness to non-Christian friends?
- How do you see the spiritual hunger level among your neighbors and friends who do not go to church? What needs do you notice in our larger community, and how can we build bridges for the gospel?
- In the case of Simon Peter, his "conversion" in Acts 10 occurred well after his initial belief in Jesus as the Messiah. What "conversions" have you experienced beyond the time of becoming a Christian?
- Can you recall significant new understandings or surprising events which have turned your life toward God in a new way? Any decisive new chapters of accelerated spiritual growth? What was the catalyst?
- As a lifelong Jew who now believed in Jesus as the Messiah, Simon Peter still could not imagine the gospel going out to Gentiles without them first becoming Jews (including circumcision). Through a vision in prayer, and the voice of God, Simon Peter was convinced to obey God and to bring the gospel to Cornelius. How have you experienced God's guidance to go in a certain direction or to make decisions?
- Can you think of a time when you said aloud, or to yourself, "God would never ask me to do THAT."
- Can you think of a time in which God challenged a long standing prejudice in your life? How was this overcome?
- In this passage, how do you see both the uniqueness of the gospel of Jesus Christ, as well as its radical inclusiveness? How does John 3:16,17 and Luke 2:10,11 also speak to this dynamic balance?



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## BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

### ***Sunday, February 4***

8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office  
8:00am Sunday School, Parlor  
**9:00am Worship Service -Communion**  
9:30am Children's Sunday School, downstairs  
9:30am Youth Sunday School, Youth Room  
10:30am Confirmation Class, Youth Room  
**10:45am Worship Service-Communion**  
Super Bowl YG party @ Halters-check with John Chaffee for details!

### ***Monday, February 5***

6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal  
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, February 6***

7:00am Men's small group, Resource Room  
7:00am Men-Sponsored Prayer Breakfast, at Narberth Diner  
11:00am Prayer Group, Parlor (open to all)  
7:00pm Deacons' Meeting, Parlor  
7:30pm Praise Team Rehearsal

### ***Wednesday, February 7***

**5:45 -8:00pm Wed Night Supper and programming**  
**7:00pm Explorers' Class**  
7:00pm Classes for all ages  
Menu: Pasta/meat sauce, salad, fruit, dessert (gluten-free also)

### ***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: [jlmpsyach@hotmail.com](mailto:jlmpsyach@hotmail.com)

***Planning ahead Information and calendar updates 24/7 at [www.narberthpres.org](http://www.narberthpres.org)***

Feb 12 7:00pm Elder/Deacon Training, Parlor  
Feb 14 7:00am and 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Services, with imposition of ashes  
Feb 16 11:00am Sr. Adults meet in parking lot to go to Wyndam House for lunch.  
Feb 19 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal  
Feb 20 7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor  
Feb 21 9:30am Staff Meeting, Parlor  
Feb 22 9:30-4:00pm All-day Quilting event, Parlor

### ***Thursday, February 8***

9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor  
4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor  
**7:00-8:30pm Mere Christianity book study with Pastor Steve, Parlor (Read p. 35-65)**  
7:30pm Adult Pick-up Basketball, Gym

### ***Friday, February 9***

9:30am Moms' Study Group, Parlor  
10:00am Women's Bible Study, Chapel  
**6:30-9:00pm Marriage Course, Parlor**  
7:00pm Pickleball, Gym

### ***Saturday, February 10***

### ***Sunday, February 11***

8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office  
8:00am Sunday School, Parlor  
**9:00am Worship Service**  
9:30am Children's Sunday School, downstairs  
9:30am Youth Sunday School, Youth Room  
10:30am Confirmation Class, Youth Room  
**10:45am Worship Service**  
4:00pm Youth Group

Feb 23 9:30am Moms' Study Group, Parlor  
Feb 23 1:30pm Sr. Slide Show (Aurora: Alaska's Great Northern Lights), Parlor  
Feb 23 7:00pm Pickleball, Gym  
Feb 27 7:00pm Missions Committee, Parlor  
Feb 27 7:00pm Good News Evangelism Team Meeting