

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

March 11, 2018

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

Donald Robinson, Piano

Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Call To Worship

Hymn #72

To God Be the Glory

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading

Psalm 63:1-8

(p.899)

9:00am Linda Pilacik

10:45am Dana Ergenbright

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All the people: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, thank you for the many ways you speak to us, and supremely in Jesus Christ, the Word of God. We confess that we have not listened well to you, or to others. Often we forget you, other times we forge ahead with our own plans, and fail to stop and breathe and pray. Please forgive us through Jesus, who surrendered himself to your will in the Garden of Gethsemane. Reveal your truth and love through times of solitude, and help us to overcome noise and distractions. May our relationship with you be stronger than the anxieties of life. Please inspire us to seek your face, and to know the adventure of keeping in step with your Holy Spirit. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Testimony

Eric Herrenkohl

The Greeting

Worship Song

Soul On Fire

Third Day

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

You Alone

Daigle

Jennifer Fisher and Jaime Gaffga

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:35-39; Luke 5:15-17; 11:1-4; John 5:19,30

(p.1553, 1598, 1613, 1654)

Sermon

**Following Jesus
Pausing To Reconnect**

**Steve Weed,
Pastor**

Worship Song

Breathe

Barnett

Worship Song

Revelation Song

Riddle

Benediction

Prayer Ministry

9:00am Charlie Choi
10:45am John Furlong

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.

Thank you for being with us in worship today! To learn more about our church, Welcome Bags are available for newcomers in the Narthex

Breakfast!

Today we are springing forward by one hour. To “motivate” and to “celebrate”, all are invited to share a delicious hot breakfast in the gym, between 8-9am, or 10:00-10:45am. We are grateful for a cooking team of Hugh Barrie, Dave McIntire, Sam DiLullo (supervisor 😊) Mike Morrison, and others whom the Lord may be calling! Please defy any sleepiness to worship God and enjoy food, fellowship, and plenty of caffeinated coffee!

March 7th: Teen Anxiety, the Family and the Church

It is not a new statement to say that being a teenager in today's world is difficult, but it is also the same for that of being a parent. There are new variables and new stresses that did not exist 50 years ago. That being said, in recent weeks there have been a few tragedies that have shaken the local schools. Teenage stress and anxiety seem to be at a high, if not chronic, level and it is easy to resign to the thought that, "we can't do anything about it." On this evening we will chat through some of these difficulties, consult the recent research on youth development, strategize supports for the family, and discuss how the Church can come alongside and be a partner in all of this. Plan to join us Wednesday, March 7th from 7:00-8:30 in the gym. This event is open for parents of teens and children and is certainly open to the community. Child care will be provided.

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).

RESOURCES FOR LENT

In *A Cry for Mercy*, Henri Nouwen describes the season of Lent as a time “during which winter and spring struggle with each other for dominance.” Nouwen reminds us that “God’s mercy is greater than our sins,” and that we may seek Him accordingly. Lent offers us the opportunity to come out of the places of winter or darkness in our lives into God’s light and love.

Jesus opened his public ministry with the words, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Repent—turn around—reconsider how you are living. Lent is an invitation to do so, and to return to the One who waits to be gracious to each of us. In doing so, we say with John the Baptist, “He (Christ) must increase, but I must decrease.” With hopeful joy as we journey towards Good Friday and Easter, consider some of the following resources.

Sermon series: Pastor Steve’s preaching focus for Lent and Easter will have us Following Jesus.

Daily readings: *Preparing for Easter: Fifty Devotional Readings from C.S. Lewis*. Selections from Lewis’ writings paired with Scripture passages to help the reader prepare to celebrate the “grand miracle” Jesus accomplished through the cross.

On the Way to the Cross: 40 Days with the Church Fathers by Thomas Oden and Joel Elowsky. Jesus’ life seen in the Gospel of John and writings of the church fathers.

Online prayer guide: *Praying Lent 2018*—a Creighton University online ministry <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/> (or google “Praying Lent 2018”) A daily guide of prayers, scripture readings and written reflections from this respected Catholic source.

Scripture focus: Read and meditate on the Gospel accounts of Jesus’ entry to Jerusalem, sacrifice at the cross, and triumph of Easter as found in Matthew (chapters 21-28), Mark (ch 11-16), Luke (ch 19:28 – 24:53), and John (ch 12-20).

Habits of compassion, justice and peace: Sacrifice time, treasure and talent to express God’s love for others. Join Jennifer Bonovitz (jmbonovitz@gmail.com) as she and others feed the homeless; exhibit God’s love for orphans and children in need by “adopting” a child through Compassion International or World Vision; expand your awareness of the evils of human trafficking; pursue personal reconciliation using the guidelines set forth by Ken Sande and Kevin Johnson in *Resolving Everyday Conflict*.

Other resources: Read a 20th-century Christian classic you’ve always meant to get to: *Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Celebration of Discipline* by Richard Foster or *Mere Christianity* by C. S. Lewis; align your heart more closely with the heart of God with David Benner’s *Desiring God’s Will*; journey with Jerry Sittser through *A Grace Disguised* to see how the soul can grow through loss; deepen your understanding of God’s heart for justice by examining Tim Keller’s *Generous Justice*, Gary Haugen’s *Good News about Injustice* or Richard Stearns’ *The Hole in our Gospel*.

EASTER FLOWERS 2018

On **Easter morning, April 1**, our sanctuary will again be filled with the beauty and fragrance of lovely spring flowers. If you wish to dedicate a plant as a memorial to loved ones or simply to express your joy in God's love, please fill out the form below. After both worship services on Easter, we are looking for people to deliver these plants to members of our church family who are unable to worship with us here. You do not need to donate a plant in order to deliver one.

Please consider being the bearer of Easter greetings and love from our congregation to someone who otherwise might be alone on that day. See below for further details.

If you want to donate a memorial plant for Easter, please make your check in the amount of \$12.00 payable to **Narberth Presbyterian Church** and mark it "Easter Plant." You may call the office with the info, or put it in the offering plate or mail it to be received in the church office by **Thursday, March 29**.

Name: _____

_____ I would like to give a plant as a memorial:

"Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

(Please print name clearly)

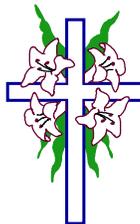
by:

or

_____ I would like to give a plant to express my joy for God's continuing love and grace.

WE NEED YOU to help deliver these plants and the warm greetings of the congregation after the 9:00am or 10:45am Easter service. If you are willing to help, please indicate below:

Name and phone number



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – MARCH 19



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Sponsored by: Narberth Presbyterian Church

Monday, March 19

2:00pm – 7:00pm

Location:

Narberth Presbyterian Church – Gymnasium
205 Grayling Avenue, Narberth, PA

Pre-register to donate blood

Visit redcrossblood.org and enter the sponsor code: Narberth Presbyterian

Red Cross work impacts lives every day: Real impact. Saving lives.

- 190 times a day we help a family affected by a disaster.
- 5,600 times a day someone receives a Red Cross unit of blood.
- 1,000 times a day we provide services to military members, veterans and their families.

FAMILY MINISTRY: CHILDREN, YOUTH & PARENTS

Family Ministry: Children, Youth & Parents

Children

9:00 Worship Service

2's & 3's - 9:00 am: Gospel Light, Blue Door Room downstairs

4's & 5's - 9:00 am: Gospel Light, Red Door Room downstairs

Grades K-5 - 9:00 am: Lent & Easter Gym

10:45 Worship Service

2 to 5 year olds - 10:45 am: Gospel Light, Red Door Room downstairs

Grades K-5 - 10:45 am: Lent & Easter Gym

Save The Date VBC - June 18 through June 22! 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

If you are interested in volunteering please email Danielle

dkauffman@narberthpres.org

Friday, March 2 - Parents Night Out!

Youth

Grades 6-12:

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

Current Events: Parent Night, March 14th, 7-8:30pm

Teen Anxiety, the Family and the Church

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For all youth-related questions, please contact John Chaffee 610-664-4880 x112

jchaffee@narberthpres.org

2018 MISSIONARY CAUSES

Mission

4D Ministries – Hank Paulson
 Amnion Crisis Pregnancy Center
 Child Evangelism Fellowship, Inc. – North Ireland
 Chosen People Ministries (formerly Messiah Now) – Paul Cruz
 Cornerstone Christian Academy
 Corrymeela Community – North Ireland
 CRU (Campus Crusade for Christ) – Dave & Leah Darwin
 CRU (Campus Crusade for Christ) – Brindleys (Philly Bridges)
 CRU (Campus Crusade for Christ) – Matt & Anna Shenk
 DiscipleMakers – Rebecca and Dan Hall
 Esperanza Health Center
 Family of Restoration Ministries (was House of His Creation)
 Fellowship International Mission/Jos Seminary – C. Tushima
 Fellowship of Christian Athletes – Kasey Dougherty
 Greater Europe Mission- Liz Loeffler
 Habitat for Humanity –Philadelphia
 Interserve-USA – Jan & John Kennedy
 Intervarsity – Emma Shaw
 Kingdom Connect – Ben Duffy
 Kirkwood Camp (Presbytery of Philadelphia)
 Neighborhood Crusades Inc.
 New Horizons Foundation/Amoenitas – Scott Todd
 Presby's Inspired Life
 Presbyterian Reformed Ministries International
 Presbyterians for Renewal (Wee Kirk)
 Presbytery of Philadelphia General Mission
 REAP – Granada – Scott Esposito
 Servant Partners – Dan & Denise Anderson
 SIM USA – Jim & Ellie Jewell
 The Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota (Standing Rock)
 The Philadelphia Project
 The Welcome Church – Schaunel Steinnagel
 Timothy Academy
 United World Mission – Nick & Ginny Woodbury
 Wycliffe Bible Translators – Al & Barb Shannon
 Young Life (Western Philadelphia Suburbs)

Ambassador

Helga Sauter
 Alice Antonelli
 Jennifer & Tim Roykouff
 Joyce Lewis
 Isabel Lally
 Kathy McLean
 Jean McIntire
 The Bowser Family
 Bob Moore
 Greg Esterhai
 Melissa Esterhai
 Scott Todd
 Ashley Reed
 Helga Sauter
 Linda Behmke
 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

- †  **Get Your Green On!! Special Dinner! Dee Knight and her crew will be serving a St. Patrick's Day dinner on Wednesday night, March 14th. 5:45pm in the gym, All are invited. Come enjoy!**
- † **Sunday, March 18 - Nursery School Sunday** is taking place during the **10:45 worship service**. Join us as we celebrate the cutest and brightest preschoolers around. During this service the nursery school children will sing songs and we will thank their hardworking teachers. Children will enjoy a special Sunday School hour with Makin' Music while parents worship. **After service please plan to attend our fellowship hour in the gym!** Please contact Danielle with any questions (dkauffman@narberthpres.org). Hope to see many of you there!
- † **Need for housing from March 17-20.** A former Interserve missionary/worker will be in the area in March, and he needs a place to stay the nights of the 17th, 18th, and 19th. If you are a guy, a couple, or a family with an extra room, this man would very much appreciate it. If you have questions (or space!), please contact John Kennedy jkennedy@ludlow.net.
- 2 upcoming Retreat Options:**
- † **“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) Registration forms are available in the Chapel. Contact person: Jean McIntire 610-304-3929.
- † **Connect with God** - If you would like to spend some quality time with the creator of the universe, there is no better place than the Jesuit Retreat Center in Wernersville. We invite you to a weekend of prayerful silence and reflection that will refresh and renew your soul. Arrive anytime on **Friday April 20 and return Sunday April 22 about 3pm.** Cost of \$150 covers private room and meals. No experience necessary. Contact Dave Bellamy at dbellamy@narberthpres.org or [610-659-2063](tel:610-659-2063) for more information. Register at www.narberthpres.org. Registration deadline is April 2.
- † **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. So we invite you, too, to join us and *come and see* for yourselves from **10:45-11:45 a.m.** on Windsor Avenue.
- † **Habitat for Humanity Work Days:** We have been invited to participate in Philadelphia Habitat's Faith Build, where we will be working side by side with not only future homeowners but also members of other faith communities! Opportunities for small work crews of 5 – 6 volunteers on **April 7th** and **May 12th** are needed, with possible dates in later months as well. If you are interested (and at least 16 years old with a parent accompanying you) please reach out to Linda Behmke at either 610-283-7453 or lrbehmke@yahoo.com.

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- † **The Missions Committee is seeking for someone in the congregation to be the ambassador for Scott Todd in his new mission with New Horizons/Amoenitas Project.** As ambassador, one prays for their missionary, Meets with them when geographically possible to learn of their work in the mission field, and periodically reports back to our church through updates to the missions committee. Please contact Jane Murray: 215-275-5569

- † **Young Adult Fellowship!** Now meeting every other Friday night with a variety of social activities and service projects and pot-luck dinners. Next gatherings are Sat. March 17, serving neighbors and Friday, Mar 30, progressive dinner. Contact person: Mike Boccasini (631-487-2827).

- † **Children's Lenten Offering** - Beginning Sunday, February 18th, the children will be participating in a special Lenten Offering to support Narberth Community Food Bank. We are collecting personal care items through Sunday, April 1st (Easter Sunday). All items can be left in the Lenten Offering Boxes found on the stage in the gym. All are invited to participate!
Items Needed: Shampoo, Hair conditioner, Dental floss, Mouthwash, Toilet paper, Bar soap, Deodorant, Dish soap, Scrub sponges, Brillo

- † **On Friday night 3/16 at Eastern Univ., Gregory Wolfe, founder and editor of Image Journal will be speaking on "The Erasmus Option" – Wolfe offers a response to *The Benedict Option*. Wolfe will ask whether or how we can use art the way Erasmus did, to engage culture. 7:30 pm, Friday, March 16, 2018 Warner Library, Eastern University, St. David's, PA 19087**

- † **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.

- † **Searching for missing tablecloths:** Several years ago, ivory-colored pin tuck round tablecloths were purchased for the round tables. When the gym was renovated, the tablecloths were misplaced. If this rings a bell with anyone, who might know where they are, please call Debbie Watson or Ilonka Comstock. Thanks so much!

LENTEN SERIES: FOLLOWING JESUS

Application Questions from today's sermon

Psalm 63:1-8; Mark 1:35-39; Luke 5:15-17; 11:1-4; John 5:19,30.

- Following the example of Jesus, Henri Nouwen describes the 3 movements of the Christian life as solitude, community, and ministry. Which is strongest for you? Which is weakest? How does solitude relate to community and ministry?

In Luke 11, when the disciples discover Jesus praying, what do you think they observed in Jesus which led them to ask, "Teach us to pray." How strong is that desire for you? What is the balance between talking and listening in your prayer life?

- In Psalm 63, David is in the desert and removed from the normal supports such as the "sanctuary" and the people of God. Yet David is able to stay connected with God. How?
- Notice the action verbs of how David practices his faith in Psalm 63. Can you think of desert seasons in your life, or times of "exile", where you were forced to discover a more internal, deeply rooted faith?

Henri Nouwen says that solitude ideally creates space for God, but it also removes our "protective distractions", forcing us to deal with our inner chaos and sins. Do you find this to be true - that we desire solitude at one level, but also avoid it?

- On the other hand, how can times of being alone with God help us to deal with anxiety, fear, frustrations, and feelings of being overwhelmed and exhausted? How does God's grace minister to you in times alone?
- In Mark 1:35, after a full day of ministry, Jesus began the next day very early in solitude and prayer. How do you begin your day? How does the way you begin your day affect the rest of the day? What connection do you see between Luke 5:16 and 17, after a time when Jesus "withdrew" and prayed?
- In Mark 1:35 and Luke 5:16, we see Jesus being very intentional about finding time alone with God the Father. How would you describe the intentionality of your spiritual life? What habits have you established that help you stay connected with God?
- Considering both the opportunities and the challenges, how has technology affected your relationship with God and others? What "boundaries" have you set to help you foster the life you want in God?



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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, March 11

Clocks Ahead One Hour!

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

8-9am and 10-10:45am

Special Sunday Breakfast in the Gym

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

Monday, March 12

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, March 13

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 Elder/Deacon Training, Parlor

7:30pm Praise Team Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 14

5:45 Wed Night Supper Menu: sauce, salad,
fruit, dessert (gluten-free also)

**7:00pm Parents & Youth: Teen Anxiety, the
Family and the Church, led by John Chaffee**

Thursday, March 15

9:00-11:30 CNS Parents' Connections
meeting, Parlor

4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor

**7:00-8:30pm Mere Christianity book study
with Pastor Steve, Parlor**

(Read p.178-200)

7:30pm Adult Pick-up Basketball, Gym

Friday, March 16

10:00am Women's Bible Study, Chapel

Saturday, March 17

Sunday, March 18

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

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

10:45am service: CNS Children sing

4:00pm 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@hotmai.com

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

Mar 19 2-7pm Red Cross Blood Drive, Gym
Mar 19 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
Mar 22 9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor
Mar 23 9:30am Moms' Study Group, Parlor
Mar 23 **9:30-3:30 Sr. Adult Trip to Princeton NJ**
Mar 23 7:00pm Pickleball, Gym