

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

May 13, 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.

Prelude *The Rejoicing* **Handel**

Welcome and Concerns of the Church

10:45am Invitation to YoungLives Baby Bottle Campaign **Monica Horvath,**
YoungLives Director

Call To Worship

Hymn #745 *Jesus Shall Reign (v. 1,2,5)* **Duke Street**

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 1:8-11; Philippians 1:3-6 (p.1795,1825)
9:00am Ruth Ellen Patterson
10:45am Danielle Kauffman

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All the people: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, thank you for the gift of your church, the family of God. In Christ, we have fellowship with one another and a deep partnership in the gospel. We confess we have forgotten our dependence on you and our interdependence with one another. We have often forfeited the gift of prayer through unbelief and hurry. Please forgive us through Jesus Christ, who died for us, and rose for us, and who prays for us. Let us pray for our Moms, our family members, and all who carry important responsibilities in your kingdom, that we may do your will and bring you glory. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Testimony *This Is My Family* **Dee Knight**

The Greeting

Worship Song *One Thing Remains* **Johnson/Gifford/Riddle**

Worship Song *10,000 Reasons* **Myrin/Redman**

10:45am Sacrament of Infant Baptism **Hannah Sophia Zakhari**
Daughter of Andrew & Jessica Zakhari

10:45am Hymn 356 *All Creatures of Our God and King (v. 1,5)*

June 10 Historic Congregational Meeting and Vote

On Sunday, June 10, 2018, following a combined worship service at 9:00am, the congregation will meet and vote to ratify the dismissal agreement. Your attendance is highly important. The Presbytery requires a 50%+ quorum, or about 240 active members present in order to convene the meeting.

Please RSVP by using the card from the mailing, or call the office. Refreshments and childcare provided.

As of Friday morning, approximately 226 people have RSVP'd that they will attend.

Registration begins at 10:15am and the meeting will start as soon as everyone is registered.

We mailed a letter from Session and FAQs to Members last week. Copies and additional resources are available in the chapel.

Questions? Visit narberthpres.org/denomination, email denomination@narberthpres.org, or reach out to any elder, Pastor Debbie, or Pastor Steve.

Church-wide call to pray for June 10th

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thess. 5:16-18

One of our strengths at NPC is that we are a people eager to pray and longing to follow God's leading. Years of prayer and discerning God's faithful leading have brought us to this time of transition to ECO and church-wide decision on June 10th.

As we anticipate this important day for our church, we long to bathe this time in prayer. Please join us in prayer---upholding our pastors, staff, elders, transition team, and all those in the Presbytery involved in this transition process—that as a church body we might be unified, confident and hope-filled in moving forward to ECO.

Opportunities for gathering in focused prayer are many and will be expanding closer to June 10th: Monday night 7 p.m. in Steve's office, Tuesday morning at 11 a.m. in the parlor, and Sunday morning at 8 a.m. in Steve's office.

A growing number of church members have voiced a burden for intentional, focused prayer in the form of a 24-hour prayer vigil at the church. Join us for prayer between 8 a.m. Saturday through 8 a.m. Sunday. A sign-up sheet with one hour prayer slots will soon be available in the chapel. Feel free to contact Linda DiLullo, 610-453-3420, with any questions.

PRAYER CARDS

Today as you entered the sanctuary, ushers handed out note cards, along with bulletins. If you didn't get one, extra note cards may be found in the pews. We will use these to do a community building exercise in the worship service that is both fun and meaningful. It has two parts:

1. First, if you would be willing to be prayed for every day of this coming week, please write your first and last name on the card. Also, if you would like to receive prayer for a specific request, you may write that on the card as well. This is totally optional. During the offering, you may place your prayer card in the offering plate.
2. Secondly, after the sermon, while we are singing, the offering plates will be passed with all the note cards that have been signed, with names face down in the plates. If you would be willing to pray every day this coming week for the person whose name you “happen” to select, then please take a card. (It is expected that if you would like to be prayed for, you will also take a card to pray for someone in turn).

You may not know the person whose name you select. That's OK! This is part of the fun and the surprise of God's choreography. If you cannot identify your person, Pastors Steve or Debbie or our secretary Karen would be glad to assist you in this “detective” work. We encourage you to wait until next Sunday, May 20, to reveal yourself to the person you've been praying for. You can do this during the Greeting time, or if you do not see them during the service, then perhaps sometime after the service, or during the next week, you can be in touch with them.

We hope this can be an enjoyable spiritual exercise that is both simple and nonthreatening, and that will strengthen our connections with one another in the common bond of Jesus Christ. Who knows what new relationships and answers to prayer may come out of this venture?

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-2 Gospel Light, Gym (9:00 only)

Grades 3-5 Communion and Baptism Class, Brown Door Room (9:00 only)

Children 10:45 Worship Service

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

Grades K-5 - 10:45 am: Gospel Light, Brown Door Room

Current and Upcoming Events:

† **NEW:** Family Movie Night! Children, Youth & their families are welcome to join us for Family Movie Night on **Friday, June 1** in the Gym from 6:30-9:00. Bring a lawn chair and snacks to share. All are welcome! Movie TBA!

† **NEW:** Children's Ministries is looking for people (of all ages) who love Jesus and love our children! There are many ways you can get involved in this exciting ministry! If you are willing to share your time, talents and love with our youngest members please email Danielle for more information.

Dkauffman@narberthpres.org

† **Save The Date(s)**

- **Friday, June 1 – Family Movie Night**
- **Sunday, June 17 – 5th Grade Recognition & 1st Grade Bible Presentation**
- **Monday, June 18 – Friday, June 22 – VBC 1:30-4:30pm**

If you are interested in volunteering for VBC please email Danielle

dkauffman@narberthpres.org

Registration for VBC “Shipwrecked” is online at www.narberthpres.org (scroll down to the “Shipwrecked” logo and click on that)

FAMILY MINISTRY: CHILDREN, YOUTH & PARENTS

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

As for special events in the coming months we have...

- **Sign up for this summer's trip!**
[HS Summer of Service](#) on Sunday, July 22nd - Saturday July 28th at The Philadelphia Project.
- **Confirmation Sunday on May 20th during the 9am service!**
- **Senior Recognition on June 3rd!**
- **One Service and ECO Final Vote on June 10th!** What are you doing on June 10th? If you're confirmed (or about to be), you will be voting on the biggest thing that's happened to NPC in 127 years -- changing denominations from PC(USA) to ECO! Bet you have questions. This Sunday, members of the Denominational Transition Team will be here to give you the inside scoop and answer your questions. Don't miss it.
- **Last Day of Sunday School and Youth Group on June 10th!** (Then we switch to summer mode with its set of unique events not possible during the normal school year!)

And the benediction this week is...

May we be a people grounded in awe, wonder and gratitude this week. May we be motivated by the at-one-ment that Jesus has effected in His life, death AND resurrection. May we live into that mystery and allow it to inspire our every thought, word, and deed!

For all youth-related questions, please contact John Chaffee 610-664-4880 x112
jchaffee@narberthpres.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **Check out the YoungLives Baby Bottle Campaign:** Printed information and baby bottles will be in the Chapel on Sunday for you to take home and fill with donations to help teen-age moms in Philadelphia experience a week of camp this summer. Please return the bottles with your donation by June 17th.
- † **Special Women's Event, Saturday, September 15th, Reading PA**
Propel Women Activate 2018 is a one day experience where women gather together in the presence of God to be propelled into the purposes of God. If interested, please contact Jennifer Fisher at email address: thecaffeinelady@aol.com or call her at 610-275-8627
- † **Invitation to runners and walkers of all kinds – on Fridays at 6:00pm**
Are you interested in being part of a weekly running/walking group? At least a few of us are already excited about getting together once a week at Lower Merion Track on Fridays at 6:00pm. Please contact Pastor Steve if interested sweed@narberthpres.org or sign up in Chapel.
- † **This Saturday, May 19: Annual Amnion 5k Walk/Run for Life**
Please join Amnion Pregnancy Center at its Annual 5k Walk/Run for Life this May. The Walk for Life is a family-friendly event providing the opportunity for walkers and runners of all ages to support Amnion by obtaining sponsors and walking or running a 5k course at Ridley Creek State Park (Pavilion 11), Media, on **Saturday May 19 at 9 am.**
- † **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.
- † **Chuckwagon needs a volunteer for the 4th Sunday of each month,** for after the first service: about 10:00-11:00am.
- † **Habitat For Humanity ReStore:** the Habitat for Humanity ReStore truck will be in St. Margaret's School parking lot to accept donations to their ReStore facility in South Philadelphia on **Saturday, June 3 from 10:30am – noon.** Check the flyer on the table in the chapel for items accepted.
- † **Unbound:** Personal prayer sessions to experience freedom in Christ, 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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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, May 13

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor
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
10:45am Worship Service
4:00pm Youth Group

Monday, May 14

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, May 15

7:00am Men's small group, Resource Room
7:00am Men-Sponsored Prayer Breakfast, at
Narberth Diner
Voting Day (Parlor reserved all day for voting)
11:00am Prayer Group, Resc. Rm (open to all)
1-4:30pm Presbytery Meeting, Valley Forge
(3:00pm:Debbie Watson, examined for
ordination)
7:00pm Session Meeting, Choir Room
7:30pm Praise Team Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 16

9:30am Staff Meeting, Parlor
5:45 Wed Night meal Menu: Mac & Cheese,
salad, fruit, dessert (gluten-free also)
7:00pm Classes:
Book study: "You'll Get Through This" by M.
Lucado, Led by Debbie Watson, Chapel
**Continuing video series, "Christian Liberty
and the Grace of God",**
led by Norm Johanson, Parlor

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–Saturday & 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

May 20

Pentecost, Confirmation

May 22

7:00pm Missions Committee Meeting, Parlor

May 22

7:00pm Evangelism Team, Youth Room

May 22

7:00pm Knitters' Group, Steve's Office

Thursday, May 17

4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor, Gym
7:00pm Book Study: Spiritual Direction,
by Henri Nouwen, **Chapters 8-9**, led by
Pastor Steve, Parlor

Friday, May 18

9:30am Moms' Study Group, Parlor
10:00am Women's Bible Study, Chapel
6:00pm Walk-Run Group @ Lower Merion
HS Track, All are welcome
7:00pm CNS Graduation, Sanctuary

Saturday, May 19

Private recitals in sanctuary,
11:00am and 4:00pm

Sunday, May 20

Pentecost

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

May 24 9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor
May 25 1:30pm Sr. Adults Slide Show: Japan
May 28 Office Closed for Memorial Day Holiday
June 1 9:30am Moms' Study Group, Parlor (Last meeting until Sept.)
June 1 6:30pm Family Movie Night, Gym