

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

July 1, 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 *Let All Things Now Living* *arr. Hopson*

Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Call to Worship

Hymn #356 (1,3,4,5) *All Creatures of Our God and King* *Lasst uns Erfreuen*

Prayer of Invocation

Invitation to support The Philadelphia Project Youth Mission **Phoebe Barr
Julianna Fiore**

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:13-16; 7:12; 10:42 (p.1501,1506,1512)
9:00am Evelyn Thomson
10:45am Justin Kauffman

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All the people: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you have demonstrated the fullness of your love in Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not loved you with a whole heart. We have not acted justly, loved mercy, or walked humbly with you our God. Please forgive us through the cross. Out of the bounty of your gifts to us, help us to eagerly serve others and never despise the day of small things. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

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.

The Greeting

Worship Song *Praise The Lord Ye Heavens Adore Him* *Marshall*

Worship Song *At The Cross (Love Ran Red)* *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 Brown Door Room for Sunday School after the hymn/worship song.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer **John Chaffee,**
Director of Youth Ministries

Passing of Friendship Pads

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Lamb of God* *Paris*
Tom & Ruth Ellen Patterson, Duet

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading Colossians 3:17, 23-24, 1Peter 4:10-11 (p.1834, 1891)

Sermon **The Liberating Power of "Whatever"** **Steve Weed,**
Pastor

The Gloria Patri

Invitation To Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them 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 God, creator and ruler of the universe. You fashioned this world in love, and govern all the earth with grace and peace. Nations and presidents rise and fall, but Your reign is for all time, and your mercy is without end.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Born as King in David's line, He lived with the lowly and cared for the least of Your children. His power was revealed in weakness, His majesty in mercy.

His only earthly throne was a cross on which to die. Even there His arms stretched out to embrace friends and foes in love. From the grave You raised him to Your right hand where he rules again from heaven, and commands true loyalty from peoples and nations.

Remembering Your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from Your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising. With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to You to be a living and holy sacrifice dedicated to Your service.

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

Sharing The Bread And The Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn #669

God of Grace and God of Glory

Cwm Rhondda

Benediction

Prayer Ministry

9:00am Lisa Hoffman

10:45am Scott Todd

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

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.

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 both services, 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.

After 32 years of dedicated leadership with our Nursery School, Jennifer Addy concluded her ministry as Director and Teacher on June 30. The heart of her work has been a consistent desire to see children flourish and experience the joy of childhood, and to understand that they are known and loved by Jesus. Her impact on generations of children is incalculable. We give thanks to God for her faithful ministry among us.



Narberth Borough 4th of July Celebration

NPC has traditionally been a part of our town's 4th of July celebration at Narberth Playground. We are in need of volunteers to run a children's bounce & slide ride on the 4th, from 10am-2pm. Only a once-a-year commitment!! Please call or text Joyce at 484-684-2182. Narberth's 4th of July planners also needs some helpers to set up tents and tables on July 3rd between 6-9pm.

Please help continue NPC's presence in this festive community celebration. You don't have live in Narberth to participate.

Sign-up sheet in Chapel.

Next Sunday, the Worship Band will lead an extended prelude of 20 minutes prior to the 9:00am service. All are welcome to come "early" and enjoy!

FAMILY MINISTRY: CHILDREN, YOUTH & PARENTS

Children's Summer Programming 9:00 & 10:45 Worship Service

Nursery Room: Infants – 23 months (9:00 and 10:45)

2's – PreK: Books & Bible Craft, Red Door Room downstairs (9:00 and 10:45)

Grades K-5th Grade: (2018-2019 school year): **Incredible Faith**, Gym (9:00 & 10:45) Children begin in the Sanctuary and are dismissed to Sunday School.

Current and Upcoming Events:

† **SATURDAY, July 21 - ALL CHURCH PICNIC! Come one - Come all for a picnic at Springton Reservoir** (1071 Media Line Road Newtown Square, PA) beginning at 1:00. Entree and paper products will be provided! Please bring your own drinks and a side or dessert to share. Hope to see you there!

† **UPDATE - VBC Mission Project! - Together we raised \$1716 for a family in Nicaragua which is a part of REAP-Granada. Thank you to all who contributed. God is Very Good!**

† **THANK YOU - VBC VOLUNTEERS!**

Being **SHIPWRECKED** with all of you was awesome! This amazing outreach would not be possible without every single one of you! Thank you for your time, energy, love and support you showed to the children and families who attended VBC.

† **Children's Summer Programs! Beginning Sunday, July 1st 9:00 & 10:45**

2's - PreK (2018-2019 school year) - Books and Bible craft! Each Sunday children will enjoy a variety of stories from our NPC Children's Library and a special Bible craft! Children will meet weekly in the Red Door Room.

K-5th grade (2018-2019 school year) - **INCREDIBLE FAITH!** This summer the Incredibles 2 movie is sure to be a hit and so is our Incredible Faith. From beginning to end the Bible is filled with incredible stories of heroes whose faith in God allowed them to be used by God to save the day. Through scripture, games and skits our children will put their faith into action!

YOUTH EVENTS

The Philadelphia Project Youth Mission Trip - July 22-28

We covet your prayers for the remaining members of our team to join up, all the preparations, and for what God has planned for us!

We invite your participation in our faith-raising efforts this summer:

1. **Open Mic Night Friday, July 13 from 7 to 8:30** in the Gym. Back by popular request! Hear good music, groan at bad jokes, and be amazed by pint-sized magic tricks. Don't be afraid of that black cat, he's harmless.

2. THE ENVELOPE PLEASE.

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THE SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

Elders

As there were in Old Testament times elders for the government of the people, so the New Testament Church provided persons with particular gifts to share in governing and ministry. Elders should be persons of faith, dedication and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the church and in the world.

It is the duty of elders, individually and jointly, to strengthen and nurture the faith and life of the congregation committed to their charge. Together with the pastor, they should encourage the people in the worship of God, equip and renew them for their tasks in the church and for their mission in the world, visit and comfort and care for the people, with special attention to the poor, the sick, the lonely and those who are oppressed. They should inform the pastor and the session of those persons and structures that may need special attention. They should assist in worship. They should cultivate their ability to teach the Bible and may be authorized to supply places that are without the regular ministry of the Word and Sacrament. Those duties that all Christians are bound to perform by the law of love are especially incumbent upon elders because of their calling to office and are to be fulfilled by them as official responsibilities. (Excerpts from the *Book of Order* (2009/11))

Recommendations for Elder

The Nominating Committee is receiving recommendations for the offices of Elder and Deacon to begin in January 2019. In light of the description above, if you have individuals to suggest for Elder, please write them down below. Please describe briefly why you believe the individual would be suitable for this office.

It is not necessary to obtain the permission of the person you are suggesting. It is preferable for the Nominating Committee to make the initial contact should this person be nominated.

For the office of Elder:

Name: _____

Reason for recommendation: _____

Name: _____

Reason for recommendation: _____

Name: _____

Reason for recommendation: _____

(Further names may be suggested on a separate paper.)

Please put this form in the collection plate, or drop off in the church office.

Deacons

The office of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, of exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this office.

It is the duty of deacons, first of all, to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress both within and beyond the community of faith. They shall assume such other duties as may be delegated to them from time to time by the session, such as leading the people in worship through prayers of intercession, reading the Scriptures, presenting the gifts of the people, and assisting with the Lord's Supper. (Excerpts from the *Book of Order* (2009/11))

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For the office of Deacon:

Name: _____

Reason for recommendation: _____

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(Further names may be suggested on a separate paper.)

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At our best, Elders and Deacons seek by the grace of God to be examples of Jesus Christ and models of the quality of life which God desires for the whole church. It is a great privilege and responsibility – we welcome your prayers!

2018 CHURCH OFFICERS

THE SESSION with Current Ministry Connections

Pastor Steve Weed – Moderator

Class of 2018

Sam DiLullo – Transition Team

*David Place – Finance Committee, Greeter

Emma Shaw – Young Adult Ministry, Transition Team

*Selim Tawadros – Finance Committee

Scott Todd – Missions Committee

Class of 2019

*Charlie Choi – Missions Committee, Chair

*John Kennedy – Personnel

Charlene McGrew – Christian Nursery School Board, Chair, Personnel

Mike Morrison – Finance Committee

Class of 2020

*Linda Behmke – Personnel, Chair

*Jack Comstock – Outreach, Greeter, Transition Team

Lisa Hoffman –

Jo-Anne Kaplan –

Sue Wenger –

THE BOARD OF DEACONS with Current Ministry Connections

Class of 2018

Faithe Hornung – Treasurer, Deacons' Assist. Fund, Missions

*Omar Mehdi – Vice-Moderator, Transportation, Deacons' Assist. Fund

Ashley Reed – Moderator, Archivist, Deacons' Assist. Fund, College-age Comm.

*Gerri Wismer – Homebound Communications

Class of 2019

Ilonka Comstock – Deacons' Pantry, Hospitality

Ruth Ellen Patterson – Church Financial Secretary

Tim Roykouff – Secretary, Ushering

Marcy Wells

Class of 2020

Kevin Cope

Godfrey Louie – Visitation

Deborah Miller – Ushering

Sharon Shallow – Hospitality, Visitation, Justice & Mercy Ministry

* serving second term

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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2956 pennies

439 nickels

701 dimes

818 quarters

5 dollar coins

\$331.11 (change from VBC week)

\$50.00 (check)

\$830 (Sunday offering)

\$505 (cash from VBC week)

This is amazing! God is very good!

† Silk Road Global Program (June 25 - July 31): A group of 5 InterVarsity students and staff will travel to Central Asia for a 4-week language and cultural exchange program. They will assist with local English programs while sharing the love of Jesus with their language students, co-teachers, and host families.

† PICKLEBALL has resumed! Monday nights at 6:30pm

First dates: July 2, July 9. Further dates to be decided. All are invited. Contact: Karen Bachmann Moore 610-764-1188.

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† 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **Debbie Watson** extends her heartfelt thanks for all your love and presence on the day of her ordination.
- † **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).
- † **Dr. Janet Moore** has been serving in our Counseling Ministry for over 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.
- † **NPC is seeking a part-time Nursery School Director.** True to our practice, we are seeking someone with a strong faith in Jesus Christ, as well as experience with and commitment to the nurture of young children. A candidate should have a background and deep interest in the development of children under the age of six, along with excellent communication skills and leadership experience. Additional details and job description are available on our website.
- † **Global Leadership Summit 2018**
This annual leadership development event hosted by the Willow Creek Association inspires and equips NPC church leaders for ministry. Some of the speakers at this year's Summit include : Craig Groeschel, Angela Ahrendts, T. D. Jakes, and many others.
For all the details visit www.willowcreek.com/events
This year's Summit will take place at Christ Community Church of Philadelphia on Thursday, August 9 and Friday, August 10, from 9:30am to 6:00pm.
There is a fee for this conference, but reduced rates may apply: We will be carpooling to Philadelphia.



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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, July 1

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor
8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office
9:00am Worship Service -Communion
9:30am Children's Sunday School, downstairs
10:45am Worship Service-Communion

Monday, July 2

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, July 3

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)
7:30pm Praise Team Rehearsal

Wednesday, July 4

Office Closed for Holiday
10am-2:00pm July 4th festivities at the park in Narberth. Fireworks at night.

Thursday, July 5

Friday, July 6

10:00am Women's Bible Study, Parlor
6:00pm Walk-Run Group @ Lower Merion HS Track, All are welcome

Saturday, July 7

Sunday, July 8

8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office
9:00am Worship Service
9:30am Children's Sunday School, downstairs
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–Saturday & Sunday at 4:30pm
Counseling: Dr. Janet Moore: cell: 484-686-6630 email: jlmpsych@hotmail.com

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

July 12 9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor (last meeting until September)
July 13 7:00-8:30pm OPEN MIC Night-Fundraiser for Youth Summer Mission
July 14 Phila. Presbytery meeting at Oxford, vote on NPC's gracious dismissal to ECO
July 17 7:00pm Knitters' Group, Steve's Office
July 21 1:00-4:30pm ALL CHURCH PICNIC, food & games, Springton Lake
July 22-28 The Phila. Project Mission Trip
Aug 9-10 Global Leadership Summit
Aug 25 10:00am-3:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive, Gym