

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

September 9, 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

Worship Band

Welcome and Call To Worship

Hymn #21

How Great Thou Art

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Worship Song

How Great Is Our God

Tomlin

Prayer of Invocation

Worship Song

Everlasting God

Brown/Riley

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:18-24

(p.1120)

9:00am Dana Ergenbright

10:45am Kelly Watson

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All the people: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we have sung of your greatness and awesome power. You are the everlasting God, the creator of all, and you do not grow weary. We confess that we have not honored you as God, we have put ourselves ahead of you, and made you too small in our eyes. We have sometimes gone through our days as if you do not exist, and we become weary. Please forgive us through Jesus Christ. Renew our dependence on your grace. By the wind of the Spirit, lift us up on eagles' wings. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

The Greeting

Worship Song

What A Friend (New)

Maher

Anointing and Blessing of Children and Teachers

**Donald Robinson,
Piano**

Hymn #470

Jesus Loves Me (1)

During the 9:00am service and the 10:45am service, children in K through 5th grades 2018-2019 school years) may be dismissed to Children's Sunday School.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Deborah Watson,
Associate Pastor

Passing of Friendship Pads

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

On Eagles' Wings

Joncas

Linda Pilacik

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:25-31

(p.1121)

Sermon

Re-Centered:

Restoring Our Vision of God

Steve Weed,
Pastor

Hymn #2

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Nicaea

Benediction

Prayer Ministry

9:00am Meg McKinley
10:45am Emma Shaw

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God by Gerri Wismer in love and remembrance of my Bill, on our 50th wedding anniversary. You are forever in my heart.

Today at both services, we will have the joy of anointing and blessing our children and teachers as they go back to school. All children, pre-school through 12th grade, along with all teachers of every level, will be invited to come forward to be anointed and blessed in prayer. In Scripture, anointing with oil is often symbolic of the presence and peace of the Holy Spirit.

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

Extended Prelude next week: Sherry Beebe

Before each service: 8:40am and 10:35am.

WHAT ON EARTH AM I HERE FOR? (OCT 7-NOV 18)

Every member and friend of our church will be invited to be engaged at 3 levels: daily reading, small groups, and Sunday worship services.

1. **Daily reading** - one chapter per day (7-8 pages) from the book, What On Earth Am I Here For? by Rick Warren, Pastor of Saddleback Church in California. The book was originally entitled, The Purpose Driven Life, and is now the best-selling book of all time, next to the Bible. We will all literally be on the “same page” for 42 days of daily reading. Books will be available by next Sunday, as well as invitational cards to give to neighbors and friends.
2. **Involvement in a weekly small group** – with a video message and discussion. Existing small groups will be encouraged (not mandated) to do this study for a 6 week period. Or, this may be a time to consider branching out to participate in a different small group. It is an especially great time to launch new small groups for those who are not yet involved in one. We anticipate multiple new groups available throughout the week, with several groups meeting at the church, especially on Wednesday nights after the dinner.
Since the small group meetings are discussion oriented, and based on a video, we do not need small group “leaders” or “facilitators”, as much as we need “hosts”, people willing to offer a place to meet and a spirit of hospitality and welcome.
There are sign-up sheets, and host information in the Chapel, you can indicate your desire to participate in a small group, or your willingness to host one, either at church or in your home.
3. **Sunday morning worship services** – including the sermon and testimonies, will help tie together the readings and small group experiences. We believe this triple reinforcement will help the weekly messages take hold more deeply, with greater possibilities of transformation and life-change.

What On Earth Am I Here For? Schedule:

October 7 – Kickoff – What On Earth Am I Here For?
October 14 – Worship – You Were Planned For God's Pleasure.
October 21 – Community – You Were Formed For God's Family.
October 28 – Discipleship – You Were Created To Become Like Christ.
November 4 – Service – You Were Shaped For Serving God.
November 11 – Outreach – You Were Made For A Mission
November 18 – Celebration Sunday – What's Next?

FAMILY MINISTRY: CHILDREN, YOUTH & PARENTS

Sunday School Fall Programming begins today: Sept 9

2 year olds & 3 year olds meet in The Blue Door Room (during the 9:00am service only and meet in The Red Door Room at 10:45am).

4 year olds & 5 year olds (PreK) meet in The Red Door Room.

K - 5th begin in the sanctuary and are dismissed to the Gym after our worship songs.

Our **Nursery** is available at the 9:00am and 10:45am worship services. This room is best for infants through 23 months. Please sign your child in and out of the Nursery.

TODAY - ALL Church Bowling - Fall Kickoff Event!

Join us today, Sunday, September 9th for food, fun, and bowling!

WHERE: Wynnewood Lanes - 2228 Haverford Road, Suite 1 Ardmore

TIME: 2:30pm - 4:30-m

COST: \$20 per family, and that includes pizza, soft drinks, snacks, bowling shoes & BOWLING!

See You There!

First Sunday Family Worship begins Sunday, October 7th during the 9:00am & 10:45 services

Beginning Sunday, October 7th, families will have an opportunity to worship together! Children and Youth are encouraged to be a part of our church family as we worship together and celebrate communion together. Childcare will be provided for infants through children in PreK. Children's busy bags will be provided for younger children (K-2nd) and older children (3rd-5th) will be provided Children's Sermon Notes and a special bulletin. Family worship will take place the first Sunday of every month. Looking forward to worshipping with you!

Family Talks on Wednesday Nights - SAVE THE DATE

Importance of "Family Worship" Talk - Wednesday, September 26th at NPC

beginning at 7:00pm - Join John Chaffee and Danielle Kauffman as together they talk about the importance and value of children and youth in worship. Learn how children and youth are enriched when they are actively involved in worship. Together we will explore how we can build on this and be intentional in sharing the life of our congregation with children, tweens, and teens by involving them more fully in worship. Please email John (jchaffee@narberthpres.org) or Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) with any questions.

A Special Thank you - Thank you to Marilyn Reed and Ashley Reed for joining the Sunday School children and helping us to learn more about Neighborhood Crusades! The children were blessed by your visit!

Looking ahead:

Friday, October 5th – Parents’ Night Out returns! This program is best for children age 4 through 5th grade. We meet in the gym for games, a devotional, dinner, and a movie!

Sunday, October 28th - Fall Fest at NPC! Join us for fun and fellowship as we celebrate Fall. More information to come!

Friday, November 2nd - 4th - BLITZ Weekend for 3rd through 5th grade. This will be an amazing opportunity for our children to serve and grow. Please email Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) for more details.

YOUTH Events

Here are some upcoming details to be aware of...

ALL Church Bowling - Fall Kickoff Event -ALL are encouraged to join us Sunday, September 9th from 2:30pm - 4:30pm for BOWLING fun at Wynnewood Lanes

MS Breakaway Retreat - October 5-7th - This is our annual Fall retreat to North Bay Adventure Camp in Maryland!

Invitation from Isabel Lally to join the Cream of the Crop Luncheon -

Sunday, October 21 – This October we have a new opportunity. Isabel ministers to the older members of our church and so each fall has a luncheon. Youth used to do events together with them, and we are reinstating that as a positive thing to do. This will take place right after the second service, and will likely be a riot of a good time.

Fall Festival - Sunday, October 28th - In previous years we have had Trunk or Treat, which focused more on the younger children. This year we are ramping it up, changing it up and making something new, unique and fun for everyone. This will take place in the mid-afternoon to early evening, so be thinking of a possible costume and come ready for a Fall Festival!

HS Reality Retreat - November 2-4th - Our HS fall retreat is to the same location as the Middle School fall retreat, and is something we look forward to every year. Once again, please put this date on the calendar and note that for both retreats, friends are welcome to join our crew even if they are not church members at NPC!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **The Friday morning Moms' group** is starting on Friday the 14th of September 9:30 - 11:30 in the parlor. We have free childcare, coffee, refreshments and fellowship. All are welcome. Drop in and check us out!

- † **Wednesday Nights** are kicking off with *Dinner & a Movie!* This week, from 5:30-6:30pm, we'll enjoy ham salad, chicken salad, mixed green salad, LeBus rolls, and ice cream/sherbet, and at 6:30pm, we'll watch *Unconditional*, inspired by the true story of childhood friends Samantha Crawford, a children's book author and illustrator, and Joe Bradford. They reconnect years later, in the wake of tragedy. This movie is appropriate for children 9 years and older. We will provide childcare and a kid-friendly movie for the children who would prefer that. A \$3 donation per person for the dinner (\$10 max per family) is appreciated, and can be put in the containers on the tables, but it isn't required. The movie is without charge. Find out more at <https://www.commonsemmedia.org/movie-reviews/unconditional>

- † **Calling all Sr. Adults and other friends!** It's time for another season of slide shows to various places in this beautiful world!
This **September on Friday, the 28th, at 1:30pm**, join us in the Parlor for our annual "What we did on our summer vacation in England and France," with Debbie Watson and Diane Chen. We'll enjoy the stories, and fellowship around the table as we munch on some British and French goodies! Then, on **Friday, October 26th, at 1:30pm**, Diane Chen will be showing her slides and telling stories about her trip to Bryce Canyon National Park, Zion National Park, and Antelope Canyon/Lake Powell. Our gatherings are always free, we're friendly, and we don't card!

- † **Welcome Christina Platt, Director, Christian Nursery School**
Christina brings faith, experience, and passion to our school. Holding a master's degree in education and certifications as teacher and principal, she's already been hard at work, getting everything ready for teachers and students Christina is working closely with Danielle Kauffman and the rest of church staff to strengthen the connection to the congregation and the community. Christiana lives in Roxborough with husband Dan and their three preschoolers: Quinn, Cameron, and Ethan. Please give her a warm Narberth welcome when you see her!

- † **Each week, fresh flowers** are placed by the altar to the glory of God and in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special milestone or event. If you would like to dedicate flowers, please contact the church office or speak to Debbie Watson or Karen Pappas. A suggested donation of \$20.00 covers the cost of the flowers and Debbie arranges them, as well as Barbara & Suzanne Floyd on communion Sundays.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **NPC is hiring!** We are seeking a dedicated follower of Christ who is looking to fulfill his or her calling and use their gifts for His purpose. If you know someone who would be a great business administrator, please let Linda Behmke know and send them to our website for all the details.
- † **Justice and Mercy Opportunity:** Does the current polarization in our nation have you longing for something better? Are you thinking about ways that might happen? Perhaps you're wondering how you can make a positive difference in your world. If any of these thoughts resonate with you, please consider attending the next Justice and Mercy Committee meeting. We will offer 2 meeting times: the 1st Tuesday of the month (starting Oct. 2) at 3:30pm at NPC, and the 3rd Tuesday (starting Sept. 18) at 7:00pm at NPC. Childcare for the meetings will be available as needed. Contact Marilyn (mjareed5@hotmail.com) or Ashley Reed (amr0819@gmail.com)
- † **Redemption Housing:** What would you do if you found yourself returning from prison, a social outcast in a strange city, with nowhere to lay your head? Each year, approximately 35,000 people return to Philadelphia from incarceration. Walk in their shoes in a 3-hour immersion experience: Day 1 Challenge, September 22, 2018.
Register at www.redemptionhousing.org/day-one-challenge
- † **Remember that we collect personal-size toiletries to give to Philadelphia's homeless** through Neighborhood Crusades. Please bring in bar soap, washcloths, shampoo or shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, large tooth combs, razors, and both sandwich and quart size Ziplock type bags. Donations can be placed in the cabinet under the bulletin board just outside the sanctuary on the Windsor Ave. side. Thank you so much. You will truly be a blessing to someone living on the street!
- † **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.



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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, September 9

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

9:00am Worship Service-Blessing and anointing of teachers and children, both services

9:30am Children's Sunday School, downstairs

9:30am Youth Sunday School, upstairs

10:45am Worship Service

2:30-4:30pm Fall Kickoff –A FUN FALL

KICKOFF –All ages invited to

All Church Bowling At Wynnewood Lanes

Monday, September 10

6:30pm CNS Orientation

7:00pm Prayer Group, open to all, Steve's Office

7:00pm MBR-Bible Study, Music office

7:30pm Men's Bible Study, Parlor

Tuesday, September 11

7:00am Men's small group, Resource Room

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

(Note: No Elder/Deacon Training)

Wednesday, September 12

5:30-6:30pm Wed Night Supper Resumes:

Ham salad, Chicken salad, green salad, ice Cream, followed by a movie in the gym:

6:30-8:00pm "Unconditional"

Thursday, September 13

9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor

7:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal

Friday, September 14

9:30am Moms' Bible Study, Parlor

10:00am Women's Bible Study, Parlor

6:00pm Walk-Run Group @ Lower Merion HS Track, All are welcome

Saturday, September 15

Sunday, September 16

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

9:00am Worship Service

9:30am Children's Sunday School, downstairs

9:30am Youth Sunday School, upstairs

10:45am Worship Service

Each Week

Christian Nursery School – 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@hotmai.com

Planning Ahead-Information and calendar updates 24/7 www.narberthpres.org

Sept 18 7:00 pm Session Meeting, Parlor
Sept 18 7:00pm Justice & Mercy Team meeting, Resource Room
Sept 21 6:45-9:15 pm Marriage Course; Parlor
Sept 25 7:00pm Missions Committee Meeting, Parlor
Sept 26 9:00am Staff Meeting, Parlor
Sept 27 9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor
Sept 28 1:30pm Sr. Slide Show, Parlor
Sept 28,29 ECO Heritage Presbytery Meeting, Newark, DE
Oct 1 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal resume, Chapel
Oct 2 3:30pm Justice & Mercy Team Meeting, Parlor
Oct 2 7:00pm Deacons' Meeting, Parlor
Oct 5-7 Middle School Breakaway Retreat
Oct 5 6:30-9:00pm Parents' Night Out, Gym