

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

September 16, 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

Sherry Beebe

Welcome and Call To Worship

Ephesians 1:17-20

Hymn #92

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Diademata

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading

Romans 8:31-39

(p.1758)

9:00am Barbara Floyd
10:45am Ian Kauffman

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All the people: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we thank you for the good news of the gospel, that you are for us and not against us. Through Jesus Christ, you love us with an everlasting love. We believe this, but too often it remains head knowledge. We settle for a superficial grasp of your grace, and fail to find our identity in you. We listen to voices which tell us that we are not good enough, and we grow weary. We do confess that we have sinned and fallen short of your glory. We also thank you, that is not the last word. Please take us to the cross where we can be forgiven again, and where we are made good enough, in the righteousness of Jesus Christ, and by his shed blood. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

The Greeting

Worship Song

Good Good Father

Tomlin

Worship Song

Who You Say I Am (New)

Fielding/Morgan

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

You Say

Daigle

Kerry Catapano, Soprano
Jamie Gaffga, Kathy McLean

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Family News

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 3:14-19

(p.1820)

Sermon

Re-Centered

Experiencing What We know: The Father's Love

Steve Weed,
Pastor

Hymn #473

And Can It Be That I Should Gain?

Sagina

Benediction

Prayer Ministry

9:00am Sue Wenger
10:45am Richard Segal

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God by Charlie & Joann Huntington, in loving memory of our parents.

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.

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

Starting October 7th, our church will be reading and studying as a community Rick Warren's bestselling book *What On Earth Am I Here For?* *And we'd love for you to join with us!*

On your journey, you'll find the answers to three of life's most important questions:

- **The Question of Existence: Why am I alive?**
- **The Question of Significance: Does my life matter?**
- **The Question of Purpose: What on earth am I here for?**

Far more than just a book; it is a guide to a spiritual journey. Once you take this journey, you'll never be the same again.

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. We will all literally be on the "same page" for 42 days of daily reading. Books will be available on 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. 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

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.

NEW - Children's Art! Before you leave today, check out the children's clay creations, located in the Chapel, from our Sunday School lesson about "creation". Each week we will be displaying our masterpieces throughout NPC. Check them out!

Children's Committee Meeting - The Children's Committee will meet next Sunday, September 23rd directly following the 10:45 service. If you are interested in learning more or how to be a part of it, please email Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org).

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.

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

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!

NEW - Save the Date for NPC's Fall Fest 2018! Church family, friends and the Narberth community are invited to Fall Fest! This fun event will take place in the parking lot of NPC. Join us for fall inspired food, games, pumpkin painting and much more! Plan to be there and plan to bring a friend. Yay fall!

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...

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 - Church family, friends and the Narberth community are invited to Fall Fest! This fun event will take place in the parking lot of NPC. Join us for fall inspired food, games, pumpkin painting and much more! Plan to be there and plan to bring a friend. Yay fall!

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** has resumed, meeting every other Friday, beginning 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!

- † Join us for the first *evening* meeting of the **Justice and Mercy Committee**, this **Tuesday, Sept. 18th, at 7:00** pm in the resource room (next to Steve's office.) We will share our concerns, conduct a little business, and pray together. All are welcome.

- † **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.

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- † **Jennifer Bonovitz has been faithfully serving** the homeless people of Philadelphia for many years. We need volunteers to fill in for Jennifer on October 7 and November 4 while she is recovering from surgery. Sandwiches and beverages are given to approximately 50 men at Logan Circle. If you want more information, can make sandwiches and/or give out the food, please contact Marilyn Reed, 215-776-3598, mjareed5@hotmail.com"
- † **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.
- † **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.



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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

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

Monday, September 17
 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 18
 7:00am Men’s small group, Resource Room
 7:00am Men-Sponsored Prayer Breakfast, at Narberth Diner
7:00 pm Session Meeting, Parlor
 7:00pm Justice & Mercy Team meeting, Resource Room
 7:00pm Knitters’ Group, Chapel

Wednesday, September 19
 5:30-6:30pm Wed Night Supper

Thursday, September 20
 7:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal

Friday, September 21
 10:00am Women’s Bible Study, Parlor
 6:00pm Walk-Run Group @ Lower Merion HS Track, All are welcome

Saturday, September 22

Sunday, September 23
 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: jlmpsyh@hotmail.com

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

- 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