

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

September 23, 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 #77

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe Den Herren

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading

Psalm 51:1-12

(p. 889)

9:00am Ben Ishmael

10:45am Noah Mulugeta

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All the people: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, like David in the Psalm, we appeal to your unfailing love and your great compassion to cleanse us from all our sins. We confess that even our best intentions to "do better" fall short of your holiness and love. We have sinned in thought, word, and deed. Too often we have covered our sins, and made excuses, rather than come into the light of your presence, where we can be healed. Please forgive us through Jesus' death on the cross, the ultimate day of atonement. Create in us a pure heart, and renew a right spirit within us. As recipients of your mercy and grace, may our witness for you be humble and authentic. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Hymn #445

Just As I Am (verse 1)

Woodworth

The Greeting

Worship Song

What A Friend

Maher

Worship Song

Create In Me A Clean Heart

Green

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.

During the 9:00am service, Middle School and High School students may be dismissed to their Sunday School classes.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Deborah Watson,
Associate Pastor

Passing of Friendship Pads

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Come, Peace of God

Butler

Tom Patterson

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Family News

Scripture Reading

Psalm 51:10-19

(p.890)

Sermon

Re-Centered

Getting Real – Getting Healthy

Steve Weed,
Pastor

Hymn #502

Amazing Grace

New Britain

Benediction

Prayer Ministry

9:00am John Kennedy

10:45am John Furlong

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of her Dad, Roy C. Brinton, by Joyce Nicolai and family.

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

Next Week's Message: "You Give Them Something To Eat" (Matthew 14:13-21)

Extended Prelude next week: Dean Pappas

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

Next Wednesday, 9/26, after dinner:

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. 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.

A TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND

The Holy Land 2019



How many of you have heard someone say "my trip to the Holy Land was life changing; it made the Bible stories come to life and strengthened my faith?" Well, that can be you!

We are planning a 2019 trip to Israel and it would be so much fun to share together. This is an opportunity for singles, couples, or even families. It would thrill John Chafee (who is planning to come) if our teens were there with us. . . we can picture teens or young adults wanting to hike up to Masada near the Dead Sea (which is permitted, and exciting) instead of the gondola.

We will have an English speaking Israeli guide with us, and an experienced Christian tour guide (familiar with our specific Biblical interests). We will also have daily on-site devotionals (i.e. at the Mount of Olives where Christ shared the Beatitudes) by people right here in the church (e.g., John Chafee, Chaz Howard, both are hoping to join us).

We have done a great deal of research and focused on a trip with a Pastor as the "Christian tour guide" who has taken groups to Israel many times, and happens to be a close friend of Pastor Steve. The dates of that trip are June 25 - July 5, 2019, and the all-inclusive cost is approximately \$3,800 per person.

If you have a sincere interest and want the itinerary and details on pricing, please send an email with "ISRAEL 2019" in the subject line to: nancylemми@gmail.com. Please be sure to let us know in your email who exactly might be joining us; friends, family, youth, and/or extended family? We ask that you please send your email indicating your interest by Thursday, Oct.4 to help us proceed with our initial planning. Once we have an approximate *number* of potential fellow travelers, we will be in touch with more details, and a scheduled meeting to address questions and share the amazing itinerary details.

Nancy Emmi & David Place

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 meets today 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).

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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!

MS and HS Combined Christmas Party - Sunday, December 16th - This year we are looking to change it up, and have a Christmas party unlike any other year... If you would like to be a part of the planning for this then just let me (John) know. Not only that, but you are absolutely welcome to bring friends who are from outside of our church community! The time of the party is still to be determined, but mark it on your calendar!

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!
- † **Open Small group: The Tuesday morning "Praying With the Bible" group** will be following the "What On Earth..." journey with the church. You are welcome to join us from 11:00am to Noon, each Tuesday in the Parlor. Led by Faith Hornung
- † Calling all *What On Earth Am I Doing Here?* small group hosts - actual and potential! Please ask the Lord if you might step out in faith to co-host a small group for our church-wide adventure, beginning on October 7th! Then, as the Lord directs, please come to **an orientation meeting in the Parlor from 12:30-1:45pm, on Sunday, September 30**. We'll have a working lunch to go over the basics, ask questions, make suggestions, and pray for/with each other. Please sign up in the Chapel.
- † **Calling all Sr. Adults and other friends!** It's time for another season of slide shows to various places in this beautiful world!
On Friday, September 28th, Diane Chen and Debbie Watson will be showing slides from their recent stay in England. Later this Fall, we'll see more from their trip to Paris! Come to the Parlor at 1:30pm for a good time of travel, tasty treats and good conversation with friends old and new. Sponsored by the Sr. Adults, but open to all. 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!
- † **Philadelphia Commons Institute** (Formerly Agora Institute) presents *War, Friendship, and Imagination: The Impact of WWI on J. R. R. Tolkien and C. S. Lewis* with Joseph Loconte, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI. **October 11, 2018 at 7pm** Merion Tribute House go to <https://WarFriendshipImagination.eventbrite.com> for more information or to buy tickets
- † **Amnion is Celebrating 35 years**, growing a legacy of healing and hope Join us for a wonderful evening on October 18th **Annual Fall Fundraiser Dinner Banquet** - Client Testimonies - Amnion Legacy Vision
October 18th - 6:00pm | Drexelbrook, 4700 Drexelbrook Drive | Drexel Hill, PA
Reservations Required | RSVP by Oct 10th | www.FriendsOfAmnion.org
| 610.622.9832

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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 and Nov 11 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"

- † **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!

- † **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.

- † **PIANO RECITAL:** On Sunday afternoon, October 21, from 2:30-4:00pm, Avery Gagliano will present a free piano recital. Avery is a high school student at Curtis School of Music, and a regular part of NPC.

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?

PRAYER FOR "WHAT ON EARTH AM I HERE FOR?"

NPC is about to embark on a journey of spiritual transformation. The key to making this journey a success is simple – prayer. What can you pray about? Here are a few suggestions:

- ❖ For many in our church and community to meet Jesus and be saved.
- ❖ For revitalized practices in your own personal devotion to the Word and prayer.
- ❖ For many people to be encouraged by the discovery/rediscovery of their purpose.
- ❖ For all worship attenders to become more connected and to belong.
- ❖ For good health and protection for those in leadership roles.
- ❖ For how God is leading you personally to be a part of this journey.
- ❖ Please consider doing the following:
 - Be part of a small group which will meet weekly for this 6 week study.
 - Be a small group host or facilitator.
 - Invite friends and neighbors.
 - Go door to door in Narberth handing out the book What On Earth Am I Here For?
 - Partner with a friend to pray on a weekly basis, or join with one of the several existing prayer groups meeting weekly.
 - Commit to praying for the church and community for 10 minutes each day.
 - Do a prayer walk or drive in a specific area you want to see impact occur.

“If you authentically hunger for spiritual transformation in yourself and church family, and lasting kingdom fruit in your community, it will not happen apart from prayer... Prayer brings to bear the power of God into this spiritual journey and ultimately results in changed lives.”

2018 MISSIONARY CAUSES

Mission

4D Ministries – Hank Paulson
Amnion Crisis Pregnancy Center
Amoenitas – Scott Todd
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) –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.
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
Marilyn Reed
Danielle Kauffman
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

PSALM 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. ² Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.

⁵ Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. ⁶ Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place.

⁷ Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. ⁹ Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

¹⁰ Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. ¹¹ Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you. ¹⁴ Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, you who are God my Savior, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.

¹⁵ Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise. ¹⁶ You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. ¹⁷ My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise. ¹⁸ May it please you to prosper Zion, to build up the walls of Jerusalem. ¹⁹ Then you will delight in the sacrifices of the righteous, in burnt offerings offered whole; then bulls will be offered on your altar.



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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, September 23

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

Monday, September 24

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 25

7:00am Men's small group, Resource Room
7:00am Men-Sponsored Prayer Breakfast, at Narberth Diner
11:00am Praying with the Bible group, Parlor
7:00pm Missions Committee, Parlor

Wednesday, September 26

9:00 am Staff Meeting
5:45-6:45pm Wed Night Supper followed by presentation by John Chaffee and Danielle Kauffman at 7:00pm, Gym

Thursday, September 27

9:30 am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor
4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor, Gym
7:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal

Friday, September 28

9:30am Moms' group, Parlor
10:00am Women's Bible Study, Chapel
1:30pm Senior Slide Show, Parlor
ECO Presbytery Meeting, Newark, DE
6:00pm Walk-Run Group @ Lower Merion HS Track, All are welcome

Saturday, September 29

ECO Presbytery Meeting, Newark, DE

Sunday, September 30

8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office
8:00am Sunday School Class, Parlor
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: jlmpsycho@hotmail.com

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

Oct 1 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal resumes (1st, 3rd, and 5th Mondays), Chapel
Oct 2 3:30pm Justice & Mercy Team Meeting, Parlor
Oct 2 7:00pm Deacons' Meeting, Parlor
Oct 3 6:00-7:30pm Outdoor supper and music fest
Oct 5 6:30-9:00pm Parents' Night Out, Gym
Oct 5-7 Middle School Breakaway Retreat
Oct 11 6-9pm Heritage East MAG (Mission Affinity Group) meeting, Parlor
Oct 12, 26 6:30pm Pickleball resumes, Gym
Oct 16 7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor
Oct 19 6-9pm Middle School Youth Group, Gym
Oct 23 7:00pm Missions Committee, Parlor
Oct 26 1:30pm Sr. Adults Slide Show, Parlor
Oct 28 Fall Festival