

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

September 30, 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

Dean Pappas

Welcome and Call To Worship

Hymn #498

I Love To Tell the Story

Hankey

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 5:14-21

(p.1799)

9:00am Ruth Ellen Patterson

10:45am John Chaffee

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All the people: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, the needs of our world can feel so overwhelming. But we worship you as the source of all compassion and justice, who feeds us body and soul through Jesus Christ. We confess our lack of faith, and the smallness of our vision. Too often we measure what is possible by our calculated resources, instead of your abundant life. We have not relied on your grace, and we have withheld ourselves from others. We wonder, "What can I possibly do, with so little in my hand?" Please forgive us through Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us, and who made us ministers of reconciliation and ambassadors of good news. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Family News

Introduction and Commissioning of

Christina Platt as our new Nursery School Director

Charlene McGrew, Elder, CNS Board Chair

The Greeting

Worship Song

One Thing Remains

Johnson/Gifford/Riddle

Worship Song

God I Look To You (New)

McIntosh/Johnson

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 *Light of the World* *Hughes*
Dean Pappas

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading Matthew 14:13-21 (p.1520)

Sermon **Re-Centered**
You Give Them Something To Eat **Steve Weed,**
Pastor

Hymn *I Am The Bread of Life* *Toolan*

Benediction

Prayer Ministry 9:00am Jack Comstock
10:45am Linda Behmke

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Margie Nathanson, by her Godchildren, Krystyna Kapner, Daniel Kapner and Joey Dickinson, in love and thanksgiving for Margie.

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

Extended Prelude next week: Donald Robinson

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

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!

Beginning Sunday, October 7th – Family Worship on First Sundays!

Kindergarten – 5th grade will worship with their family at 9:00 and 10:45.

Sunday School for age 2 – 5 (PreK) will take place in the Red Door Room.

Our Nursery is available at the 9:00 and 10:45 worship services. This room is best for infants through 23 months.

"What On Earth Am I Here For?" – Children's Curriculum!

Our Sunday School children age 2 through 5th grade will be discovering the purpose for their own lives through Rick Warren's "God's Big Plans for Me Storybook Bible". This book was inspired by what adults are reading "What On Earth Am I Here For?". Along with this book, children will also enjoy a DVD that introduces our lesson each week, devotionals, and activity pages.

Friday, October 5th – Parents' Night Out returns! This program is best for children age 4 through 5th grade. We meet in the gym (6:30pm-9:00pm) for games, a devotional, dinner, and a movie! This is a FREE event but donations are appreciated.

Wednesday Night Programming for ALL Children! Beginning October 10th!

Join Miss Danielle & Miss Sharon as we dig more into God's Big Plans for our lives! We will have fun activities for children of all ages and each week we will focus on that very big question: "How does God want me to live my life?" Programs begin at 7:00 but dinner begins at 5:30. Hope to see many of you there!

Fall Fest 2018!

Plan to join us on Sunday, October 28th from 2:00pm-4:00pm in the church parking lot! Fall food, fun, and fellowship! This is a FREE event but we are asking you bring a canned good item to donate to the Narberth Food Bank.

THE GREAT NPC PUMPKIN PATCH!

Children and Youth Ministries are collecting pumpkins for our Fall Fest. As you shop for your pumpkins this season please consider buying an extra and donating it to our Fall Fest. You can leave your donated pumpkin on the stage ... and we will joyfully watch our Pumpkin Patch Grow!!

Prizewinning Pie Contest!

Do you think your pumpkin pie is the best? Or is your apple pie simply delicious? Well why not enter it in the Fall Fest Prizewinning Pie Contest!! To enter please email Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org). Good luck to all!

Looking ahead:

Friday, November 2nd - 4th - BLITZ Weekend for 3rd through 5th grade.

YOUTH EVENTS

MS Breakaway Retreat - October 5-7th - This is our annual fall retreat to North Bay Adventure Camp in Maryland! This is an exciting weekend with hundreds of other Middle Schoolers from our area. Retreats are one of the best ways to get to know new people and cement as a group. Sure, this can happen at a normal youth gathering, but retreats are especially capable of creating new friendships! [Click here to sign up for the MS Fall Retreat!](#)

Youth Committee Meeting - Monday, October 15th, 7-8pm - This is an open meeting in which we gather to discuss upcoming events as well as goals for the youth ministry of NPC. We always welcome visitors to this meeting, and are certainly open to new input or ideas of new events. This really is kind of a fun gathering. It is profound to sit in a room with people who care about our youth so much. This is a special gathering more than a "meeting."

MS Youth Group Night - Friday, October 19th, 6-9pm - After trying different nights of the week, and after hearing your feedback, Friday nights are still the best to hold a Middle School gathering... So that's what we are doing! There will be dinner provided as well as ice breakers, games, and a lesson about the faith.

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, 2-4pm - Youth are welcome to wear costumes for this event! We have a lot of things planned for this event, things which will make it a great gathering for the whole family. [Click here if you would like to help make this event happen!](#)

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! [Click here to sign up for the HS Fall Retreat!](#)

SMALL GROUPS

WHAT ON EARTH AM I HERE FOR? OPEN SMALL GROUPS AND CONTACT PEOPLE

SUNDAY 8:00am (NPC Parlor): Debbie Watson
(dwatson@narberthpres.org) Starts Oct. 7th

SUNDAY 9:30am (NPC Parlor): Mark & Sue Wenger
(mswenger@yahoo.com) Starts October 7th

SUNDAY 7:00pm (home group) Naveen Daniel (nav@drexel.edu)
and Eric Herrenkohl (eric@herrenkohlconsulting.com)

MONDAY 1:15pm Moms'/Women's Group (home group):
Morley Mullins (morley814@yahoo.com) and Sarah Comstock
(sarahjcomstock@gmail.com)

TUESDAY 7:00-8:00am Men's Group (2538 Haverford Road,
Ardmore): Mike Morrison (mike@izettgolf.com) and David Fraser
(davidallenfraser@gmail.com)

TUESDAY 11:00am-Noon (NPC Parlor): Faithe Hornung
(fhornung@aol.com)

TUESDAY 7:00-8:00pm Community Group (Common Space 25
Rittenhouse Place, Ardmore): Clara & Godfrey Louie
(claralouie@yahoo.com)

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WEDNESDAY 6:45-8:00pm Multiple groups (NPC Gym):
Debbie Watson (dwatson@narberthpres.org). Supper at 5:30-
6:30pm. Also, childcare and children's activities. Starts October
10th

THURSDAY 7:30pm Young Adult Group (Parlor): Steve Weed
(sweed@narberthpres.org) Starts Oct. 11th

FRIDAY 9:30am Moms'/Young Women's Group (NPC Parlor);
Jessica Gaffga & Jo-Anne Kaplan (jessicagaffga@yahoo.com)
Meets **every week**. We have free childcare, coffee, refreshments and
fellowship. All are welcome.

FRIDAY 10:00am Women's Group (NPC Chapel): Isabel Lally
(aberdeenbell@msn.com) Starts Oct. 5th

FRIDAY 6:00-8:00pm (couples' home group): Cindy Hauger
(cindy.hauger@workshopschool.org) Starts Oct. 5th

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **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, TODAY**. 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!
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 Crisis Pregnancy 35th annual Fall Banquet** will be held at Drexelbrook in Drexel Hill on Thursday, October 18th at 6:00 PM. Please contact Alice Antonelli (203.233.8133) if you would like to attend or if you would like more information. You can also find out more at friendsofamnion.org.

- † **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.

- † **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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† **TREASURER'S UPDATE:**

Through the end of August, your giving has totaled \$600,310, which is \$71,157 behind 2017's year to date total, and equals 51% of our total 2018 budget.

Our operating expenses have totaled \$300,716, which falls \$49,531 below budget to date.

Total employee costs are \$425,669 which are in line with the budget.

That gives us total costs in budgeted areas of \$726,385, which exceeds our offerings by \$126,075.

This shortfall, plus another \$51,431 in non-budgeted spending (primarily related to ECO transition and non-ordained staff housing support) have been funded by cash on hand and out of our endowment.

A more detailed report will be issued after we have final numbers for September.

† **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!

If you or someone you know have been troubled by intrusive memories from the recent or distant past, the following resources are available to you:

† **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.

† **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).

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?"

A word of encouragement from the prayer team. If Jesus were speaking to us, he might say something like this:

My Dear Children,

It is my heart's desire to have you come into my presence to spend time together. I want to hear all about your hopes and dreams for the journey you are about to take. I have plans for you that I want to share. Let's walk together that I might bless you.
Love, Jesus

We are about to begin a great journey about "What On Earth Am I Here For?" Please join us in the Sanctuary **this Wednesday night from 7 to 8pm** as we accept Jesus' invitation to pray. We will be asking for His hand and blessing over NPC and all that will come to learn more about God's love. Come expectantly to worship and see what our God is doing in and through us.

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.



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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

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

4:00pm Youth Group

Monday, October 1

6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal resumes (1st, 3rd,
 and 5th Mondays), Chapel
 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, October 2

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
 3:30pm Justice & Mercy Team Meeting, Parlor
7:00pm Deacons' Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, October 3

8:15-10am Coffee with the Director (CNS),
 Parlor
**5:45-6:45pm Wed Night Supper followed by a
 prayer meeting in the Sanctuary**

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

Oct 12, 26 6:30pm Pickleball resumes, Gym
 Oct 15 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Chapel
 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 2-4pm Fall Festival

Thursday, October 4

4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor, Gym
 7:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal

Friday, October 5

9:30am Moms' group, Parlor
 10:00am Women's Bible Study, Chapel
 6:00pm Walk-Run Group @ Lower Merion
 HS Track, All are welcome
6:30-9:00pm Parents' Night Out, Gym
 Middle School Breakaway Retreat

Saturday, October 6

Middle School Breakaway Retreat

Sunday, October 7

Middle School Breakaway Retreat
 8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office
 8:00am Sunday School Class, Parlor
**9:00am Worship Service-Communion,
 Family Worship**
 9:30am Adult Sunday School Class, Parlor
 9:30am Children's Sunday School, downstairs
 9:30am Youth Sunday School, upstairs
**10:45am Worship Service-Communion,
 Family Worship**
4:00pm Youth Group

Nov 6 3:30pm Justice & Mercy Team Meeting, Parlor
Nov 6 7:00pm Deacons' Meeting, Parlor