

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

October 14, 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

The Worship Band

Welcome and Call To Worship

Hymn #2

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Nicaea

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading

Psalm 100

(p.937)

9:00am Nathan Wren
10:45am Ian Kauffman

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All the people: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, it is always fitting to praise you and to glorify your Name. Yet how quickly even our best thoughts and intentions fall short of the adoration you deserve. We confess that our spiritual attention span is short, and we often miss the glory of your presence. We long to give ourselves to you completely, but then we hold back because of fear and mistrust. Please forgive our sins. We do believe, help our unbelief. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

The Greeting

Worship Song

Creation Sings (New)

Leonard/Jordan

Worship Song

Revelation Song

Riddle

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Deborah Watson,
Associate Pastor

Passing of Friendship Pads

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Romance in F major

Brahms

Avery Gagliano, Piano

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Special bookmarks are available for each of the 6 weeks of “What On Earth Am I Here For?” book study.

Each week’s bookmark has the theme for that week, and a key verse.

These bookmarks will be handed out each Sunday by the ushers along with a bulletin.

Additional supply will be available in the chapel.

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?

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.

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FAMILY MINISTRY: CHILDREN, YOUTH & PARENTS

“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.

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.

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.

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 5:45. 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

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!](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **Jennifer Bonovitz has been faithfully serving** the homeless people of Philadelphia for many years. We need volunteers to fill in for Jennifer on **October 28** and **November 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"

- † **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!

- † **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](tel: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.

- † **From the 30th of September to the 23rd of October** John Kennedy will be traveling to visit Interserve partners in Asia as well as attending a Leadership Consultation in Thailand. As you know, things can sometimes be a little unpredictable in some of 'our' countries, so both John as he travels and Jan as I stay here at home would appreciate your mighty prayers for his travels and safety and discernment. May he be a blessing to our partners!

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† **Cookie Time! It's time!** It's that time of year when we begin to prepare for our Great Cookie Giveaway and Narberth Dicken's Festival.

Start baking those cookies and freeze them. Or freeze the cookie dough so it's ready to bake when needed. We need 7,500 cookies to bag and give away to our neighbors on Dec 1st and at the Dickens Festival on Dec 2nd.

Volunteers are needed to distribute cookies, if interested please contact Betsy Hayden (bhayden126@comcast.net) or Marilyn Reed (mjareed5@hotmail.com). We appreciate your help!

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).



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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, October 14

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

Monday, October 15

6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Chapel
7:00pm Youth Committee Meeting, Youth Room
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 16

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 Justice & Mercy Team Meeting, Resource Room
7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, October 17

5:45-6:45pm Wed Night Supper

Small groups "What On Earth Am I Here For?" 6-week study

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 23 7:00pm Missions Committee, Parlor
Oct 26 1:30pm Sr. Adults Slide Show, Parlor
Oct 26 6:30pm Pickleball, Gym
Oct 28 2-4pm Fall Festival
Oct 29 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Chapel
Nov 2-4 High School Reality Retreat, Northeast, MD
Nov 6 Polling Day, Parlor reserved all day for voting
Nov 6 3:30pm Justice & Mercy Team Meeting, Chapel
Nov 6 7:00pm Deacons' Meeting, Chapel

Thursday, October 18

4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor, Gym
7:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal
7:30pm Young Adult Group with Pastor Steve, Parlor

Friday, October 19

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

Saturday, October 20

Sunday, October 21

8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office
8:00am Sunday School Class, Parlor
9:00am Worship Service
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9:30am Children's Sunday School, downstairs
9:30am Youth Sunday School, upstairs
10:45am Worship Service
12:00pm Cream of the Crop Luncheon, Parlor
2:30-4:00pm Piano recital by Avery Gagliano, Sanctuary
4:00pm Youth Group