

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

October 21, 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

Hymn #689

The Church's One Foundation (1,2,4,5)

Aurelia

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:13-18; Acts 20:28

(p.1524, 1729)

9:00am Dana Ergenbright

10:45am Eleanor Vadala

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All the people: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, thank you for the gift of your church. We forget that through Jesus Christ the church belongs to you, and that we belong to one another. We forget how committed you are to the church, and that you gave your life for us. Please forgive us for our indifference. Heal all our divisions. Forgive us for judging others with a higher standard than we apply to ourselves. We humble ourselves before you and ask for your mercy. Fill us with the Holy Spirit, that we may be a strong and healthy body, and a beautiful bride for you, and for the world you love. In the Name of Jesus, our Savior, and Head of the church. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

The Greeting

Worship Song

All The People Said Amen

Maher

Worship Song

Who You Say I Am (New)

Fielding/Morgan

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Deborah Watson,

Associate Pastor

Passing of Friendship Pads

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

I Ask Myself

Pappas

Dean Pappas

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

“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”.

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.

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Wednesday Night Programming for ALL Children!

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!

What is Fall Fest?!

In past years, NPC has celebrated fall with a Trunk Or Treat, but this year we are trying something new - Fall Fest. This is an opportunity for ALL ages to come together and have fun. Please join us (and bring a friend) **next Sunday, October 28th from 2:00pm-4:00pm in the church parking lot!** There will be food, fun, and fellowship for all. This is a free event, but we are collecting canned goods to support the Narberth Food Bank. Hope to see many of you there!

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

Fall Festival - Sunday, October 28th, 2-4pm

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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!](#)

Family Worship on First Sundays!

All children, K-through 12, are invited to remain in worship with their families on the first Sunday of each month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **Piano Recital today** 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.

- † **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"

- † **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!

- † **Special Offering for Hurricane Disaster Relief**
Our prayers are with those who have lost loved ones, been displaced, or sustained property damage due to recent hurricanes. The destruction has been devastating and the needs are great. For the next several weeks, we will be receiving a special offering for hurricane disaster relief to be sent through **The Salvation Army**. The Salvation Army has volunteer teams and mobile feeding units (canteens) in the area affected to provide immediate assistance, and will remain in the communities impacted by the hurricanes to support long-term disaster recovery efforts and provide ongoing assistance to those in need.
To give:
Sunday morning offering: Note "Hurricane" in the memo section of your check & put it in the offering plate.
By text: Txt the amount of your gift and keyword "Hurricane" to 610-624-4831. Example: \$25 Hurricane
Online: Visit narberthpres.org/give and select Hurricane as the fund.

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† **Choir Alert!**

Singers of all ages and abilities are invited to participate in a special Christmas Musical on Sunday, December 16th during morning worship services.

Rehearsals are scheduled for Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:00pm, and will begin this Thursday, Oct. 25, in the choir room.

You may sign up in the Chapel or see me up by the organ. Sherry Beebe

† **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!

† **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!

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 21

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
12:00pm Cream of the Crop Luncheon, Parlor
2:30-4:00pm Piano recital by
Avery Gagliano, Sanctuary
4:00pm Youth Group

Monday, October 22

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 23

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

Wednesday, October 24

9:30am Staff Meeting, Parlor
5:45-6:45pm Wed Night Supper
Pumpkin bisque and homemade chicken noodle
soups, bread, salads, dessert
**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: jlmpsych@hotmail.com

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

Oct 29 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Chapel
Oct 30 7:00pm Missions Committee, Parlor
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
Nov 18 12:00-2:00pm Gifts of Hope Gallery, Gym
Nov 21 7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Service, Sanctuary (Soup & Chili Dinner @ 5:45pm)
Nov 22-23 Office Closed for Thanksgiving holiday

Thursday, October 25

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

Friday, October 26

9:30am Moms' group, Parlor
10:00am Women's Bible Study, Chapel
1:30pm Sr. Adults Slide Show, Parlor
6:30pm Pickleball, Gym

Saturday, October 27

Sunday, October 28

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