

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

October 28, 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

2 Corinthians 3:17,18

Hymn #43

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Ein' Feste Burg

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading

Philippians 3:10-14

(p.1829)

9:00am Lia Howard

10:45am Noah Choi

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All the people: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, through the salvation of Jesus Christ, we are no longer slaves, but sons and daughters of God. We are people of the Exodus and the resurrection. Yet we forget your mighty works, and live as if we were on our own. You call us to become like Christ, but our self-directed desires resist the correction of the Holy Spirit. Please forgive us at the cross. Soften our hearts by the work of the Spirit. Please comfort us in our troubles, and grant us the wisdom to see that our suffering and pain is never wasted in the goodness of your plan. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

The Greeting

Worship Song

No Longer Slaves

Bethel Music

Worship Song

Nothing I Hold On To (New)

Reagan

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Deborah Watson,

Associate Pastor

Passing of Friendship Pads

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Bach

Pam Fleming, Violin

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

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! No Children’s program on Wed, Oct 31st!

What is Fall Fest?!

TODAY, 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!

Looking ahead:

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

NO Parents’ Night Out on Friday November 2nd,

Will resume in December

Youth High School Retreat: Next Weekend, Nov 2-4

Sunday School Christmas Pageant: Sunday, Dec 16 between services (10:15am) in the Gym.

NOMINEES FOR ELDER/DEACON

Elders

Linda DiLullo

I cannot remember a time that I haven't known the Lord. My earliest memories are filled with an awareness of an almighty, all-powerful, all-knowing, all loving Heavenly Father who is Lord of creation and Lord over all. Attending church and Sunday School from a young age, confirmation classes, youth groups, Campus Crusade in college, I continued to grow in the knowledge and depth of my personal relationship with Jesus as my Lord and Savior. I look back on the time line of my faith journey thus far and see his hands and feet at work in the lives of many who have had and continue to have an impact in the shaping and molding of my spiritual formation. Commitment to a church family has been life-giving as I have been stretched in my worship and service. I realize more each day that this is the beauty and strength of the body of Christ, of fellowship, of community. As iron sharpens iron, we are called to encourage one another in faithfulness as we co-labor in the ongoing work of his kingdom. I am humbled to be nominated to serve as an elder in this congregation working together for the glory of God.

Pam Fleming

I was raised in a Christian home in New Zealand, and don't recall a time when I didn't know Jesus as my friend. God has used significant life events to grow my faith and draw me into a deeper understanding of Him as Savior and Master, including a number of moves to foreign countries, close personal relationships built through Community Bible Study, and the death of my son. It is an honor to be nominated for the position of elder at NPC, and if selected I will strive to faithfully fulfill God's purpose for me there.

Clara Louie

Although raised in a family who practiced Chinese religion and ancestral worship, God first introduced himself to me through religious education class in Catholic school. Since then, I had a private but sincere relationship with the Christian God. As a teenager, I began questioning if God really existed and more importantly, would there be a difference in my life if I lived with or without God? I told God of my decision to disconnect with him. After a few years of life "on my own," I was confronted with dead end questions on the meaning of life without God. At about the same time, a friend invited me to her church. One day at church, inaudible words, "I have been waiting for you to come back" rushed into my heart and brought me back to God.

While God is unchangeable, my relationship with him keeps growing as I follow him through the mountains, valleys, wilderness, and new territories in my life. One of the lessons he has taught me is that my relationship with him, while deeply personal, is not private. God has blessed me with countless people who have shared their spiritual journey with me, and serving at NPC is one way, I hope, for me to share my continuous journey with you.

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David McIntire

I came to know Christ as a child at Aldan Union Church in Aldan, PA where my involvement in the youth program led me to a deeper faith. I attended Eastern Baptist College (now Eastern University) where I met my wife Jean. We eventually joined Manoa Presbyterian Church where I served as an Elder and was involved in planning an annual men's retreat for men all over the Northeast U.S. We joined Narberth in 2003. In 2012 I retired after 12 years as Administrator at First Presbyterian Church in Moorestown NJ. I have enjoyed the past few years filling in as Property Manager and now as Business Administrator here at Narberth. I am grateful and honored to be considered for this opportunity to serve the Lord and this church as an Elder.

DEACONS

Valerie Foley

I was raised in a Christian home but understood very little about the Christian faith until I came to NPC. I went through the explorer's class twice just to learn the basics. In 1999, I was baptized and became a member of NPC. I believe that God was welcoming me as His child long before I was seeking Him. I am thankful for God's Word which is a source of encouragement and strength. I am also thankful to have NPC as my church family. I look forward to serving as Deacon and trust that God will enable me to serve well.

Dee Knight

I grew up in a Catholic family attending church every Sunday and prayers before dinner with my family every night. I also went to Catholic schools from Kindergarten through college. I always knew that Jesus died for my sins. I guess you could say I went on a 'hiatus' from church during college and until I had my kids. I never stopped talking with God or occasionally attending church during that time. I knew it was important to bring up my kids in a Christian household so Easter 1995 we arrived at Narberth Presbyterian Church. There was something really enticing here. Over the years my faith and understanding of just who's Jesus is has grown in leaps and bounds thanks to the loving, patient congregation and leadership. I have learned to serve joyfully with Jesus as my focus. I'm excited to return as a Deacon and can't wait to see where God chooses to use me this time.

Patricia Svitek

After 30 years of practicing the Catholic religion, I realized something was missing in my life. I had never accepted Jesus as my Savior. My younger sister led me to accept Jesus into my life and my new journey began. I was baptized at Glasgow Reformed Presbyterian Church where we attended until joining this church.

At a quilting retreat in Lewes DE, I met a kind, patient woman who helped me with new applique techniques. She told me that her husband was a minister at Narberth Presbyterian Church. We have attended for 5 years and I have been blessed by everyone's kindness and prayers. It is an honor to be considered to be elected as a Deacon at Narberth Presbyterian Church.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND SPECIAL OFFERING

Treasurer's Update- Year to Date September

We are very thankful for your financial participation with NPC. Your gifts allow our ministry to flourish, helping us to reach out and support missions locally and around the world, teach our children and youth, and maintain our church building

Offerings through September total \$695,354, which is \$56,959 behind last year, and is just under 60% of our annual budget of \$1,175,000. We do normally see a sharp uptick in giving in the 4th quarter, but this year \$479,646 would be needed in the quarter to reach our 2018 budget. Through September, our spending in budgeted areas has been below budget. Operating expenses total \$369,095, which is \$24,524 below budget, as most areas continue to fall below budgeted pace. Total employee costs are \$473,283, which is \$10,245 below budget. That gives us a total of \$842,378 in expenses in budgeted areas, which is \$34,769 below budgeted pace, but exceeds year to date offerings by \$147,024.

There is an additional \$89,158 of spending outside of budgeted areas, primarily related to the transition from PCUSA to ECO, plus our Staff Housing Support Plan. This spending is funded out of our endowment.

As we approach the end of 2018, we ask for your continued support to help bring us closer to our budgeted needs, so we may fulfill God's purpose for NPC of building disciples in the love of Jesus Christ as we grow up in worship, grow together in community, and grow out in witness and service. Thank you!

Jim Hoffman

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **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!

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

† **Lower Merion High School Blood Drive-** come out to donate blood at Lower Merion High School on **November 13th from 7:30am-1:15pm!** All over 16 are welcome. One donation saves 3 lives, and we would really appreciate your donation. (Donors will receive a free t-shirt!) Email Izzy Bowser (thebowsergirls@gmail.com) or Rissa Howard (s014509@students.lmsd.org) for more details/information about how to sign up!

† **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.

† **We need your help:** After serving in this hospitality ministry for several years, the Gaffgas are stepping aside to give someone else the opportunity to set up coffee and snacks on the first Sunday of each month after the 10:45 service. We are grateful for their service. Thank you, Jess and Jamie! If you are interested in finding out more about this outreach to our church family, please contact Sharon Shallow at 610-505-8686 or sbshallow55@gmail.com or Karen Pappas.



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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, October 28

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
2-4pm Fall Festival in the parking lot
4:00pm Youth Group

Monday, October 29

6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, 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 30

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
7:00pm Pastor Steve’s sm. group “What on Earth Am I Here For?”(This week only), Chp

Wednesday, October 31

5:45-6:45pm Wed Night Supper
Chicken vegetable and pumpkin bisque soups
Small groups “What On Earth Am I Here For?” 6-week study (No Children’s programming this week)

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

- Nov 5 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Chapel
- 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 8 9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor
- Nov 8 9:00am NS Parents’ Association Meeting, Chapel
- Nov 12 7:00pm Youth Committee Meeting, Youth Room

Thursday, November 1

3:40pm Kickball for pre-schoolers to age 5 (older children welcome as helpers)
4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor, (K-6th)Gym
7:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal
7:30pm Young Adult Group with Pastor Steve, Parlor

Friday, November 2

9:30am Moms’ Group, Parlor
10:00am Women’s Bible Study, Chapel
6:00pm High School Reality Retreat, Northeast, MD
NO Parents’ Night Out this month

Saturday, November 3

High School Reality Retreat, Northeast, MD

Sunday, November 4

High School Reality Retreat, Northeast, MD
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
10:45am Worship Service-Communion – Family Worship
12:15pm Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary

Nov 16 6-9pm Middle School Youth Group
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
Nov 28 9:30am Staff Meeting, Parlor