

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

November 4, 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**

**8:40am Donald Robinson, Piano**

**10:35am Sherry Beebe, Organ**

**Welcome and Call To Worship**

**Hymn**

*O God Beyond All Praising*

*Thaxted*

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Scripture Reading**

Romans 12:1-8

(p.1763)

9:00am Abbie Hein

10:45am Diane Chen

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All the people: Thanks be to God!**

**Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, every good and perfect gift comes from Your hand. Yet we confess that we are slow to worship You as the source of all blessings. Too often we are takers instead of givers, consumers instead of servants. Out of fear or selfishness or busyness we quench Your Spirit. Forgive our sins. Deliver us from feelings of unworthiness and complacent pride that we may give ourselves to You and rediscover the joy of serving others. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

**Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon**

**Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**The Gloria Patri**

**The Greeting**

**Worship Song**

*What A Friend*

*Maher*

**Worship Song**

*We Will Feast In The House Of Zion*

*Moore*

*Family Worship today. K-12<sup>th</sup> grade remain in worship with their family.*

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

**Deborah Watson,**  
Associate Pastor

**Passing of Friendship Pads**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

*Für Elise*

*Beethoven*

Chi Chi Hauger, Piano

**Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

**Family News**

**Scripture Reading**

2 Timothy 1:5-7; Colossians 3:23,24

(p.1852, 1835)

**Sermon**

**You Were Shaped For Serving God**

**Steve Weed,**  
Pastor

**Hymn**

*Here I Am Lord (1 verse)*

*Schutte*

**Invitation To Communion**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe. You fashioned this world in love, and govern all the earth with grace and peace. Nations and Presidents rise and fall, but Your reign is for all time, and your mercy is without end.

**You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Born as King in David's line, He lived with the lowly and cared for the least of Your children. His power was revealed in weakness, His majesty in mercy.**

His only earthly throne was a cross on which to die. Even there His arms stretched out to embrace friends and foes in love. From the grave You raised him to Your right hand where he rules again from heaven, and commands true loyalty from peoples and nations.

**Remembering Your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from Your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising. With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to You to be a living and holy sacrifice dedicated to Your service.**

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again.**

### **Sharing of the Bread and Cup**

9:00am Communion Music

Donald Robinson

10:45am Communion Music

Sherry Beebe

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Hymn #356**

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

*Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

### **Benediction**

### **Prayer Ministry**

9:00am John Kennedy

10:45am Linda Behmke

**The altar flowers today** are given to the glory of God by Suzanne and Barbara Floyd in grateful appreciation for our uncle, Henry Nash Floyd, who just celebrated his 97th birthday on October 31.

**Today on this first Sunday of the month, we celebrate Holy Communion.** As Presbyterian Christians, we invite all who profess faith in Jesus Christ to receive communion, regardless of denominational affiliation or membership in this church. At each service you are invited to receive communion by coming forward down the center aisle. We break off a piece of the bread (gluten free available), dip it in the cup and eat, then return to your seat by the outer aisles.

### **TODAY, Nov. 4, after the second service,**

There will be a Congregation/Corporation Meeting to elect new Elders/Trustees and Deacons. We will also elect two members from the congregation at large to serve on next year's Nominating Committee, and approve three ministries from which additional members of the Nominating Committee will be selected.

### **Extended Prelude next week: Sherry Beebe**

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

*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](http://www.narberthpres.org) or podcast through iTunes

**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?

**In 2 weeks:**

**Nov 18: ONE SERVICE beginning at 10:00am on Sunday, November 18th.**

We will conclude our ALL church study "What On Earth Am I Here For?", on Sunday, November 18th with one service beginning at 10:00am! There is NO Sunday School for children in Kindergarten through 12th grade. Instead, we will worship as a church family! Children will have special opportunities during service with a "Pew Scavenger Hunt" and Children's Message. Following this service please join us in the gym for **Gifts of Hope** - a wonderful Christmas gift alternative! Childcare for Infants through Preschool will be available during service and during Gifts of Hope.

The Worship Band will lead an extended time of praise from 9:00am-10:00am.

**MY STORY**

**What God is doing in my life through What On Earth Am I Here For?**

We'd love to hear how you have been impacted by learning about God's purposes in your life. If God is using your small group study, a scripture memory verse, the daily readings in the book, the sermons, or participating in a church ministry to make a difference in your life, write down your story here and drop it into the offering plate, or email it to Steve ([sweed@narberthpres.org](mailto:sweed@narberthpres.org)), Debbie ([dwatson@narberthpres.org](mailto:dwatson@narberthpres.org)) or the office ([office@narberthpres.org](mailto:office@narberthpres.org)).

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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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## **Family Worship on First Sundays!**

Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **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!

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## **Nov 21: Wednesday, November 21st - Soup, Supper & Worship!**

Plan to be with your church family as we eat, fellowship, and worship together! This event is great for ALL families and is VERY kid friendly. We will have a light dinner of soup, chili, salad and worship with praise and thanksgiving to our Lord who continually blesses us each day! This event will take place from 6:30pm-8:00pm in the gym, but we will have seating upstairs for those who cannot get to the gym. Hope to see many of you there!

## **Looking ahead:**

- **Parents’ Night Out:** Friday, Dec. 7th. We meet in the gym from 6:30pm-9:00pm.
- **ALL Church Caroling:** Saturday, December 8th (details soon)
- **Children’s Christmas Pageant:** Sunday, December 16th taking place between services (10:15) in the gym.

# FAMILY MINISTRY: CHILDREN, YOUTH & PARENTS

## YOUTH

### Upcoming things to keep on the radar!

- **Youth Committee Meeting - Monday, November 12th @ 7-8pm** - An open meeting to recap past events, to look forward to upcoming events, and even to dreamcast what we want the youth min to look like in a year (or even further out). Location: Youth Room
- **Middle School Fun Night - Friday, November 16th @ 6-9pm** - We want to continue building friendships and disciples at NPC, and one of the ways is to have a night set apart specifically for our Middle Schoolers. We had a great turnout last time and would love to have another great evening in November. Join us for ice breakers, games, food, talking through the "I AM" statements of Jesus, and more!
- **Gifts of Hope - Sunday, November 18th after the service (One service at 10:00am)**- Back again for another year is our bazaar/festival/what-do-we-call-it? As an alternative to buying expensive gifts, spend that same money in honor of loved ones by giving to particular causes that do good work in the world! This will take place immediately after service on that Sunday and is a highlight of the fall!
- **"Pre-Thanksgiving" Soup Dinner - Wednesday, November 21st @ 6:30-8pm** - This is not the final name of the event, but we just want to make you aware that we will be having a gathering that Wednesday night and we would love to see our college students who may be home on break! More details will come about as we get closer to the date.
- **Youth Christmas Party - Sunday, December 16th @ around dinnertime** - We have a few ideas for this year's Christmas Party, which will likely be held off site. Info will come out soon, but for now just mark off the date on your calendar!

# 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.



## NOMINEES FOR ELDER/DEACON

### **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

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### **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](http://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 16<sup>th</sup> during morning worship services.

Rehearsals are **Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:00pm** 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](mailto:bhayden126@comcast.net)) or Marilyn Reed ([mjareed5@hotmail.com](mailto: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. There is a coordinator there to direct as you arrive. **If you want more information, can make sandwiches and/or give out the food, please contact Marilyn Reed, 215-776-3598, [mjareed5@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:thebowsergirls@gmail.com)) or Rissa Howard ([s014509@students.lmsd.org](mailto: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](mailto:sbshallow55@gmail.com) or Karen Pappas.



**On the Web:**

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**BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST**

**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**

**Monday, November 5**

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, November 6**

**Polling Day, Parlor reserved all day for voting**

7:00am Men's small group, Resource Room

7:00am Men-Sponsored Prayer Breakfast, at Narberth Diner

11:00am Praying with the Bible group, Chapel

3:30pm Justice & Mercy Team Meeting, Chapel

7:00pm Deacons' Meeting, Chapel

**Wednesday, November 7**

**5:45-6:45pm Wed Night Supper**

Menu:

**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: [jlmpsyh@hotmail.com](mailto:jlmpsyh@hotmail.com)

**Planning Ahead-**Information and calendar updates 24/7 [www.narberthpres.org](http://www.narberthpres.org)

Nov 12 7:00pm Youth Committee Meeting, Youth Room

Nov 16 6-9pm Middle School Youth Group

**Nov 18 10:00am ONE SERVICE** Extended prelude by worship team: 9:00-10:00am

Nov 18 11:45am-2:00pm Gifts of Hope Gallery, Gym

Nov 19 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Chapel

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

**Thursday, November 8**

9:00am NS Parents' Association Meeting, Chapel

9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor

3:40pm Kickball for pre-schoolers to age 5 (older children welcome as helpers)

4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor, (K-6<sup>th</sup>)Gym

7:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal

**7:30pm Young Adult Group with Pastor Steve, Parlor**

**Friday, November 9**

**9:30am Moms' Group, Parlor**

**10:00am Women's Bible Study, Chapel**

**Saturday, November 10**

**Sunday, November 11**

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 Youth Sunday School

**10:45am Worship Service**

**12:00pm Volunteer "Fair" in Chapel**