

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

January 6, 2019

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.

Prelude *Joyful, Joyful We Adore* *arr. Hopson*

Sherry Matthews Beebe, Organist

Welcome and Call To Worship

Hymn #185 *We Three Kings of Orient Are (vs. 1,2,3)* *Kings of Orient*

Prayer of Invocation

Family News

Minute for Mission **MLK, Jr. Service Day** **Danielle Kauffman**

Scripture Reading Colossians 1:9-14 (p.1832)

9:00am Katie Wenger

10:45am Andrew Steenhoff

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All the people: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

O loving God, to turn away from you is to fall, to turn toward you is to rise, and to stand before you is to abide forever. Grant us, dear God, in all our sins, your forgiveness; in all our duties, your help; in all our uncertainties, your guidance; in all our dangers, your protection; in all our sorrows, your peace. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, may you be the goal of our journey and our rest along the way. In his name and to his glory. Amen.

Paraphrase from Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD)

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 Greeting

Worship Song

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

Hillsong United

Family Worship today. Children remain with their parents in the service.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Deborah Watson,
Associate Pastor

Passing of Friendship Pads

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Sarah & Colin Comstock

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

(p.1497)

Sermon

Overcoming Spiritual Inertia

Steve Weed,
Pastor

Hymn #185

We Three Kings of Orient Are (vs.4,5)

Kings of Orient

Invitation To Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise

Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad. We bless you for creating the whole world, for your promises to your people Israel, and for Jesus Christ in whom your fullness dwells.

Born of Mary, **he shares our life.**

Eating with sinners, **he welcomes us.**

Guiding his children, **he leads us.**

Visiting the sick, **he heals us.**

Dying on the cross, **he saves us.**

Risen from the dead, **he gives new life.**

Living with you, **he prays for us.**

With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the death and resurrection of our Lord. Receive our sacrifice of praise. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that this meal may be a communion in the body and blood of our Lord. Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast.

Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love, that we may run the race as your faithful disciples until we feast at your table in glory. We praise you, Abba Father, through Christ your Word made flesh, in the life giving power of the Holy Spirit.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again. Amen.

Sharing The Bread and The Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn #634

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

Benediction

Prayer Ministry

9:00am Jack Comstock

10:45am Linda Behmke

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 both services 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.

At the discretion of parents, our children are welcome to receive communion.

First Sunday Family Worship today at both 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 a special bulletin.

Thank you for being with us in worship today! To learn more about our church, Welcome Bags are available for newcomers in the Narthex (entrance area at the front doors.)

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.

FAMILY MINISTRY: CHILDREN, YOUTH & PARENTS

Prayers for a New Year - Children's Curriculum - beginning today, Jan. 6th!

One small change can make a huge difference. This New Year we will challenge kids to resolve to pray every day and see what amazing things God will do!

2 year olds & 3 year olds enjoy an age appropriate lesson in The Blue Door Room (RM #105) during the 9:00 service only and meet in The Red Door Rm (RM #107) at 10:45.

4 year olds through PreK meet in The Red Door Room (RM #107) during both the 9:00 and 10:45 services.

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

Please sign your child in and out of each classroom

CHILDREN:

TODAY is Family Worship! Children, K through 5th grade, are encouraged to worship with their family. Busy Bags are available for K through 2nd grade along with Children's Bulletins for all ages. Please note: There is no Sunday School during the 9:00 or 10:45 services. Children's programming is available, as usual, for infants through PreK downstairs in the children's wing.

SOCK TREE UPDATE! Thank you to the many of you who made the Children & Youth Sock Tree a success!! Together we had **223** pairs of socks! These socks are now on their way to bless those at City Team.

MLK Day of Service for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders - Monday, January 21st!

Join us from 10:00am - Noon in the church gym as we serve with joy! Children will be creating Personal Hygiene Bags for Neighborhood Crusades, Blessing Bags for the pre-school and after school programs for The Philadelphia Project, and making sandwiches for the homeless. We also will have guest speakers to learn more about these ministries and how it is a blessing to bless others! Please RSVP to dkauffman@narberthpres.org.

ALL Church Ice Skating - Saturday, January 26th! Are you ready for some skating?! Join us from 5:30pm-7:30pm at The Philadelphia Skating Club (220 Holland Avenue Ardmore, PA) on Saturday, January 26th. The cost is \$20 per family/\$10 person and we have the rink to ourselves. Snacks, drinks, and skates are included. Please note: no hockey pucks or sticks are permitted; comfortable clothing is best; gloves/mittens are a good idea; younger children are encouraged to wear a bike helmet and/or knee/elbow pads. RSVP to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) or John (jchaffee@narberthpres.org) by Friday, January 25th.

Parents' Night Out - Friday, February 1st!

Plan your date night now and drop the kids off at NPC! PNO is from 6:30pm-9:00pm and takes place in the church gym. This event is best for children age 4 through 5th grade. Hope to see many of you there!

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

HS Youth Group Dinner Out TODAY, January 6th @ 4-6pm - Nothing fancy, just join us as we go into Narberth, grab some dinner as we also chat over what topics (and antics) we might want to do this coming Spring and Early Summer!

Youth Committee Meeting on Monday January 7th @7-8pm - This is an open meeting, which anyone is welcome to attend. Usually, we recap events of the past month, discuss the upcoming month, and then even discuss what we might want the youth program to look like in a year or even further out. Input is always welcome and this is a great chance to see some of what happens behind the scenes.

Sunday School returns on Sunday, January 13th @ 9:30am

Our plan for this Spring is to go through four letters of Paul: Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians. We are trying a different approach and will be bringing in some new people to our Sunday School crew. If you are interested in helping out for a unit (the Galatians unit, the Ephesians unit, etc), please email John jchaffee@narberthpres.org saying just that or [Click here to let him know!](#)

Everyone Needs a Moses: How a Story from Long Ago Helps us Navigate Family Life Today on Wednesday, January 16th @7-8:30pm in the Gym

This is another seminar type gathering designed for families with small children and youth. Similar to past events addressing Active Listening and Teen Anxiety, this one will focus on the whole family. Of special note is that this has been worked on for the past 3 months alongside Gerry Gaugler, who has 26 years of a counseling background and is on staff at Ardmore Presbyterian Church.

Middle School Youth Night on Friday, January 25th @6-9pm

This usually takes place on the third Friday of the month, but due to a wedding we needed to push it back a week. This is open to all youth in the 6-8th grade range and we will partake in ice breakers, games, antics, food and a chat about the I AM statements of Jesus in John's Gospel.

All Church Ice Skating on Saturday, January 26th @5:30-7pm

We will be taking the rink completely over with just Narberth Presbyterian folks! Of course, you are welcome to invite people to join us. This can be considered as an "outside of the church, non-churchy" event.

High School Spring Cabin Retreat - Friday, March 22 thru Sunday March 24th to Spruce Lake Retreat Center in Canadensis, PA -

Similar to last year's spring retreat, we are taking our own crew of high schoolers up to the Poconos! This makes for a great compliment to the spring retreat with other churches by having it just be us. With this retreat being in late March, there is good chance we could have some snow! We will be making our own meals, having our own bonfire, doing our own schedule and celebrating our Seniors. Signup will be after the New Year, but for now, just put the retreat on your calendar!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **Beginning January 13th Sunday Morning Class 9:30 am** – Come join us as we study the Gospel of Luke for nine weeks, covering chapters 1 - 9. Let's join together to look at Jesus through the eyes of those who actually witnessed him and then told their story. We will use an inductive Bible Study approach that emphasizes looking into the text for the facts, pondering what they mean, and considering how they apply to our situation today. The study will be discussion-based and small group-oriented. Supplemental commentary will be from our own Diane Chen's book on Luke. Leaders: Sue and Mark Wenger. Meet in the Parlor. Questions? Please contact Sue at mswenger@yahoo.com

- † **Amnion's "Make Change for Life" Baby Bottle Collection and Diaper Drive**
Sunday, January 27 marks the beginning of NPC's annual fund raiser for Amnion Pregnancy Center. Baby bottles will be available to be taken home, filled with loose change and returned to NPC by Sunday, **February 14**. Amnion could use the following donations: newborn and size 6 disposable diapers, baby lotion, body wash, shampoo, baby oil, and diaper bags. All donations may be dropped off in the chapel or church office. Any questions, please contact Alice Antonelli at arichardson1@gmail.com

- † **Reading Scripture at Sunday Services:**
We have multiple opportunities now through Memorial Day for Scripture readers at both services. Please sign up in the Chapel!

- † **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.

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- † **Giving envelopes for 2019 are available in the Chapel.** If you would like to receive a set of envelopes, please contact Ruth Ellen Patterson (repatterson@narberthpres.org or 610/745-4232). We're glad to provide envelopes to anyone who would like to use them in this new year so please don't hesitate to ask. If you've received envelopes you no longer need -- whether because your household is getting duplicate sets, because you're now giving online, or for whatever reason -- please let us know. And remember, the blue envelopes in the pew are always available for your use.

FROM THE NURSERY SCHOOL:

- † **CNS is looking for a floater to start immediately to act as an in-house Assistant Teacher substitute** as well as provide extra help assisting in classrooms as needed 5 days a week, from 8:30 am- 12 pm. The floater may also help with various tasks that are needed to be completed in the school such as making copies, hanging art work and simple administrative tasks in collaboration with the Nursery School Director.
- † **CNS is also looking for a long-term substitute assistant teacher and lead Kindergarten Enrichment teacher** with an anticipated start date of the beginning of March thru May. This person will assist in the toddler room 5 days a week from 8:30am-12pm and lead Kindergarten Enrichment 3 days a week (Mon, Tue & Thurs) from 12-3:30pm.
- † Interested applicants should send their cover letter and resume to apply@narberthpres.org



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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, January 6

8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office
8:00am Sunday School Class, Parlor
9:00am Family Worship Service-Communion
10:45am Family Worship Service-Communion
4-6pm High School YG Dinner Out

Monday, January 7

7-8pm Youth Committee Meeting, Youth Room
7:00pm Prayer Group, open to all, Steve's Office
7:00pm MBR-Bible Study, Music room
7:30pm Men's Bible Study, Parlor

Tuesday, January 8

7:00am Men's small group, Parlor
7:00am Men-Sponsored Prayer Breakfast, at Narberth Diner
11:00am Praying with the Bible group, Parlor
3:30pm Justice & Mercy Team Meeting, Resource Room
7:00pm Deacons' Meeting, Parlor (New Deacons do attend)

Wednesday, January 9

9:30-11:30 Staff Meeting, Parlor
Wednesday night programs resume:
5:45-8:00pm Dinner and a video

Thursday, January 10

9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor
4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor
7:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal
7:30pm Adult pick-up basketball

Friday, January 11

6:30-9:00pm Pickleball, Gym

Saturday, January 12

Sunday, January 13

8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office
8:00am Sunday School Class, Parlor
9:00am Worship Service
Ordination & Installation of new Elders and Deacons
9:30am Adult Sunday School, Parlor
9:30am Youth Sunday School, upstairs
10:45am Worship Service
3:00pm Cathy Callaway's installation service as Pastor of Holy Trinity Bethlehem in Philadelphia, Pastor Steve preaching
4-6pm High School YG

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

Jan 11 6:30-9pm Pickleball, Gym
Jan 15 7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor
Jan 15 7:00pm Justice & Mercy Team Meeting, Resource Room
Jan 18 5:00pm Wedding Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Jan 19 12:00pm Shaw/Anthony Wedding, Sanctuary
Jan 20 1:00-4:00pm Outside use of building: recital in Sanctuary
Jan 21 Office Closed for MLK, Jr. Day
Jan 21 Children's Ministry: Day of Service
Jan 24 9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor
Jan 25 6-9pm Middle School Youth Group, Gym
Feb 5 3:30pm Justice & Mercy Team Meeting, Resource Room
Feb 5 7:00pm Deacons' Meeting, Parlor