

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

July 8, 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 Concerns of the Church

Call to Worship

Hymn #62

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:1-4

(p.1862-3)

9:00am Isabel Lally

10:45am John Chaffee

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All the people: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, the scripture passage we just read declares the magnificence of Jesus Christ. It also warns us about drifting away, and not paying attention. Faithful God, we confess we have ignored you and quietly pushed you to the edges of life. We are prone to wander, and to leave the God we love. Too often we have failed to recognize Christ in our neighbors, near and far. Please forgive us. We do believe, help our unbelief. Restore to us the practices which strengthen our faith, and which root us more firmly in the Reality of who you are. In the Blessed Name of Jesus. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

The Greeting

Worship Song

Blessed Be Your Name

Redman

Worship Song

Amen (Because He Lives)

Maher

During the 9:00am service, children up to grade 5 may be dismissed to Children's Sunday School.

6th grade and up meet in the Youth Room for Sunday School.

During the 10:45am service, children in K through 5th grades may be dismissed to the Brown Door Room for Sunday School after the hymn/worship song.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

**David Bellamy,
Elder**

Passing of Friendship Pads

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Jubilation
Sherry Beebe, Organ

Handel

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 10:35-39; 11:1,6

(p.1874)

Sermon

**Your Faith And The Challenges of Life
Is Lifelong Faith Possible?**

Steve Weed,
Pastor

Hymn #45

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

Benediction

Prayer Ministry

9:00am Jack Comstock
10:45am John Furlong

*Today, Steve begins a 4-week sermon series on
"Your Faith And The Challenges of Life"*

*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 or podcast through iTunes.

Today the Worship Band will lead an extended prelude of 20 minutes prior to the 9:00am service. All are welcome to come "early" and enjoy! Next Sunday, Donald Robinson will lead us in an extended prelude at 8:40am.

Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:30-8:45pm

Starting this Wednesday, Pastor Steve will lead a 3-week Bible Study on "Your Faith and the Challenges of Life." Our time together will reinforce the messages on Sunday with an emphasis on application. Our goal will be to center our lives more directly on Christ and to strengthen our faith in practical ways to be more resilient. We will meet the next 3 Wednesdays, from 7:30-8:45.

See p.9 for 2 book studies coming in August

FAMILY MINISTRY: CHILDREN, YOUTH & PARENTS

Children’s Summer Programming 9:00 & 10:45 Worship Service

Nursery Room: Infants – 23 months (9:00 and 10:45)

2’s – PreK: Books & Bible Craft, Red Door Room downstairs (9:00 and 10:45)

Grades K-5th Grade: (2018-2019 school year): **Incredible Faith**, Gym (9:00 & 10:45) Children begin in the Sanctuary and are dismissed to Sunday School.

Current and Upcoming Events:

† **SATURDAY, July 21 - ALL CHURCH PICNIC! Come one - Come all for a picnic at Springton Reservoir** (1071 Media Line Road Newtown Square, PA) beginning at 1:00. Entree and paper products will be provided! Please bring your own drinks and a side or dessert to share. Hope to see you there!

† **Children’s Summer Programs! 9:00 & 10:45**

2’s - PreK (2018-2019 school year) - Books and Bible craft! Each Sunday children will enjoy a variety of stories from our NPC Children’s Library and a special Bible craft! Children will meet weekly in the Red Door Room.

K-5th grade (2018-2019 school year) - INCREDIBLE FAITH! This summer the Incredibles 2 movie is sure to be a hit and so is our Incredible Faith. From beginning to end the Bible is filled with incredible stories of heroes whose faith in God allowed them to be used by God to save the day. Through scripture, games and skits our children will put their faith into action!

† **Laser Tag Event - Sunday, July 15!** Calling all kids entering 4th, 5th OR 6th grade (2018-2019) school year. You are invited to an afternoon of Laser Tag, Nerf War and Pizza! We will leave after the second service and return around 4:30. The cost is \$20 per child but scholarships are available for anyone who would like to attend. Please RSVP to Danielle dkauffman@narberthpresbyterian.org by Tuesday, July 10.

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YOUTH EVENTS

† **Open Mic Night Friday, July 13** from 7 to 8:30 in the Gym. Back by popular request! Hear good music, groan at bad jokes, and be amazed by pint-sized magic tricks. Don't be afraid of that black cat, he's harmless.

† **The Philadelphia Project Youth Mission Trip - July 22-28**

We covet your prayers for the remaining members of our team to join up, all the preparations, and for what God has planned for us!

We invite your participation in our faith-raising efforts this summer:

THE SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

Elders

As there were in Old Testament times elders for the government of the people, so the New Testament Church provided persons with particular gifts to share in governing and ministry. Elders should be persons of faith, dedication and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the church and in the world.

It is the duty of elders, individually and jointly, to strengthen and nurture the faith and life of the congregation committed to their charge. Together with the pastor, they should encourage the people in the worship of God, equip and renew them for their tasks in the church and for their mission in the world, visit and comfort and care for the people, with special attention to the poor, the sick, the lonely and those who are oppressed. They should inform the pastor and the session of those persons and structures that may need special attention. They should assist in worship. They should cultivate their ability to teach the Bible and may be authorized to supply places that are without the regular ministry of the Word and Sacrament. Those duties that all Christians are bound to perform by the law of love are especially incumbent upon elders because of their calling to office and are to be fulfilled by them as official responsibilities. (Excerpts from the *Book of Order* (2009/11))

Recommendations for Elder

The Nominating Committee is receiving recommendations for the offices of Elder and Deacon to begin in January 2019. In light of the description above, if you have individuals to suggest for Elder, please write them down below. Please describe briefly why you believe the individual would be suitable for this office.

It is not necessary to obtain the permission of the person you are suggesting. It is preferable for the Nominating Committee to make the initial contact should this person be nominated.

For the office of Elder:

Name: _____

Reason for recommendation: _____

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Name: _____

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(Further names may be suggested on a separate paper.)

Please put this form in the collection plate, or drop off in the church office.

Deacons

The office of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, of exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this office.

It is the duty of deacons, first of all, to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress both within and beyond the community of faith. They shall assume such other duties as may be delegated to them from time to time by the session, such as leading the people in worship through prayers of intercession, reading the Scriptures, presenting the gifts of the people, and assisting with the Lord's Supper. (Excerpts from the *Book of Order (2009/11)*)

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For the office of Deacon:

Name: _____

Reason for recommendation: _____

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Name: _____

Reason for recommendation: _____

(Further names may be suggested on a separate paper.)

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At our best, Elders and Deacons seek by the grace of God to be examples of Jesus Christ and models of the quality of life which God desires for the whole church. It is a great privilege and responsibility – we welcome your prayers!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **Today is the last “Chuckwagon” for the summer.** They will resume in early September, at the beginning of the new church year. Thank you to all who work so faithfully to make everyone welcome on Sunday mornings!

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- 2 August Book Studies coming soon:
- † **Parent Book Study beginning Wednesday, August 1**
ONLINE- *Raising Grateful Kids In An Entitled World* will be our focus for this NEW online book study! Author, Kristen Welch explores how's it's never too late to raise grateful kids. She talks about how to cultivate a spirit of genuine appreciation and create a Jesus-centered home in which children actually mean “thank you” for everything they have. It is possible to have a family with faith-filled kids who love God and love others! No matter where you are this summer you can participate in an ongoing dialogue that will be posted on a special blog. Copies of the book can be found in the Chapel beginning next Sunday OR you can purchase a book on your own through Amazon or Christianbook.com. If you are interested in participating please email **Danielle Kauffman** dkauffman@narberthpres.org

- † **August Book Study** – Debbie will lead an Alpha book study on “God in The Work Place” on Wednesday evenings.

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- † **International School Project (ISP)** is a CRU ministry that provides professional training for teachers. Since 1991, ISP has trained more than 91,000 teachers in 24 countries. Ann Saddel will be going to Quito, Ecuador, from **July 20 to 29**, to be a small group facilitator for a conference that will introduce teachers to a curriculum that will help students avoid alcohol and drug abuse, etc. This is Ann's fifth trip with ISP and she has been to Armenia and Albania on her previous trips. Please pray for her as she travels, and for the teachers who will be attending the conference.
- † **Silk Road Global Program (June 25 - July 31):** A group of 5 InterVarsity students and staff will travel to Central Asia for a 4-week language and cultural exchange program. They will assist with local English programs while sharing the love of Jesus with their language students, co-teachers, and host families.
- † **The Philadelphia Project BBQ on Wednesday, July 25th!**
Each summer, throughout their weeks of hosting different church groups, The Philadelphia Project hosts a weekly BBQ at Roxborough Church. Our church is welcome to join on **Wed, July 25th** and to help bring some items such as drinks, desserts, entree's, etc. More details about this will be coming your way soon, but for now, we just wanted to put this on your radar! Contact Sharon Shallow at sbshallow55@gmail.com or 610-505-8686.
- † **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.
- † **NPC is seeking a part-time Nursery School Director.** True to our practice, we are seeking someone with a strong faith in Jesus Christ, as well as experience with and commitment to the nurture of young children. A candidate should have a background and deep interest in the development of children under the age of six, along with excellent communication skills and leadership experience. Additional details and job description are available on our website.
- † **Global Leadership Summit 2018**
This annual leadership development event hosted by the Willow Creek Association inspires and equips NPC church leaders for ministry. Some of the speakers at this year's Summit include : Craig Groeschel, Angela Ahrendts, T. D. Jakes, and many others.
For all the details visit www.willowcreek.com/events
This year's Summit will take place at Christ Community Church of Philadelphia on Thursday, August 9 and Friday, August 10, from 9:30am to 6:00pm.



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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, July 8

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

9:00am Worship Service

9:30am Children’s Sunday School, downstairs

10:45am Worship Service

Monday, July 9

7:00pm Prayer Group, open to all, Steve’s Office

7:00pm MBR-Bible Study, Music office

7:30pm Men’s Bible Study, Copy Room

Tuesday, July 10

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

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

11:00am Prayer Group, Parlor (open to all)

7:30pm Praise Team Rehearsal

Wednesday, July 11

7:30-8:45pm Bible Study, led by Pastor Steve on “Your Faith and the Challenges of Life”

Thursday, July 12

9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor (last meeting until September)

Friday, July 13

10:00am Women’s Bible Study, Parlor

6:00pm Walk-Run Group @ Lower Merion HS Track, All are welcome

7:00-8:30pm OPEN MIC Night-Fundraiser for Youth Summer Mission

Saturday, July 14

9:30am-1:00pm Phila. Presbytery meeting at Oxford, vote on NPC’s gracious dismissal to ECO

Sunday, July 15

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

9:00am Worship Service

9:30am Children’s Sunday School, downstairs

10:45am Worship Service

12:00pm Laser Tag Event: 4th-6th grades

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 at www.narberthpres.org

July 17 7:00pm Knitters’ Group, Steve’s Office

July 21 1:00-4:30pm ALL CHURCH PICNIC, food & games, Springton Lake

July 22-28 The Phila. Project Mission Trip

Aug 9-10 Global Leadership Summit

Aug 25 10:00am-3:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive, Gym