

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

December 16, 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.

Prelude *In Dulci Jubilo* **Bach**

Welcome and Call To Worship

Hymn #174 *Angels from the Realms of Glory (1,5)* **Regent Square**

Prayer of Invocation

Family News

Scripture Reading Isaiah 11:6-9; 51:11 (p.1077, 1142)

Lighting the Third Advent Candle "Joy"

9:00am Deborah Doherty, Rosemary, Michael

10:45am Jie Cai & Chang Liu, David, Andrew

Declaration of Joy (Unison) John 16:33

Jesus said: "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart, rejoice! I have overcome the world." Amen!

Hymn #146 *Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come (verse 1)* **Antioch**

The Greeting

Hymn #166 *While by the Sheep We Watched (1,3)* **Jungst**

During the 9:00am service and the 10:45am service, children in K through 5th grades may be dismissed to Children's Sunday School. During the 9:00am service, 6th grade and up meet in the Youth Room for Sunday School.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer **Deborah Watson,**
Associate Pastor

Passing of Friendship Pads

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *On Christmas Night, All Christians Sing* **Wagner**

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Meditation **Singing In The Reign** **Steve Weed,**
Pastor

Peace Has Come

A Christmas Musical by Mary McDonald

Peace Has Come

Sing Alleluia! Christ Will Come

Treasure of Heaven

Soprano: Ruth Ellen Patterson

O Little Bethlehemtown

Child of Peace

Silent night, holy night
All is calm, all is bright
'Round yon virgin, mother and child!
Holy Infant so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Choir Interlude

Silent night, holy night
Wondrous star, lend thy light.
With the angels, let us sing "Alleluia" to our King!
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born

Fear Not!

Tenor: Peter Phillips

Born the Perfect Sacrifice

Tenor: Wesley Sherrill

Wonders of His Love

Congregation and Choir

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild;
God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies.

With angelic hosts proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King.”

Choir: Joy To the World!

Congregation and Choir:

Hail the Heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings; ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the new-born King.”

Congregation may stand

He rules the world, with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love
And wonders, wonders of.... His.... love.

His love!
Wonders of His love!

Closing Prayer and Benediction

Steve Weed

Peace Has Come (Reprise)

Prayer Ministry

9:00am Sue Wenger
10:45am Linda Behmke

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jeanette Hornung, by her son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Faithe Hornung.

Join us at 10:15 for the Children's Christmas Pageant in the Gym!

Narrators: **Philip Beebe, Deborah Watson,**
Director: **Sherry Matthews Beebe, Minister of Music**
Sound Ministry: **Matt Donadio**

and
The Sanctuary Choir

Soprano: Alicia Beebe, Joyce Lewis, Jean McIntire, Suzanne Morrison,
Ruth Ellen Patterson, Doris Trescher, Rashmi Vyas

Alto: Liz Barrett, Diane Chen, Pam Fleming, Colleen Holmes,
Shiang-Ju Steenhoff

Tenor: Philip Beebe, Glenn Frantz, Peter Phillips, Wesley Sherrill,
Andrew Steenhoff

Bass: Ed Dickinson, David Holmes, Dave McIntire, Michael Morrison
Tom Patterson

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

Thank you for your participation at NPC's Gifts of Hope Gallery on November 18th! If you were unable to attend, we will continue to receive orders until December 19th. You may drop off orders in the Chapel after worship or mail them to the church—your gift cards will be mailed to you or made available here at NPC. Gifts “purchased” at the Gallery totaled approximately 8,500.00, and now exceeds 10,000.00, and we expect to fill many more orders. Thank you! We look forward to celebrating Christmas with gifts that bless others!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



During the month of December, the Chancel and Sanctuary is again fully decorated for Christmas. The poinsettias will be fully displayed on the 9th. After the morning services **on December 23, 2018**, the smaller poinsettias will be delivered to members and friends of the congregation. Most will be given to those who were not to attend the morning service, but ALL will be given to say **WE LOVE YOU!**

The Memorial Plants are **\$12.00** each. This is a lovely way to remember loved ones, and to add to the congregation's enjoyment of the season. Please complete the form below and return it to the church office as soon as possible. Thank You! Please make **checks payable to Narberth Presbyterian Church.**

Dedications will be listed in the bulletin Dec. 23. Dedications must be received by December 19 to be included in the bulletin of 12/23.

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Christmas Poinsettias

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Attached is \$ _____ (checks/cash) to be identified as follows:

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory (or honor) of:

(please print)

By _____

OR

Given to the glory of God with thankful joy for His continuing love and grace.

By _____

_____ I would be happy to deliver one (or more) plants after the morning services on Sunday, December 23, 2018.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND EVENTS:

- Sun. Dec 9** **Second Sunday in Advent**
9:00am and 10:45am Worship
- Wed. Dec 12 **7:00pm A Night To Remember (Blue Christmas)**
A service of comfort and hope for all who experience sadness and loss in this season or year, Chapel
- Thurs. Dec 13 9:15am Christian Nursery School Christmas Pageant, Sanctuary “Jingles & Jammies”
- Fri. Dec 14 1:30pm Sr. Christmas Carol Sing & Tea, Parlor
- Sun. Dec 16** **Third Sunday in Advent**
9:00am and 10:45am Christmas Choir Presentation of ***“Peace Has Come”***
10:15am Between services Children’s Christmas Pageant, in Gym
- Sun. Dec. 23** **Fourth Sunday in Advent**
9:00am and 10:45am Worship Services
7:00pm ***Found Wandering Concert***, benefiting The Philadelphia Project. *Childcare for ages infant-K*
- Mon. Dec. 24** **Christmas Eve**
4:00pm Family Friendly Candlelight Service (shorter and designed for young families)
5:30pm Family Friendly Candlelight Service
8:00pm Traditional Candlelight Service
- Sun. Dec 30** **1st Sunday after Christmas**
9:00am and 10:45am Worship Services

FAMILY MINISTRY: CHILDREN, YOUTH & PARENTS

TODAY at 10:15am in the gym:

The Annual Sunday School Christmas Pageant

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.

CHILDREN: Sock Tree!

Through the month of December Children & Youth will be collecting new socks to donate to the homeless. You can add your new socks to our “Sock Tree” located in the Chapel. Let’s adorn our tree with many socks that will bless others this season!

Children’s Christmas Pageant TODAY! Join us in the gym between services (10:15am) as children age 2 through 5th grade tell the Christmas Story.

Sunday, December 23rd – Kindergarten through 5th grade will enjoy a Christmas Party in the gym! We will have snacks, crafts, and an obstacle course. This will take place during both Sunday School times. Bring a friend!! Younger children age 2 through PreK will have a party in their classroom.

Sunday, December 30th – **Pajama Sunday!** All children are encouraged to wear their favorite pajamas as we conclude our Manger Tales curriculum with the movie “The Star”! Breakfast popcorn provided!

Found Wandering Concert

Childcare for infants through Kindergarten in The Red Door Room (rm #107). Miss Rosa will be here to lead a special Christmas sing-a-long! Older children will enjoy the concert with their family.

YOUTH: Upcoming things to keep on the radar!

Youth Christmas Party - Sunday, December 16th @ 5-8pm (check in at 4:40pm) - Bring \$20 to Get Air Trampoline Park in King of Prussia, as well as some socks for donation! This year's Christmas party will be out of the church and also seeking to help the homeless of Philadelphia. Many organizations get donations of jackets, hats and gloves but often socks are overlooked. Please note, we will meet there at Get Air, not at the church! [Click here to fill out the online waiver!](#) (Link live on NPC website Bulletin)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **Your 2018 tithes, offerings and other gifts**, payable to Narberth Presbyterian Church, may be placed in the offering plate any Sunday this month or mailed (postmarked) prior to year-end to:

Ruth Ellen Patterson
Financial Secretary
Narberth Presbyterian Church
PO Box 414
Narberth, Pa 19072-0414

Please note that gifts intended for 2018 must be postmarked by December 31, 2018 or received at the church by December 31st. In addition, you may give online at narberthpres.org or, even faster, by texting the amount of your gift to 610-624-4831. Online transactions completed on 12/31 will be credited to your 2018 record. A gift of appreciated stock is also welcome; please contact Jim Hoffman, Treasurer, for that possibility. Thank you for your generous gifts this year!

- † **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 the 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.

- † **Found Wandering returns this year with a Concert**



Benefitting The Philadelphia Project

Sunday, December 23 at 7:00pm at NPC

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

Sunday, December 16

Third Sunday in Advent

8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office
 8:00am Sunday School Class, Parlor
9:00am Worship Service-Music Sunday
 9:30am Youth Sunday School
 10:15am Children's Sunday School Pageant, Gym
10:45am Worship Service-Music Sunday

Monday, December 17

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, December 18

7:00am Men's small group, Parlor
 7:00am Men-Sponsored Prayer Breakfast, at Narberth Diner
 11:00am Praying with the Bible group, Parlor
 7:00pm Justice & Mercy Committee, Resource Room
7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor, 7:30pm Friendly exam of newly-elected elders and deacons

Wednesday, December 19

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

Dec 25-26 Office Closed
 Dec 27 3:00-5:00pm Marathon Kickball With the Pastor, Gym
 Dec 28 7-9pm Pickleball, Gym
 Jan 1 Office Closed
 Jan 4,11 7-9pm Pickleball, Gym
 Jan 8 3:30pm Justice & Mercy Team Meeting, Resource Room
 Jan 8 7:00pm Deacons' Meeting, Parlor
 Jan 15 7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor
 Jan 15 7:00pm Justice & Mercy Team Meeting, Resource Room
 Jan 18 5:00pm Wedding Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, December 20

4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor, (K-6th)Gym
 7:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal
 7:30pm Adult pick-up basketball

Friday, December 21

7:00pm Pickleball, Gym

Saturday, December 22

Sunday, December 23

Fourth Sunday in Advent

8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office
 8:00am Sunday School Class, Parlor
9:00am Worship Service
 9:30am Youth Sunday School
10:45am Worship Service
7:00pm Found Wandering Concert, Sanctuary

Monday, December 24

4:00pm, 5:30pm, and 8:00pm Christmas Eve Services

Jan 19 12:00pm Shaw/Anthony Wedding & Reception, Sanctuary & Gym
Jan 21 Office Closed for MLK, Jr. Day
Jan 25 6-9pm Middle School Youth Group