

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

October 30, 2016

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 *Sing Praise To Our Creator* **Norris**

Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Call To Worship **Matthew 28:18-20**

Hymn #95 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* **Coronation**

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading Colossians 1:15-20; 2 Timothy 3:14-17 (p.1832, 1855)
9:00am Julie Todd
10:45am Corinna Bowser

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All the people: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you are the Lord of the future, but we cannot see that far ahead. In the uncertainties of life, we confess that we feel anxious and afraid. Too often we make decisions out of fear, instead of faith. Please forgive us through our Savior Jesus Christ, who faced fear, but went forward to the cross, and gave his life for the world. Thank you that Christ is forever alive on the other side of death. By the Holy Spirit, bring us into new life, and set our feet upon the solid Rock, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Testimony **Jessica Gaffga**

The Greeting

Worship Song *Cornerstone* **Hillsong**

10:45am Sacrament of Infant Baptism **Laila Mina Zakhari**
Daughter of Andrew & Jessica Zakhari

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

During the 10:45am service, children in K through 5th grades may be dismissed to the gym for Lighthouse Kids children's church after the hymn/worship song.

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

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory

God With Us
Colin & Sarah Comstock

All Sons and Daughters

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Testimony

Charlie Choi

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:13

(p.1821, 1787)

Sermon

Family Talk:
Why I Love NPC

Steve Weed,
Pastor

Hymn

May The Lord (Tune of "Edelweiss)

May the Lord, Mighty Lord
Bless and keep you forever
Grant you peace, perfect peace
Courage for every endeavor

Lift your eyes and see His face
And His grace forever
May the Lord, Mighty Lord
Bless and keep you forever

Benediction

Prayer Ministry

9:00am John Kennedy

10:45am Emma Shaw

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in grateful appreciation for our uncle, **Henry Nash Floyd**, on his 95th birthday, from Suzanne and Barbara Floyd.

Also, the altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and with gratitude for the privilege of being His children. With love, from the NPC Deacons

Today is Deacons' Sunday! The Deacon ministry is one of compassion, witness and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed. So today, we just wanted to share our gratitude for the privilege of serving as Deacons for NPC and its community – we do so as ushers, readers and coffee hour hosts! Peace and God bless you all. Love, the NPC Deacons

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

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.

Sunday, Nov. 6, after the second service,

There will be a Congregation/Corporation Meeting to elect new Elders/Trustees and Deacons. (Testimonies of nominees on p.6-7) 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. In addition, we will review and vote on changes to our corporate documents (Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws). We sent out a mailing with additional information this past week.

TOMORROW!! Trunk or Treat is a festive time for families to enjoy *goodies!* All you need to do is pick up 5 bags of candy to put in your decorated trunk. ***Sign up in the chapel & invite your families, friends and neighbors. Monday, October 31st from 6:30 to 7:30PM, NPC gym and parking lot.***

STRAW POLL

Please participate in the Straw Poll!

October 31 through November 14

On May 31, 2016, the Session of Narberth Presbyterian Church voted unanimously and wholeheartedly to seek gracious dismissal, with property, from the Presbyterian Church (USA) to ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians, if the way be clear.

Since that time, Elders have been meeting with members and friends through individual meetings, small groups, and four Town Hall meetings.

As we pray about the next step, we are eager to hear from you through a Straw Poll. We are asking: do you sense that God is leading you, in the same way that He has led Session, to believe that ECO provides the best future for Narberth Presbyterian Church?

Some questions & answers:

What is a Straw Poll?

A straw poll is an unofficial ballot conducted to hear your view.

Are my answers confidential?

Yes. This poll is administered by an independent firm, Survey & Ballot Systems of Minneapolis; your responses are anonymous and confidential. NPC will not know how, or if, you responded.

Who can participate?

Participation is by written invitation to members and regular attenders (people who have signed into the Friendship Pad six or more times from January through September 2016). Those individuals will receive a letter in the mail this week with instructions on how to participate, which may be done online or by mail.

How will the results of the Straw Poll be used?

The Session plans to meet late in November to discern “if the way be clear.” The Elders will consider all available information including: small group listening sessions, individual meetings, the Town Hall meetings and the results of the Straw Poll. Session will report back to the congregation shortly thereafter.

Where can I find out more about this decision?

Please visit narberthpres.org/denomination. There you will find information about Session's decision, history and background. In addition, you will find a ten-page list of frequently asked questions, two short videos: one is leadership reflections on the move to ECO and the other is John Ortberg sharing a vision for ECO.

TESTIMONIES OF ELDER/DEACON NOMINEES

For Elder: Charlene Chen McGrew

The gospel came to my family through my grandmother, who as an orphan in China was raised by Christian missionaries. I was taught the gospel as a child: I was a sinner, Jesus Christ, God made flesh, took my sin on him, and died in my place so that I could be free. I knew it, but I had never counted on it until I was in college. I then recognized my need for grace and found my value as God's creation and daughter. I was baptized at Peninsula Bible Church in Cupertino, a community full of grace and insightful teaching. I am grateful that God has continued to show me Himself through my personal relationships and professional work. If confirmed as an elder, my prayer will be for wisdom and grace as I take on this role at NPC where we have worshipped and lived in community for the past 7 years.

For Elder: Michael Morrison

I grew up attending a Presbyterian church in Harrisburg, PA. Despite this upbringing and godly grandparents, I still went all the way through high school thinking of myself as a Christian despite skepticism about the validity of the resurrection (not a clue). In my freshman year of college I dated a girl who truly knew Christ as her Lord and Savior and put Him before me. This surprised me and challenged me to look more closely at my beliefs and face my insecurities concerning life ahead. At a Christian retreat over the New Year's weekend of 1975/76 I faced my spiritual reality and accepted Christ as my Lord and Savior. I was foolish for a time and had a go of this Christian life on my own, with poor results. Since my return to walking by faith subsequent to my father's death in 1983, I have (with varying success) committed to letting God's Word guide my life and relationships. I am willing to commit to prayerfully serving on the Session and contributing to the Godly direction of this wonderful body of believers.

For Deacon: Ilonka Comstock

My paternal grandmother was a determined little lady who did not shy away from sharing the gospel with me even though it was not well received by the rest of the family. Because of her, I always felt a connection to Christ but it wasn't until I started Community Bible Study 23 years ago that I really got to know Him. Everything changed, I am far from perfect, but I am new creation in Christ. Truth be told, I have been worried about late night deacon meetings, wish they were early in the morning instead, and, how am I going to fit this into my crazy life!!? The answer came to me when I read Brother Lawrence's Gem, The Practice of the Presence of God, and there was one sentence where he addressed himself to God, saying, "Lord, I cannot do this unless Thou enablest me!" He received strength more than sufficient! When confirmed, I am counting on Jesus to go before me and I am excited to serve Him in our spirit filled Church community.

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For Deacon: Ruth Ellen Patterson

I was raised in a Christian home and came to know Jesus as my Savior at an early age. All my life I've been blessed by my parents' example of loving God, cherishing His word, and caring for others. My family came to NPC about 4 years ago and has grown to love our church family here. I look forward to the opportunity to serve as a deacon and hope that God will enable me to bless others through service.

For Deacon: Ashley Reed

I was blessed enough to grow up in the church, knowing the love of Christ. I attended a few churches before coming to NPC when I was in Middle School. It was here that I chose to be baptized and grow my child's faith into a more mature one. In 2011 I was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis and it changed my life and my faith. With getting sick, my body started to break down, but my faith was being built up. My new life gave me more time and opportunity to serve at church. I was reminded of God's love and faithfulness through everyone at NPC and it has been instrumental in helping me heal body and faith. I am humbled and honored to be nominated to be a Deacon. I am excited to continue this journey of life with all of you, my church family, my brothers and sisters in Christ.

For Deacon: Tim Roykouff

I first came to Narberth Presbyterian Church in 1998 and joined in 1999. In March 2007, Jennifer (Wismer) and I were married in this church. In addition to Jennifer, my family includes children Brittany, who works in the Nursery at NPC and Liam, a 2nd grader at Delaware County Christian School. I have previously served as a Deacon from 2001 to 2007. We live in Upper Darby and I work as Operations Manager for Snow and Ice Management Company. My relationship with God is continually more personal as He leads me, guides me, lights my path and nudges me if I stray from what He would have me do. He is alive and with me every day.

For Deacon: Marcy Wells

It is true that we don't get to choose our parents, but I am extremely grateful for the parents God chose for me. Growing up in a Christian home (in Chicago) was an honor and privilege that I am still grateful for today. At the age of 5, with my parents at my side, I accepted Jesus as my personal Savior. Around age 13, I dedicated my life to whatever God might ask me to do. It was in my adult years, though, when I discovered how difficult life can be at times and how much I need to rely on the grace of God and the love & support of fellow believers. While I love everything "Chicago," my love for Philly has definitely grown on me because of the people at NPC! I have learned that living life with Christ is by far the only way to truly live. While I have not always been faithful in my walk, the Lord has never failed me. Thank you for considering me for this position of service at NPC.


Elders and Deacons will be elected to serve a three-year term, class of 2019.

Ashley Reed will be elected to fill a vacancy in the class of 2018. The two elders will also be elected to serve as Trustees.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **Prayer service for our nation and the election: Wednesday, Nov 2 7:00-8:00pm.** Come join with us in the sanctuary for a time of worship, music (led by the Comstocks), scripture, and especially prayer. Many of us are struggling with this difficult election season. Let us come together as God's people in the common bond of Jesus for a non-partisan time of encouragement and hope. We ask God's blessing for our nation and our world, and for our part in contributing to the common good.
Childcare is provided and all are invited to a community meal beforehand from 5:45-6:45 in the gym. Thanks to Dee Knight and her team for soup and salad and the gift of hospitality. ALL are welcome!
- † **Small Group Luncheon**
Do you participate in a small group? Does your group have a designated leader or facilitator, or is that shared by everyone?
On **Sunday, November 13**, from 12:15-1:45pm, there will be a gathering of people currently leading/facilitating small groups, and anyone interested in learning more about small group leadership. We will meet in the Parlor. There will be lunch, learning and conversation focused on small group leadership. Come and let's learn together! Please sign up in the Chapel, or contact Debbie Watson if you have questions.
- † **Wednesday nights, Nov 9 and Nov 16, please join Donald and Carrie Robinson** for a very interesting two week study on "The effects that music has on us and our children." During this study we will look at the following:
- The positive effects music has on children of all ages.
 - How playing a musical instrument can positively affect our children academically.
 - How people used music from a biblical perspective.
 - Some negative effects of lyrics in today's popular music culture.
- † **YOU ARE INVITED To Young Adult Community Gatherings**
Friday Nights at Narberth Presbyterian Church
September through November 11th
7:00-9:00pm in the Chapel
Dinner is provided – Free! 7:00-8:00
Video "All The Places To Go," by John Ortberg 8:00-8:20pm
Discussion Groups 8:20-9:00

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- †  **Christmas Choir!** Celebrate the joy of Christmas with other singers on Music Sunday, December 11th. Rehearsals are **Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm in the Choir Room**. There is still time to join! All rehearsals will be on Thursdays with the exception of Thanksgiving Day! There will be a bonus rehearsal, that week, on Monday, November 21. Sign-up in the Chapel.

- † **TRUNK OR TREAT! Monday, October 31, from 6:30-7:30pm**
LAST DAY to sign up your car!
Trunk or Treat is an alternative to Halloween, a festive time for families to have a light meal, some games and enjoy visiting the cars in the parking lot for goodies!
We have 20 parking spots to fill. Bring your car, truck, etc., to the church parking lot, open the trunk, add some decorations (fall decorations, pumpkins or a sports theme or whatever you have a collection of!) and add about 5-6 bags of candy and you're ready! Invite your families, friends and neighbors to this super event which is open to kids of all ages-even Pastor Steve!

- † **If you are using our wonderful library**, please make sure to sign the books out using the card in the back. Placing the card in the check-out box lets us know where the books are! Thank so much.

- † **NEW! Adult Basketball in the gym every Thursday** evening at 7:30pm starting on 10/20. All are welcome. If interested, please reach out to John Toner, john.toner325@yahoo.com. thank you.

- † **Dr. Janet Moore has been serving in our Counseling Ministry for the past 10 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.

- † **Upcoming Youth Events:**
11/4-6 *HS Reality Retreat* at NorthBay Adventure camp, NorthEast MD
11/6 – NO Youth Sunday School or HS Youth Group
11/18 MS Fun Night
12/16 Starwars: Rogue One

- † For all youth-related questions, please contact John Chaffee 610-664-4880 x112
jchaffee@narberthpres.org



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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, October 30

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor

9:00am Worship Service

10:30am Sunday School, Parlor

10:45am Worship Service

4:00pm HS Youth Group

Monday, October 31

6:30-7:30pm Trunk-or-Treat, Gym & Parking lot

NO Marriage Course tonight

7:00pm Prayer Group, open to all, this week, Pastor's Office

7:00pm MBR-Bible Study, Music office

7:30pm Men's Bible Study in Galatians, Resource Center

Tuesday, November 1

6:30am Men's small group

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

11-12noon Study & Prayer group, led by Faithé Hornung, Parlor

7:00pm Knitters' Group, Resource Room

7:30pm Praise Band rehearsal

7:30pm Deacons' Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, November 2

5:45pm Wednesday Night Dinner at the Fellowship Café (Gym) Menu:

Soup & bread, salad, fruit, dessert

6:30pm Children's classes (up to grade 5)

7-8:00pm Prayer for the our nation and the upcoming elections

Thursday, November 3

4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor

7:30pm Choir Rehearsal- for Christmas cantata

7:30 Basketball in gym

Friday, November 4

10:00am Women's' Bible Study, Parlor

7-9pm Young Adult Fellowship - Dinner & Childcare provided!

6:00pm HS Reality Retreat: meet in parking lot

6:30pm Parents' Night Out

Saturday, November 5

9:00am Shepherds' Meeting, Parlor

Sunday, November 6

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor

9:00am Worship Service-Communion

10:30am Sunday School, Parlor

10:45am Worship Service-Communion

12:15pm Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary (after 2nd service)

2:00pm HS Reality Retreat returns (NO YG today)

Each Week

Christian Nursery School – Jennifer Addy, Director, 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–Friday. Also, Saturday at 12:30pm & Sunday at 4:30pm

Counseling: Dr. Janet Moore: cell: 484-686-6630 email: jimpsych@hotmail.com

Planning ahead Information and calendar updates 24/7 at www.narberthpres.org

Nov 7,21 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Nov 10 9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor

Nov 11 9:30am Moms' Bible Study, Parlor

Nov 11 1:30pm Sr. Slide Show, Parlor

Nov 15 7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor

Nov 20 12:00-2:00pm Gifts of Hope Gallery, Gym

Nov 23 7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Service (No Wed. supper this week)

Nov 29 9:30am Sr. Trip to Longwood Gardens
Nov 29 7:00pm Called Session meeting, Parlor
Dec 2 6:30pm Parents' Night Out
Dec 3 9:00am Shepherds' Meeting, Parlor
Dec 6 7:00pm Knitters' Group, Resource Room
Dec 6 7:30pm Deacons' Meeting, Parlor