

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

November 6, 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 *Autumn from "The Four Seasons"* *Vivaldi*

Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Call To Worship **1 Timothy 2:1-6**

Hymn #115 *Fairest Lord Jesus* *Crusaders' Hymn*

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading Colossians 4:2-6 (p.1835)
9:00am Michelle Karten
10:45am Georgia Ward

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All the people: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, in these difficult days for our nation and world, we thank you for what we have sung, that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and Son of man, and Lord of the nations. Please re-orient our faith and our vision, for we are easily agitated and dismayed. Forgive us for our lack of conviction in Christ and our lack of compassion for people. Through the cross and the work of the Spirit, cleanse our hearts, and the entire conversation of our lives. Renew us as your people, that we may always be a Christ-centered, Bible-based, and loving community. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

The Gloria Patri

The Greeting

Worship Song *Call It Grace (New)* *Unspoken*

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

I Am The Vine
Tom Patterson, Baritone

Pote

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:13-16; 1 Peter 3:15

(p.1501,1890)

Sermon

How We Carry Our Convictions

Steve Weed,
Pastor

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.

Worship Song

Mighty To Save

Morgan/Fielding

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

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

Communion music

Kathleen Pierce

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn #669

God of Grace and God of Glory

Cwm Rhondda

Benediction

Prayer Ministry

9:00am Isabel Lally
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 the 9:00 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. At the 10:45 service, the Elders and Deacons serve you bread and the cup in your seats. We eat and drink together as a sign of our unity in Christ.

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, 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.7-8) 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.

STRAW POLL continues through November 14th

Members and regular attenders received an invitation to participate in the mail this week. For details, please see narberthpres.org/denomination
Questions? Please call the office.

In light of our straw poll and denominational discernment, we encourage you to listen to two very important "Family Talks", given by Pastor Steve the last two Sundays. Oct 23: "Who's The Head of the Church?" Oct 30: "Why I Love NPC." There are also three outstanding testimonies which were shared by Diane Chen, Jessica Gaffga, and Charlie Choi. These sermons and testimonies are available on separate CD's around the church, or online at our website.

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.

TESTIMONIES OF ELDER/DEACON NOMINEES

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

† **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.

† **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 except Thanksgiving Day. Rehearsal that week will be on Monday, November 21. If you cannot come on Thursdays, there will be three Sunday rehearsals at 12:30pm on 11/13, 11/27 and 12/4. Please let me know if you would like to come on Sundays. See or call Sherry!

† **The Christmas Cookie Giveaway is only 5 weeks away!!** We are aiming for 8000 cookies this year. So anyone willing to bake, knot ribbons for the bags, fill bag, tie ribbons on the bags, or deliver the cookies to our local neighbors - especially Saturday afternoon, please contact either Marilyn Reed (alsomarilynreed@gmail.com) or Donna Hart (djmhart@gmail.com) or look for either of us at services any Sunday. This is a fun and very worthwhile project, so please considering helping us with it!

• **Upcoming Youth Events:**

TODAY – NO Youth Sunday School or HS Youth Group today (Reality Retreat)

11/18 6:30pm 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, 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)

Monday, November 7

6:30-9pm Marriage Course

6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

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 8-Election Day

6:30am Men's small group

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

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

7:30pm Praise Band rehearsal

Wednesday, November 9

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

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

**7-8:00pm 2-week Class : "How Music
Affects our Children", led by Donald &
Carrie Robinson**

Thursday, November 10

9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor

4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor

**7:30pm Choir Rehearsal- for Christmas
cantata**

7:30 Basketball in gym

Friday, November 11

9:30am Moms' Bible Study, Parlor

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

1:30pm Sr. Slide Show, Parlor

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

Saturday, November 12

Sunday, November 13

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor

9:00am Worship Service

10:30am Sunday School, Parlor

10:45am Worship Service

4:00pm HS Youth Group

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: jlmpsy@hotmail.com

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

Nov 15 7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor

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

Nov 21 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

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 3 Great Cookie Giveaway

Dec 4 Narberth Dickens Festival

Dec 6 7:00pm Knitters' Group, Resource Room

Dec 6 7:30pm Deacons' Meeting, Parlor