

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

December 11, 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 *Carol of The Bells* **Lorenz**
The Windsor Bells

Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Call To Worship

Hymn #166 *While by the Sheep We Watched* **Jungst**

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading **Psalm 100** (p.937)

Lighting the Third Advent Candle "Joy"

9:00am The 4-5year-old Sunday School class
with Mary Glyn Weyant and Sharon Shallow

10:45am Andrew & Shiang-Ju Steenhoff and Michael Steenhoff

Isaiah 51:11 (Unison)

"The ransomed of the Lord shall return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away." Lord, fill us with your joy. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

The Greeting

Hymn #151 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* **Go Tell It**

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 *Great Our Joy!* **Wagner**
The Windsor Bells

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading **Psalm 85:6,7** (p.924)

Meditation **Joy Revived!** **Steve Weed, Pastor**

GOD'S GREAT LOVE

Created by
Keith Christopher

Christmastime

Joanna Carlson & Michael Smith

Luke 1:28-33

O Magnify

arr. Tom Fettke

Ruth Ellen Patterson, Soprano

Luke 2:8-12

**The First Noel*

English carol, arr. Gary Rhodes

Congregation and Choir

Luke 2:16-18, 20

The Manger Held It All

Steve Amerson & Lowell Alexander

Linda Pilacik, Soprano

Ephesians 2:4-7

God's Great Love

Dick & Melodie Tunney

Philippians 2:5-8

Come To My Heart, Lord Jesus

Timothy Matthews

Philippians 2:9-11

Jesus, What A Beautiful Name

*Tanya Riches
arr. Russell Mauldin*

Philip Beebe, Baritone

Revelation 5:11-13

**Let Heaven and Nature Sing*

arr. Dennis Allen

Congregation and Choir

Includes: Hark the Herald Angels Sing, Angels We Have Heard On High,
Joy To The World, The First Noel

Benediction

Postlude

*Praise Ye The Lord of Hosts
from "The Christmas Oratorio"*

Saint-Saens

Prayer Ministry

9:00am Isabel Lally
10:45am Scott Todd

Narrator: **Geoffrey Berwind**
Director: **Sherry Matthews Beebe, Minister of Music**
Sound Ministry: **Matt Donadio**

and

The Sanctuary Choir

Soprano – Barbara Humes, Sophia Kiker, Joyce Lewis, Jean McIntire, Margie Nathanson, Ruth Ellen Patterson, Linda Pilacik, Doris Trescher, Donna Wren, Rashmi Vyas

Alto – Elizabeth Barrett, Lucy Branin, Diane Chen, Pam Fleming, Colleen Holmes, Maureen Morrison, Lynn Nelson, Shaing-Ju Steenhoff

Tenor – Philip Beebe, Thaddeus Kiker, Peter Phillips, Andrew Steenhoff

Bass – Charlie Choi, Ed Dickinson, David Holmes, Dave McIntire, Michael Morrison, Tom Patterson

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.

2017 Giving envelopes are available in the Chapel. Your number may have changed as we consolidate to numbers between 1 and 200. If you want envelopes and do not have them on the table, please drop a note in the office or send an email to cbellamy@narberthpres.org

Stewardship letters were recently mailed out to members. Pledge cards may be dedicated through the offering on any Sunday in Advent, or may be mailed to the church office.

On Thursday, the Session sent out a letter to the congregation with a summary of the straw poll, along with anticipated next steps Pastors Steve and Debbie or any of the elders are available and glad to respond to any questions.

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 8, 2017 at 12:15-2:00pm, lunch and childcare provided. Along with discussing the budget and ministries of our church in 2017, we will hear a detailed update on the straw poll and our denominational discernment.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



During the month of December the Chancel and Sanctuary will again be fully decorated for Christmas. The poinsettias will be fully displayed on the 4th. After the service **on December 18, 2016**, the smaller poinsettias will be delivered to members and friends of the congregation. Most will be given to those who were unable to attend the morning service, but ALL will be given to say **WE LOVE YOU!**

The Memorial Plants will be **\$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. 18. Dedications must be received by December 15 to be included in the bulletin of 12/18.

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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 service on Sunday, December 18, 2016.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND EVENTS:

- Sun. Dec 11 Third Sunday in Advent
9:00am and 10:45am Christmas Choir Presentation:
“God’s Great Love”
- Thurs. Dec 15 10:00am Christian Nursery School Christmas Pageant
- Fri. Dec 16 1:30pm Sr. Christmas Carol Sing & Tea, Parlor
- Sat. Dec 17 10:00-11:30am Dress Rehearsal for Sunday School Christmas
Pageant, Gym
- Sun. Dec. 18 Fourth Sunday in Advent
9:00am and 10:45am Worship Services
- 10:15am Between services Children’s Christmas Pageant,
in Gym
- 7:00pm Benefit Christmas Concert by
Sarah & Colin Comstock and *Found Wandering*
- Sat. 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 25 Christmas Day
10:00am One combined Worship Service
- Sat. Dec 31 7:00pm New year’s Eve Service – Communion
- Sun. Jan 1 New Year’s Day
10:00am One combined Worship Service – Communion
(These two services are identical)

FAMILY MINISTRY: CHILDREN, YOUTH & PARENTS

Sunday Morning Schedule

Infants and Toddlers

- 9:00am-12:15pm: *Nursery* provided in the *Nursery Room* downstairs near the restrooms, and a separate crying/changing room is directly across from the bottom of the stairs.

2 to 3 Year Olds

- 9:00-10:30am: *Hands On Bible, Blue Door Room* downstairs.
- 10:45am-12:15pm: *Spinners!* class, *Red Door Room* downstairs.

4 to 5 Year Olds

- 9:00-10:30am Sunday School *Red door room* (Kindergarten students may attend *Lighthouse Kids*, see below)

Grades 1-3:

These children attend the first part of the worship service with parents and are *dismissed half-way through* to attend:

- 9:30-10:30am: *Rotation Sunday School, Brown Door Room* downstairs.
- 10:45am-12:15pm: *Lighthouse Kids*, downstairs in the *Gym*.

Grades 4-5:

These children attend the first part of the worship service with parents and are *dismissed half-way through* to attend:

- 9:30-10:30am: *Tweens Class*, downstairs in the *Gym*.
- 10:45am-12:15pm: *Lighthouse Kids*, downstairs in the *Gym*.

Grades 6-12:

We welcome our new Director of Youth Ministries, John Chaffee. Watch for a chance to get together with parents and students soon!

- 9:30 Youth Sunday School: Next Sunday, Dec 4th, will be the last class of "Stepping Up". Dec 11th will be a joint MS and HS Sunday School
- 4:00pm HS Youth Group: Dec 4th, last one for 2016. Then, Christmas Party on Dec 11th from 4-6pm.
- Youth Fellowship - Wednesday 6-8pm - Catch up over dinner then fellowship and discussion with Alice - Youth Room (2nd Flr.)

- **Upcoming Youth Events:**

- 12/11 Youth Group Christmas Party, 4-6pm TODAY!!
 - 12/16 Starwars: Rogue One

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **Sr. Adult Christmas Carol Sing & Tea:** Friday, December 16 at 1:30pm in the Parlor. All are welcome!
- † **Thank you for your participation at NPC's Gifts of Hope Gallery** on November 20th! If you were unable to attend, we will continue to receive orders until December 20th. 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 and since total approximately \$13,883 and we expect to fill more orders. The last day to place orders is December 20th. Thank you! We look forward to celebrating Christmas with gifts that bless others!
- † **Found Wandering Concert – December 18th at 7:00pm**
Next Sunday will be an evening of joyful Christmas music led by Sarah & Colin Comstock and Found Wandering. A free-will offering will once again benefit the **Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission** in Philadelphia. Postcards with all of the details are available in and around the Sanctuary to take and share.
- † **For 4 nights, January 3 through January 7, there will be an intensive class for Palmer Seminary students, on the Eastern University campus.** There is one student traveling from a distance, and he will need to arrange for overnight lodging during that week. Hotels are quite expensive. Do you have a spare room which you could open to this Palmer student Tuesday through Thursday night? If you can spare the space, please contact Debbie at 610-664-4880 (x114) or dwatson@narberthpres.org. Thank you in advance!
- † **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.
- † **“A Time To Remember” Wed. January 4th at 7:00pm**
For everyone who has lost someone dear, whether family or friend, this service will be a time of reflection, prayer, and encouragement.



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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, December 11

Third Sunday in Advent

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor

9:00am Worship Service Choir: “God’s Great Love”

10:30am Sunday School, Parlor

10:45am Worship Service –Choir: “God’s Great Love”

4-6pm Youth Group Christmas Party

Monday, December 12

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

7:00pm MBR-Bible Study, Music office

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

Tuesday, December 13

6:30am Men’s small group

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

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

7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal

7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor

7:30pm Examination of new elders and deacons

Wednesday, December 14

Thursday, December 15

10:00am Nursery School Christmas Pageant, Sanctuary

4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor, Gym

NO 7:30pm Basketball - resumes Dec 29

Friday, December 16

10:00am Women’s Bible Study, Parlor

1:30pm Sr. Adults Christmas Carol Sing and Tea

YG Event: Star Wars Rogue One viewing

7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study, Parlor

Saturday, December 17

10:00-11:30am Sunday School Christmas Pageant dress rehearsal, Gym

Sunday, December 18

Fourth Sunday in Advent

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor

9:00am Worship Service

10:15am Sunday School Christmas Pageant (between services)

10:45am Worship Service

7:00pm Benefit Concert by Found Wandering, Sanctuary

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: jlmpsych@hotmail.com

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

Dec 20	12:00pm Staff Christmas Party
Dec 24	Services: 4:00pm, 5:30pm, 8:00pm
Dec 25	10:00am One Combined Service
Dec 26-27	Office Closed
Dec 29	3-5pm Marathon Kickball with the Pastor
Dec 31	7:00pm New Year’s Eve Service - Communion
Jan 1	10:00am One Combined Service – Communion
Jan 2	Office Closed
Jan 4	7:00pm A service of remembrance: “A Time To Remember”