

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

8:00 PM

December 24, 2016

Prelude

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Krug

Carly Mitchell, Violin

Call To Worship - All Stand

L. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

C. We have beheld His glory. Alleluia!

***Carol**

O Come All Ye Faithful

Adeste Fidelis

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;

Refrain: O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation.
Sing all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God, all glory in the highest; (Refrain)

Yea, Lord we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; (Refrain)

Prayer and Welcome

Steve Weed,
Pastor

Responsive Reading

Deborah Watson,
Pastoral Assistant

L. The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen His glory.

C. Oh, come let us worship Him.

L. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

C. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

L. Those who lived in a land of deep darkness- on them light has shined.

C. We have seen Christ's glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

L. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us.

C. What has come into being in Him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

L. Today Christ is born; today salvation has appeared.

C. Glory to God in the highest! Alleluia!

***Carol**

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

In Dulci Jubilo

Good Christian friends rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this;
He has opened heaven's door and we are blest forevermore
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save;
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall;
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

THE CHRISTMAS STORY IN SCRIPTURE AND SONG

First Lesson

Isaiah 9:2,6,7: 11:1-4a, 6-9

Victor Habib

***Carol**

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Carol

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all gracious King”:
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,
When, with the ever-circling years, shall come the time foretold,
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
And all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.

Second Lesson

Luke 1:26-35, 38 Matthew 1:18-23

**Diane Chen &
Helga Sauter**

***Carol**

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Picardy

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing worldly minded, for with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food.

Christmas Offering

Love Came Down at Christmas
Carly Mitchell, Violin

Trad. Irish

Third Lesson

Luke 2:1-7

Sallie Raezer***Carol*****O Little Town of Bethlehem******St. Louis***

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
 Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
 Yet in thy dark streets shineth, the everlasting Light,
 The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
 While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love,
 O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth,
 And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray;
 Cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today.
 We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
 O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

Fourth Lesson

Luke 2:8-20

Deborah Watson,
Pastoral Associate***Carol*****Angels We Heard on High******Gloria***

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains
 And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains

Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo

Shepherds why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
 What the gladsome tidings be, which inspire your heavenly song?

Come to Bethlehem and see, Christ whose birth the angels sing
 Come adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord the newborn King

Fifth Lesson

John 1:1-14

Scott Todd**Solo*****O Holy Night******Adam***

Linda, Pilacik, Soprano

Christmas Meditation**The Gift of Presence****Steve Weed,**
Pastor**Prayers of the People****Deborah Watson,**
Pastoral Associate

L. Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all the people according to their needs.

L. For the increase of peace among nations, let us pray to the Lord.

C. Christ the Lord, bring peace on earth.

L. For the poor and those who find no room, let us pray to the Lord.

C. Christ the Lord, bring help to the poor.

L. For the renewal of the whole church in unity, let us pray to the Lord.

C. Christ the Lord, bring renewal to the church.

L. For the light of Christmas to shine on us all, let us pray to the Lord.

C. Christ, Light of the world, we commend all for whom we pray. Amen.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Marilyn Reed and Ashley Reed

Sharing the Light

Carol

Silent Night, Holy Night

Stille Nacht

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

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth

Candles may be extinguished.

***Carol**

Joy To The World

Antioch

Joy to the world! The Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing...

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

Blessing

*Denotes that the congregation may stand

All Invited!

Starting Sunday mornings on January 8 and running through Sunday, February 26, Pastor Steve will begin a series of messages on "Too Busy Not To Pray: Connecting With God In All of Life." This will be our theme as a church community for 8 weeks in January and February. More details for this exciting journey can be found on the back page of the bulletin.

IF YOU ARE NEW TO NARBERTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WE WELCOME YOU! (610) 664-4880

Check out our website at www.narberthpres.org

Regular Sunday Worship Services at 9:00 AM and 10:45 AM with childcare provided at both services. During the 9:00am service, there is Youth and Children's Sunday School from 9:30-10:30am. At the 10:45 AM service, there is Children's Church (called Lighthouse Kids) for children in 1st-5th grades. Children are in the sanctuary for the first half of the worship service, then they adjourn to their own activity. Both services are a dynamic blend of the traditional and the contemporary, with a pipe organ and a band. Sermon messages are Bible-based and related to daily life.

Sat. Dec 31 7:00pm New Year's Eve Service – Communion (6:30pm A time of music and praise beforehand)

Sun. Jan 1 10:00am New Year's Day One Worship Service – Communion

Wed. Jan 4 7:00pm A service of remembrance: “A Time to Remember”

Sanctuary Choir: Opportunity to praise the Lord through singing and helping lead in worship. Rehearsals Thursday 7:30-8:30pm beginning Jan 12.

Bell Choir: Rehearsals 1st and 3rd Mondays 6:30-7:30pm Beginning Jan 16th.

Adult Education on Sunday is offered at three times: 8:00am to 9:00am before the 1st service, 9:30am to 10:30am and 10:30am to 11:30am. All located in the Parlor. There are other Bible studies, classes and groups offered on weekday mornings and evenings. Please check our website.

Children's Sunday School: For our children, Sunday School is offered at 9:30am to 10:30am, and the more informal “Lighthouse Kids” program from 11:05am to noon. Childcare is provided for infants and small children (birth to 5 years) from 9:00am to noon.

Youth Sunday School: Open to all High School students and Middle School Students from 9:30-10:30am in the Youth Room.

Sunday Night Youth Group: Every week is a new adventure! High School students (9th-12th grade) meet in the Gym at 4:00pm as we play and enjoy fellowship, read God's Word and worship Jesus, and see God at work in us and others through service and testimony (concludes at 6:00pm).

Six-Week Explorers' Class on Sunday afternoons, from 3-5pm, starting on Jan 22, led by Pastor Steve and our Pastoral Associate, Debbie Watson. We will “explore” our relationship with Jesus Christ, Presbyterian beliefs, and Narberth Presbyterian in particular. For newcomers or members who want a refresher. Please call the church office (610) 664-4880. Childcare provided.

MONDAY

- **Windsor Bells** rehearse on 1st, 3rd and 5th Monday nights in the choir room.
- **Prayer Group** meets 7:00-8:00pm in the Chapel. Open to all. Other prayer groups meet on Sunday morning 8-9am and Wednesdays, 10-11am.

TUESDAY

- **Men's sermon discussion at NPC** at 7:00am, open to all.
- **Prayer breakfast at Narberth Diner**, Tuesdays, 7:00am Open to all
- **7:30 –9:00PM** The Worship Band practices under the leadership of Donald Robinson.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS (Starting again on January 11th).

A comprehensive night of fellowship and teaching for the whole family of God:

5:45 PM –Dinner provided by teams of volunteers (modest donation encouraged.)

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM Children's activities for pre-schoolers through 5th grade.

6:45 PM – 8:00PM – Youth Fellowship for 6th - 12th students, in youth room.

Adults 7:00 – 8:00 PM-Adult class starting January 11th

- Bible Study, "Too Busy Not To Pray", led by Pastor Steve

THURSDAY

- **4:00-5:00 PM** "Kickball With the Pastor" K-5th

FRIDAY

- **Moms' Group 9:30-11:00am at NPC**, Childcare provided, Parlor
- **Women's Bible study 10:00-12:00pm at NPC**, led by Isabel Lally
- **The first Friday of each month: Parents' Night Out** (Resumes Feb. 3) 6:30 – 9:30pm, Terry Weyant, our Dir. of Children's Ministries, and his team provide an evening of food and child-friendly activities.
- **The third Friday of each month: Middle School Fun Night** from 6:30-9:00pm.

Also: Sr. Adult Opportunities (Seniors aged 60 and above)

- **Day trips** to places of historical and cultural interest occur monthly.
- **Video and slide trips** to various locations throughout the world leave monthly from the NPC Parlor.

Christian Nursery School 2, 3, and 5 day programs

There are many other opportunities to connect at NPC. Please feel free to contact the church office (610-664-4880 or office@narberthpres.org) with any questions.

Special Kickball with the Pastor this week!

Thursday, Dec. 29th

3:00-5:00pm in the Gym!

Too Busy Not To Pray

Starting Sunday mornings on January 8 and running through Sunday, February 26, Pastor Steve will begin a series of messages on “Too Busy Not To Pray: Connecting With God In All of Life.” Who among us does not wrestle both with busyness and stress, and the desire for a deeper prayer life and connection with God?

This will be our theme as a church community for 8 weeks in January and February. Along with Sunday morning messages, many small groups and classes will focus on this theme, including Wednesday nights, starting Jan 11 at 7:00-8:00pm.

All church members and friends are also encouraged to read the book by Bill Hybels with the same title, Too Busy Not To Pray. Books will be available for a donation of \$5.00 (as you are able), starting on New Year’s Eve at our 7:00pm service, and on New Year’s Day at our 10:00am service.

Upcoming timeline looks like this:

December 31 7:00pm New Year’s Eve Saturday night service

January 1 10:00am Sunday morning service

Both services include communion, and coming forward to receive the bread and the cup

Sermon: “What Are Your Spiritual Goals in 2017?”

Sunday January 8 9:00am and 10:45am

Back to regular Sunday service times. First sermon on “Too Busy Not To Pray”

January 9 (Monday) We start reading the book Too Busy Not To Pray as a congregation (2 chapters per week)

ALL in our church and community are welcome to join in this spiritual journey together!

Joy To The World!