

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

January 8, 2017

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 God Who Reigns Above* *arr. Hopson*

Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Call To Worship **Ephesians 2:19-22**

Hymn #689 *The Church's One Foundation* *Aurelia*

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading John 15:1-8 (p.1676)
9:00am Noah Mulugeta
10:45am Dana Ergenbright

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All the people: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we thank you for Jesus Christ who makes us alive with his life. We confess that apart from Jesus, we cannot bear good fruit. We ask forgiveness for our lack of prayer and our failure to listen well. We have allowed the stress and cares of life to muffle your voice, and we have relied on ourselves instead of you. We confess the weariness of soul and body, and our need to be revived. Please lead us to the cross and cleanse us from our sins. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and strengthen our connection to Jesus, the vine from which we grow in grace. We pray in his wonderful Name. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

The Greeting

Worship Song *Great I Am* *Anderson*

10:45am Worship Song *Everlasting God* *Brown/Riley*

9:00am Ordination and Installation of New Elders and Deacons

New Elders: *Charlene McGrew, Mike Morrison

Elders renewing terms: Charlie Choi, John Kennedy

New Deacons: *Ilonka Comstock, Ruth Ellen Patterson, *Ashley Reed,

Tim Roykouff, *Marcy Wells

(* denotes being ordained)

9:00am Hymn

Descend, O Holy Spirit
Sung to the tune of 'Lead On, O King Eternal'

Lancashire

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

His Eye Is On the Sparrow
Linda Pilacik, Soprano

Gabriel/Martin

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:5-13; Hebrews 11:6

(p.1504, 1875)

Sermon

Too Busy Not To Pray
Why Pray?

Steve Weed,
Pastor

Hymn #77

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe Den Herren

Benediction

Prayer Ministry

9:00am Charlie Choi
10:45am John Furlong

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Mame Nowosad, by her family.

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.

Starting today, January 8, we begin Too Busy Not To Pray: Connecting With God in All of Life (Details on p.8)

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.

Our Annual Meeting is today 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.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

Pastor: Though we have different gifts, together we are a ministry of reconciliation led by the risen Christ. We call people to faith, so that in the end, every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God. Within our common ministry, some members are chosen for particular work as Ministers of the word and sacraments, Elders, or Deacons. In ordination, we recognize these special ministries, remembering that our Lord Jesus said,

People: **Whoever among you wants to be great must become the servant of all, and if you want to be first, you must be the slave of all, just as the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life to set others free.**

Pastor: God has called you by the voice of the Church to serve Jesus Christ in a special way. You know who we are and what we believe, and you understand the work for which you have been chosen.

Show your purpose by answering these questions:

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge Him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through Him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the church universal, and God's Word to you?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed Faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

For Elders: Will you be a faithful ruling Elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

For Deacons: Will you be a faithful Deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need? In your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

For the Congregation: Do we members of the church accept these persons as ruling Elders and Deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

TOO BUSY NOT TO PRAY

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, 6:50-8:00, led by Pastor Steve!

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.

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!

On Monday nights, from 7:00-8:30pm, Debbie Watson will lead a small group focused on the book, Too Busy Not to Pray, for all who would like to grow in their understanding and experience of prayer. We will meet in the parlor for 8 weeks, beginning January 16th.

On Sunday mornings at 9:30am, Carrie Robinson will lead a new adult Sunday School class on Too Busy Not To Pray. It will start on January 15th and meets in the Parlor

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:

- 9:30 Youth Sunday School:
- 4:00pm HS Youth Group
- Youth Fellowship - Wednesday 6-8pm

Upcoming Youth Events

- Youth Group Kickoff 4-6pm in the Youth Room. Middle School and High School are all invited
 - Middle School Fun Nite: January 20, 6:30-9:00pm
 - February 5: 5-7:00pm Family Jeopardy Night! Parents vs Youth
 - Middle School Fun Nite February 17 6:30-9:00pm with special guests
 - March 13 NPC Parent and leaders night 7-8:30pm
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- For all youth-related questions, please contact John Chaffee 610-664-4880 x112 jchaffee@narberthpres.org

2017 CHURCH OFFICERS

THE SESSION with Current Ministry Connections

Pastor Steve Weed – Moderator Diane Chen – Clerk of Session

Class of 2017

Linda Behmke – Personnel, Church Health Team

*Diane Chen – Clerk of Session

Jack Comstock – Sense Team, Outreach

*John Furlong – Worship Committee, Children’s Ministry

Meg McKinley – Finance Committee

Class of 2018

Sam DiLullo

*David Place – Finance Committee, Greeter

Emma Shaw – Young Adult Ministry

*Selim Tawadros – Finance Committee

Scott Todd – Missions Committee

Class of 2019

*Charlie Choi – Chair Missions Committee

*John Kennedy – Church Health Team

Charlene McGrew

Mike Morrison

THE BOARD OF DEACONS with Current Ministry Connections

Class of 2017

*Carol Bellamy – Church Financial Secretary

Donna Hart – Secretary, Communications

*Suzanne Morrison – Deacons’ Pantry

*Julie Todd – Moderator, Deacons’ Assistance, Justice & Mercy Ministry

Class of 2018

Faithe Hornung – Treasurer

*Omar Mehdi – Vice-Moderator, Transportation, Deacons’ Assistance Fund

Ashley Reed - Archivist

*Gerri Wismer – Homebound Communications

Class of 2019

Ilonka Comstock

Ruth Ellen Patterson

Tim Roykouff

Marcy Wells

* serving second term

2017 MISSIONARY CAUSES

Mission

4D Ministries – Hank Paulson

Amnion Crisis Pregnancy Center

Child Evangelism Fellowship, Inc. – North Ireland

Chosen People Ministries (formerly Messiah Now) - Cruz

Cornerstone Christian Academy

Corrymeela Community – North Ireland

CRU (Campus Crusade for Christ) - Darwin

CRU (Campus Crusade for Christ) – Brindley (Philly Bridges)

CRU (Campus Crusade for Christ) - Shenk

DiscipleMakers - Hall

Esperanza Health Center

Fellowship International Mission/Jos Seminary - Tushima

Global Mapping International - Todd

Greater Europe Mission- Loeffler

Habitat for Humanity - Camden

Habitat for Humanity –Philadelphia

House of His Creation

Interserve-USA - Kennedy

Intervarsity – Emma Shaw

Kingdom Connect - Duffy

Kirkwood Camp (Presbytery of Philadelphia)

Neighborhood Crusades Inc.

Presby’s Inspired Life

Presbyterian Reformed Ministries International

Presbyterians for Renewal (Wee Kirk)

Presbytery of Philadelphia General Mission

REAP - Granada

Servant Partners – Dan & Denise Anderson

SIM USA - Jewell

The Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota (Standing Rock)

The Philadelphia Project

The Philadelphia Project – Erika Knight

The Welcome Church – Steinnagel

Timothy Academy

United World Mission - Woodbury

Wycliffe Bible Translators - Shannon

Young Life (Western Philadelphia Suburbs)

Ambassador

Helga Sauter/Margie Nathanson

Alice Antonelli

Terry Weyant

Jennifer & Tim Roykouff

Joyce Lewis

Lally / Hartsock

Kathy McLean

Jean McIntire

The Bowser Family

Bob Moore

Greg Esterhai

Scott Todd

Susan Hurst

Helga Sauter

Linda Behmke

Linda Behmke

Melissa Esterhai

Meg McKinley

Ken & Sally Kapner

Curt Haring

Helga Sauter

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Steve Weed

Scott Todd

Helga Sauter

Brint Nicolai

Sharon Shallow

Dave Bellamy

Jane Murray

Georgia Ward

Helga Sauter

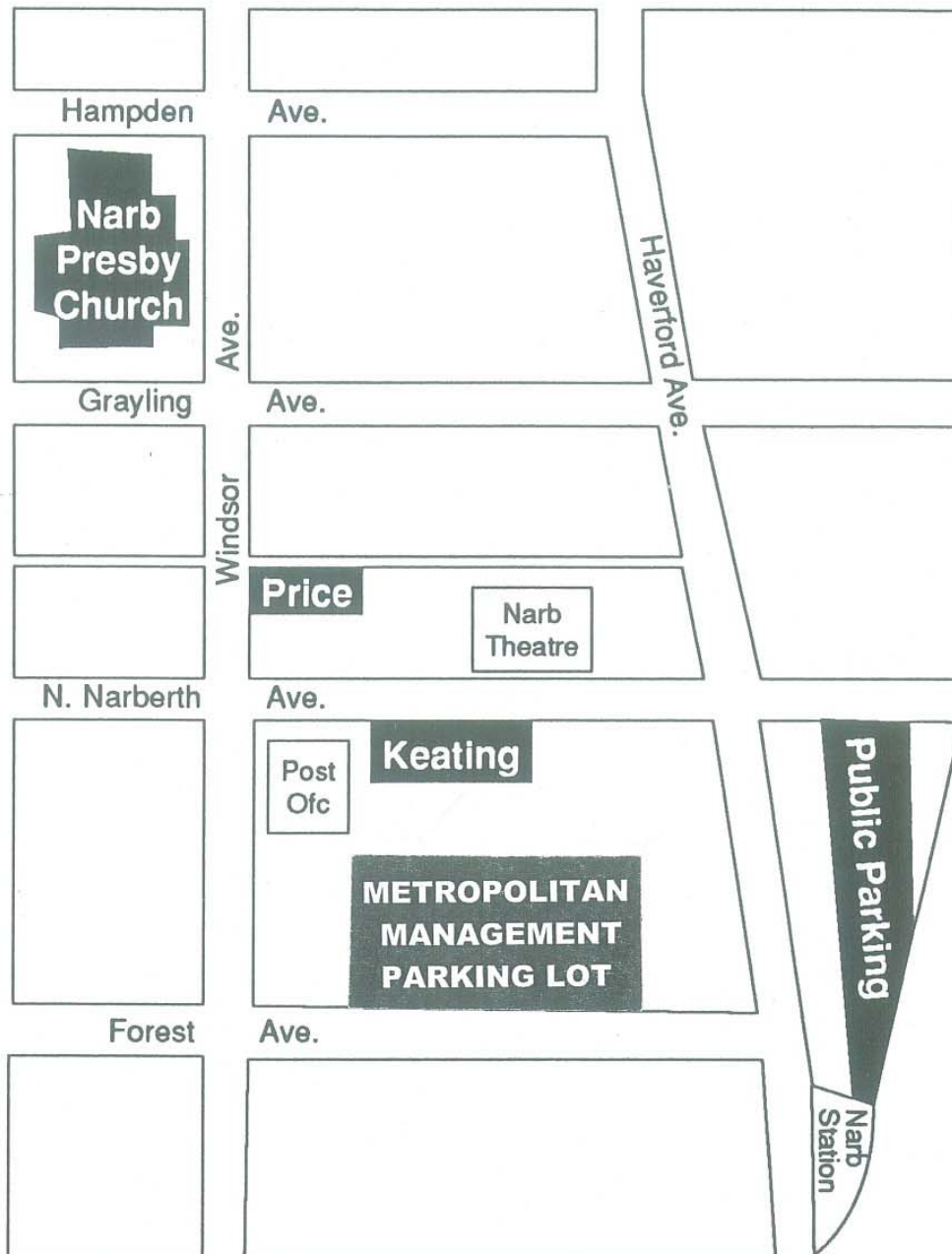
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Barbara Montgomery

PARKING DIAGRAM

Additional Parking for Sunday Services

8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



Parking for Narberth Presbyterian Church is available from 8:00am to 1:00pm at parking lots marked “Price”, “Keating”, “Metropolitan”, and “Public Parking” as shown on the above map.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **In the darkness that is Aleppo, Syria, the light of Christ continues to shine.** Through our missions budget via The Outreach Foundation, NPC supports the National Evangelical [Presbyterian] Church of Syria and Lebanon whose churches, including in Aleppo and other locations in Syria, continue to worship the Lord and minister faithfully in Christ's name to those who are displaced. Despite destruction of property, the Presbyterian Church of Aleppo pledges "to continue our ministry...and as a church to be a sign of hope in this despairing time... We will never cease to dedicate our effort to bring love and peace into the city of Aleppo...Greeting to all of our partners hoping that they will pray for us this Christmas in Aleppo in order that we will meet the needs of marginalized people." Elsewhere in the region, your gifts to Interserve through this year's Gifts of Hope Gallery will help support a short-term medical clinic providing much needed medical care. Thank you for your gifts which shed the light of Christ in places of great suffering. Please continue to support these ministry partners in prayer.
- † **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.
- † **Connect with God** - If you would like to spend some quality time with the creator of the universe, there is no better place than the Jesuit Retreat Center in Wernersville. We invite you to a weekend of prayerful silence and reflection that will refresh and renew your soul. Arrive anytime on Friday March 17 and return Sunday March 19 about 3pm. Cost of \$150 covers private room and meals. No experience necessary. Contact Dave Bellamy at dbellamy@narberthpres.org for more information. Register at www.narberthpres.org. Registration deadline is March 3.
- † **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.
- † **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



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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, January 8

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor
9:00am Worship Service
 10:30am Sunday School, Parlor
10:45am Worship Service
 10:45am Ordination of Elders and Deacons
12:15pm Congregational lunch and Meeting, childcare is provided
 4:00pm Youth Group kickoff-all HS and MS students invited

Monday, January 9

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, January 10

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
7:00pm Deacons' Meeting, Parlor (Note change in date and time)

Wednesday, January 11

5:45pm Wednesday Night Dinner at the Fellowship Café (Gym) Menu: Chicken with Pasta Alfredo, vegetable, salad, fruit, dessert
 6:30pm Children's classes (up to grade 5)
7:00pm Adult class: "Too Busy Not To Pray" led by Pastor Steve.

Thursday, January 12

9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor
 4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor, Gym
 7:30pm Basketball, Gym

Friday, January 13

9:30am Moms' Bible Study, Parlor
 10:00am Women's' Bible Study, Chapel
 7:30pm Young Adults Bible Study

Saturday, January 14

Sunday, January 15

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor
9:00am Worship Service
 9:30am New Sunday School class begins, Parlor
 10:30am Sunday School, Parlor
10:45am Worship Service
 4:00pm High School 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: jlmpsych@hotmail.com

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

Jan 16 Office closed for MLK Jr. Day
 Jan. 16 7:00pm Too Busy Not to Pray, Parlor
 Jan 17 7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor
 Jan 20 6:30pm Middle School Fun Night
 Jan 24 7:00pm Knitters' group, Resource Room
 Jan 24 7:00pm Missions Committee, Parlor
 Jan 25 9:30am Staff Meeting, Parlor
 Jan 26 9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor
 Jan 30 6:30pm Bell Choir rehearsal
 Feb 3 6:30pm Parents' Night Out, Gym
 Feb 4 9:00am Shepherds' Meeting, Parlor