LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

January 29, 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 Bouree & Minuet Handel

From "Water Music Suite"
Sherry Beebe, Organist

Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Call To Worship Hebrews 11:1,6

Hymn #62 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise St. Denio

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading Psalm 63:1-8 (p.899)

9:00am Brittany McCrimmon 10:45am Chuck Lewis

Reader: This is the word of the Lord. All the people: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you are immortal and invisible, but you have made yourself known to us in Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith that we may draw near to you with greater confidence and desire, for we often struggle to pray. In times of trial, we doubt your goodness. In times of blessing, we forget to thank you. In the routine of busy life, we are often distracted. Please forgive us through Jesus Christ, and teach us to pray. By the Holy Spirit, help us not to settle for what we can do in our own strength, but to seek more of you. Let your church be a house of prayer and a place of miracles, that you may be glorified and adored. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

The Greeting

Worship Song How Great Is Our God Tomlin

Worship Song Good Good Father Tomlin

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

During the 10:45 am 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 Teach Us To Pray Rambo/McGuire

Linda Pilacik, Soprano

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading Luke 10:38 - 11:4 (p.1613)

Sermon Too Busy Not To Pray

Learning To Pray In A World of Distraction Steve Weed,

Pastor

Hymn Let Every Christian Pray Green

(Sung to the tune of When Morning Gilds the Skies)

Benediction

Prayer Ministry 9:00am John Kennedy 10:45am Linda Behmke

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.

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

Six-Week Explorers' Class on Sunday afternoons, from 3-5pm, 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. It is not too late to join us this Sunday. Childcare provided.

Congregational reading for this week, "Too Busy Not To Pray": Chapters 8-10

TOO BUSY NOT TO PRAY

Too Busy Not To Pray

Starting Sunday mornings on January 8 and running through Sunday, February 26, Pastor Steve is teaching 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. 7:00-8:00pm, led by Pastor Steve

All church members and friends are also encouraged to read the book by Bill Hybels with the same title, <u>Too Busy Not To Pray.</u> Books are available for a donation of \$5.00 (as you are able).

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 is leading a small group focused on the book, <u>Too Busy Not to Pray</u>, for all who would like to grow in their understanding and experience of prayer. We meet in the parlor for 8 weeks, beginning January 16th. (Debbie's class will generally follow the same outline as Pastor Steve's previous Wed. class. Feel free to rotate according to scheduling needs.)

On Sunday mornings at 9:30am, Carrie Robinson is leading an adult Sunday School class on <u>Too Busy Not To Pray</u>. It meets in the Parlor

In this season of church life emphasizing prayer, three regular weekly prayer groups are ongoing and all are welcome: Sundays 8-9am (Steve's office), Mondays 7-8pm (Chapel), Tuesdays 11-12noon (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

- High School Youth Group 4:00pm each Sunday
- February 12: 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
- For all youth-related questions, please contact John Chaffee 610-664-4880 x112 jchaffee@narberthpres.org

Needed:

If anyone has a black or dark-color couch to give to the Youth program, we are looking for more seating in the Youth Room! Email jchaffee@narberthpres.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Victor Habib, an NPC member, graduated in December from Eastern University with a Master's in International Development, and is looking currently for a job opportunity with a non-governmental organization (NGO). Victor is hoping to work in one of the following areas: education and training, community development, community mobilization, peacebuilding, project planning and management, or biblical leadership and empowerment, but he is also open to other possibilities related to his training (and background in Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Math).

Victor is asking for renewed prayer concerning his job search. He has 40 days to find a job that will allow him to gain much needed experience. If he does not find a job before those 40 days are up, he will have to return to Egypt with his degree, but not much real-life experience. Please pray for the Lord to provide Victor with what he most needs in these next 40 days - in particular, a position which will draw on his training, experience and gifting, and peace, as he seeks both a job, and his future. Knowledge of any opportunities you might be aware will be appreciated.

- **Six-Week Explorers' Class on Sunday afternoons,** from 3-5pm, started 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. It's not too late to join us this Sunday. 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.

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† Drivers Wanted – Can you help?

There are times when members and friends of NPC need transportation for such things as medical tests, doctors' appointments and when they are temporarily disabled by injuries. Do you have a servant's heart and a warm car to transport individuals when such needs arise? If so, please contact Omar Mehdi, Deacon in charge of the Transportation Ministry at mehdi.omar@gmail.com. You will be a blessing to these individuals. Thank you.

† Amnion's Baby Bottles for Life Collection and Diaper Drive Sanctity of Human Life Sunday on January 22 marked the beginning of Narberth Presbyterian Church's annual fund raiser for Amnion Pregnancy Center. Baby bottles are available to be taken home, filled with cash or checks and returned to NPC by Sunday, February 19. Donation of disposable diapers, size 3, 4, or 5, and baby wipes is also appreciated. All donations may be dropped off in the chapel or church office. Any questions, contact Alice Antonelli at arichardson1@gmail.com. Thank you for your continued support!

† Christian Nursery School 2017-2018 Registration Days!!

- Narberth Presbyterian Church members and current Nursery School families were invited to register on Friday, January 27 in the church gym, beginning at 9:00 a.m.
- All other families are invited to register on Friday, February 3 in the church gym, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

We recommend that you register on these days, as spaces fill up quickly

- **† Scripture Readers needed!** Each week someone from the congregation blesses us by reading the first scripture portion for the day. We are compiling a Winter/Spring roster of people for the two services, and would be happy to have you read if you are at least 7 years old and are willing to speak a little more slowly than you probably do otherwise! Please sign up in the Chapel, and leave your e-mail so that we can get the "script" to you the Friday or Saturday before you read.
- **† Also needed: flower vases** for delivering Sunday's flowers to those who are sick, or to families with new babies or simply to say hi! You can drop them off in the office or contact Isabel Lally. Thanks!
- **†** To preserve the deductibility of your church contributions, it is recommended that you do not file your 2016 income tax return until you have received a written acknowledgment of your contributions to NPC from the church, scheduled to be mailed by January 31, 2017. Some of your contributions may not be tax-deductible if you file your tax return before receiving a written acknowledgment of your contributions from the church.



On the Web:

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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, January 29

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor

9:00am Worship Service

9:30am Sunday School class,

"Too Busy Not To Pray", Parlor

10:30am Sunday School, Parlor

History of the Reformation

10:45am Worship Service

4:00pm High School Youth Group

Monday, January 30

6:30pm Bell Choir rehearsal

7:00pm: <u>Too Busy Not to Pray</u>, led by Debbie Watson, Parlor

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 31

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

1-4pm Philadelphia Presbytery meets at Grace

Pres. Church in Jenkintown

Wednesday, February 1

9:30am Staff Meeting, Parlor

5:45pm Wednesday Night Dinner at the

Fellowship Café (Gym) Menu:

Salmon cakes/Fish sticks

bread, 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, February 2

4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor, Gym

7:30pm Basketball, Gym

Friday, February 3

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

6:30pm Parents' Night Out, Gym

7:30pm Young Adults Bible Study

Saturday, February 4

9:00am Shepherds' Meeting, Parlor

Sunday, February 5

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor

9:00am Worship Service-Communion

Super Bowl Offering and Poll

9:30am Sunday School class,

"Too Busy Not To Pray", Parlor

10:30am Sunday School, Parlor

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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

Feb 6,20	6:30pm Bell Choir rehearsal
Feb 9	9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor
Feb 17	6:30pm Middle School Fun Night
Feb 23	9:30am All-Day Quilts for Comfort event, Parlor
Feb 27	7:00pm Knitters' group, Resource Room
Feb 27	7:00pm Missions Committee, Parlor
Mar 3	6:30pm Parents' Night Out, Gym
Mar 4	9:00am Shepherds' Meeting, Parlor