

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

March 5, 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 *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* *Spiritual, arr. Zabel*

Jesus walked this lonesome valley, He had to walk it by Himself,
O nobody else could walk it for Him, He had to walk it by Himself.

Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Call To Worship **Psalm 19:1-4**

Hymn *This Is My Father's World* *Terra Beata*

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 6:4,5; Jeremiah 31:31-34 (p.284, 1227)
9:00am Isabel Lally
10:45am Mark Wenger

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All the people: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, in the past you have spoken in many times and in various ways, but in these last days you have spoken to us by your Son. We confess our failure to listen well to you and to others. We have not paid attention. We have allowed the stress and cares of life to muffle your voice, and we have relied on ourselves instead of you. Please lead us to the cross and cleanse us from our sins. By the Holy Spirit, renew us in the new covenant of communion with you. Strengthen us in the practices that keep us close to Jesus, and responsive to the needs of others. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

The Gloria Patri

The Greeting

Worship Song *At The Cross (Love Ran Red)* *Tomlin*

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 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* *Trad. Melody*
Words, 1758, Robinson
Kerry Catapano, Soprano
Jamie Gaffga, Guitar

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading John 10:1-5, 14-16, 27-30 (p.1666)

Sermon **Spring Training: Listening To God** **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 *Jesus Messiah* *Tomlin*

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, O God our creator and redeemer. In your wisdom, you made all things and sustain them by your power.

You formed us in your image to love and serve you, but we forgot your promises and abandoned your commandments. In your mercy, you did not reject us but still claimed us as your own.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He took upon himself the weight of our sin and carried the burden of our guilt on the cross. He shared our life in every way, and though tempted, was sinless to the end. Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ.

Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Make us eager to work with you in building a better world, so that it may listen to your Church and its gospel of peace. We confess, Lord, that we have sinned, wash us clean by your gift of salvation.

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again. Amen.**

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn #311

God Has Spoken by His Prophets

Ode To Joy

Benediction

Prayer Ministry

9:00am Greg Hein
10:45am Linda Behmke

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in thankfulness and loving memory of her husband, Tom and her son, Thomas by Joey Nangle.

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.

Prayer for Healing

On Sundays from 8 - 8:45 am and after the 9 am service, from 10:15-10:45am, prayer for healing is offered in a confidential, quiet and welcoming environment. The team is available to meet with you in prayer for every need of healing: healing of relationships, critical physical challenges, emotional brokenness, crises of faith, addictions, wounds of the past and present, etc. The place is Pastor Steve's office.

Over the next five Wednesdays, we'll be journeying together and reading through Pond River Ocean Rain - a new book by Chaz Howard on finding peace in the storms of life. The text uses stories, questions, accessible illustrations, and water metaphors to enrich our understanding and experience of God. Over the course of our study we'll consider themes like stillness (like a pond), deeper trust in God's will (much like the current of a river), peace within mystery (as experienced in the depths of the ocean), and being used to bring forth growth in those around us (like the rain). Chaz, his wife Lia, and their three daughters have been worshiping here at Narberth Presbyterian Church for the last two years. Chaz has served for many years as Chaplain at the University of Pennsylvania.

Sermons on "Too Busy Not To Pray"

Jan 1	What Are Your Spiritual Goals in 2017?
Jan 8	Why Pray?
Jan 15	Needing To Pray – Like Jesus!
Jan 22	Praying With Our Eyes Open
Jan 29	Learning To Pray In A World of Distraction
Feb 5	Compassion And The Power of Prayer
Feb 12	Apparently Unanswered Prayer
Feb 19	Prayer: Bridging the Gap Between Despair and Hope
Feb 26	I Want To See Results! (or How God Answers Prayer)

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

Breakfast!

Next Sunday morning, March 12, we are springing forward by one hour. To “motivate” and to “celebrate”, all are invited to share a delicious hot breakfast in the gym, between 8-9am, or 10:00-10:45am. We are grateful for a cooking team of Hugh Barrie, Dave McIntire, Sam DiLullo (supervisor 😊) Mike Morrison, and the Chuck Wagon, and others whom the Lord may be calling! Please defy any sleepiness to worship God and enjoy food, fellowship, and plenty of caffeinated coffee!

On Thursday nights in Lent, Pastor Steve will lead a weekly gathering on “Spiritual Training During Lent.” You are welcome to come any week as you are able, to listen and/or to share how you are growing spiritually and any goals you are pursuing. The tentative format will be: (1). Brief time of teaching from Scripture. (2). Voluntary sharing – what practices are helping you to grow? What are you learning? How are you applying what you are learning? (3). How can we pray for you? Our goal is to foster an atmosphere of encouragement to strengthen our love for God and to grow more into the likeness of Christ. Think of it as analogous to meeting with a fitness coach at the Y or Planet Fitness during Lent. We start this Thursday night at 7:15-8:45 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

- High School Youth Group 4:00pm each Sunday
 - March 10 HS Movie Night at Dave & Carol Bellamy's
 - March 13 NPC Parent and leaders night 7-8:30pm
 - March 17 Middle School Fun Night 6:30-9:00pm
 - March 25 MS Tie-Dye event @ Kikers', house
 - April 21st MS Game Night at the Naveen house
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- For all youth-related questions, please contact John Chaffee 610-664-4880 x112 jchaffee@narberthpres.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **To respond to the immediate hunger crisis in South Sudan**, the Deacons have authorized a gift for disaster relief in the amount of \$1,000.00.

- † **LAST CHANCE to register for the Silent Retreat in Wernersville**, March 17-19. There are just a few slots left. Please register at narberthpres.org before midnight today. Questions? Contact Dave Bellamy at 610-520-9382 or dbellamy@narberthpres.org.

- † **Next Sunday, March 12, 2017**
On Sunday, March 12 from 12:15-1:30pm, small group leaders/facilitators will gather for a luncheon in the Parlor. We will focus on service. Please contact Debbie Watson if you have any questions.

- † **Monday, March 20th from 2-7pm RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**
There are only 2 weeks left until our Red Cross Blood Drive and there are still spots open for willing donors. Help us reach our goal of collecting 55 units of blood...55 units of blood will help save the lives of up to 165 people and we need your support! If you cannot donate, please help us spread the word to someone who can. Location, Gym.
To sign up, please go to our website: www.narberthpres.org
If you have questions, contact Jack Comstock at [484-885-0789](tel:484-885-0789) or comstockjack@gmail.com

- † **Have you enjoyed stopping at the Chuckwagon before the 1st service?** Lots of us do enjoy that coffee and donut, but the Chuckwagon folks are in need of your help!! Volunteers are needed to buy the donuts (early) and help serve in the kitchen from roughly 8:30-9:30am. There's lots of visiting with people you know and getting to meet new people as well. For specific details, call Chuck Lewis (610-645-0691) or John Raezer (610-909-7440) or just talk to them on Sundays!

- † **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. If he does not find a job in the next 3 months, he will have to return to Egypt with his degree, but not much real-life experience. Knowledge of any opportunities you might be aware will be appreciated.

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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, March 5

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor

9:00am Worship Service-Communion

9:30am Sunday School class,

10:30am Sunday School, Parlor

History of the Reformation

10:45am Worship Service-Communion

3-5pm Explorers' Class, Parlor (last class)

4-6pm HS Youth Group

Monday, March 6

6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

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, March 7

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 Worship Band Rehearsal

7:00pm Deacons' Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, March 8

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

Sloppy Joes, rolls, salad, fruit, dessert

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

7:00pm Adult Class-Pond, River, Ocean, Rain, Led by Chaz Howard, Chapel

Thursday, March 9

9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor

4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor, Gym

7:15-8:30 Spiritual Lenten Fitness check-in with Pastor Steve, Parlor

7:30pm Basketball, Gym

Friday, March 10

9:30am Moms' Bible Study, Parlor

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

HSYG Movie Night @ Bellamy's

7:30pm Young Adults Study, Parlor

Saturday, March 11

Sunday, March 12

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor

9:00am Worship Service

9:30am Sunday School class, Parlor

10:30am Sunday School, Parlor

History of the Reformation

10:45am Worship Service

12:15pm Small Group Leaders/

Facilitators Luncheon, Parlor

4-6pm 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: jlmpsych@hotmail.com

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

Mar 13 7:00pm Youth Group Parents/Leaders Meeting, Parlor

Mar 17 1:30pm Sr. Slide Show (Patagonia with Matt Weed)

Mar 17-19 Wernersville Retreat

Mar 17 6:30pm Middle School Fun Night

Mar 20 2-7pm Red Cross Blood Drive, Gym

Mar 20 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Mar 21 7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor

Mar 23 9:30am Sr. Adults trip to Princeton, NJ

Mar 23 9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor

Mar 25 MS Tie-Dye event @ Kikers'

Mar 28 7:00pm Knitters' group, Resource Room

Mar 28 7:00pm Missions Committee, Parlor