

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

July 2, 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**

**Sherry Matthews Beebe**

**Welcome and Concerns of the Church**

**Call To Worship**

**Hymn #419**

***God of Our Fathers***

***National Hymn***

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Scripture Reading**

Matthew 5:13-16; 13:31,32

(p.1501, 1518)

9:00am Dana Ergenbright

10:45am Kathy Furlong

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**All the people: Thanks be to God!**

**Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, "We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven. We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth, and power, as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us! It behooves us, then to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness." In Jesus Name. Amen.

(April 30, 1863 – President Abraham Lincoln's Proclamation for National Day of Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer)

**Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon**

**The Greeting**

**Worship Song**

***Mighty To Save***

***Morgan/Fielding***

*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 5<sup>th</sup> grades may be dismissed to the gym for Lighthouse Kids children's church after the hymn/worship song.*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory                      *Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God*                      *Getty/Townend*  
Dana Ergenbright, Cello  
Linda Pilacik, Piano

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading                      Zechariah 4:6-10                      (p.1475)

Sermon                      **The Power of Small Steps In The Spirit**                      **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 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, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe. You fashioned this world in love, and govern all the earth with grace and peace. Nations and Presidents rise and fall, but Your reign is for all time, and your mercy is without end.

**You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Born as King in David's line, He lived with the lowly and cared for the least of Your children. His power was revealed in weakness, His majesty in mercy.**

His only earthly throne was a cross on which to die. Even there His arms stretched out to embrace friends and foes in love. From the grave You raised him to Your right hand where he rules again from heaven, and commands true loyalty from peoples and nations.

**Remembering Your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from Your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising. With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to You to be a living and holy sacrifice dedicated to Your service.**

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

**Sharing The Bread And The Cup**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Hymn**

*I Am The Bread of Life*

*Toolan*

**Benediction**

**Prayer Ministry**

9:00am Jack Comstock

10:45am

**The altar flowers today** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Richard Groeneveld, Pete's father, by the Groeneveld family.

**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 both services, 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, then return to your seat by the outer aisles.

**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](http://www.narberthpres.org) or podcast through iTunes.

### **Prayer for Healing (Pastor Steve's Office)**

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.

### **Wednesday nights in July, 7:00pm:**

Pastor Steve will continue holding Bible Studies on "Life in the Holy Spirit" each of the Wednesday nights in July. Our focus each week will be teaching, worship and music, testimony, and prayer. Each week stands alone, so come as you can! This week's topic: "Recognizing and Responding to the Promptings of the Holy Spirit."

### **Narberth Borough 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration**

NPC has traditionally been a part of our town's 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration at Narberth Playground. **We are in need of volunteers** to run a children's bounce & slide ride on the 4<sup>th</sup>, from 10am-2pm. Only a once-a-year commitment!! Please call Joyce at 610-664-4880 ext.111.

Narberth's 4<sup>th</sup> of July planners also needs some helpers to set up tents and tables on July 3<sup>rd</sup> between 6-9pm.

Please help continue NPC's presence in this festive community celebration. You don't have live in Narberth to participate. Sign-up sheet in Chapel.

# 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:

#### Upcoming Events:

#### 10:30am in the Parlor: Intergenerational Summer Class: The Omega Course

An intergenerational class during the second service offered by John Chaffee that draws from the past 6 months of his own personal readings. See announcements for more details.

July 11-13	HSYG Backpack Trip-NJ/NY border area
July 19	1-6pm YG Day Trip-Wissahickon Creek
July 21	Youth Movie Night
July 23-28	The Phila. Project Mission Trip
Aug 9	YG Day Trip to Ocean City, NJ –Adult volunteers needed☺
Aug 16	Possible YG Backpack trip to Shenandoah or Water Gap
Aug 18	Youth Movie Night

For all youth-related questions, please contact John Chaffee 610-664-4880 x112  
[jchaffee@narberthpres.org](mailto: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, Chair

\*Diane Chen – Clerk of Session, Transition Team

Jack Comstock – Outreach, Greeter, Transition Team

\*John Furlong – Worship Committee, Children’s Ministry

Meg McKinley – Finance Committee, Transition Team

### **Class of 2018**

Sam DiLullo – Transition Team

\*David Place – Finance Committee, Greeter

Emma Shaw – Young Adult Ministry, Transition Team

\*Selim Tawadros – Finance Committee

Scott Todd – Missions Committee

### **Class of 2019**

\*Charlie Choi – Missions Committee, Chair

\*John Kennedy –

Charlene McGrew – Christian Nursery School Board, Chair

Mike Morrison

## **THE BOARD OF DEACONS with Current Ministry Connections**

### **Class of 2017**

\*Carol Bellamy – Church Financial Secretary

Donna Hart – Ushering

\*Suzanne Morrison – Deacons’ Pantry

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

### **Class of 2018**

Faithe Hornung – Treasurer, Deacons’ Assistance Fund, Missions

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

Ashley Reed – Archivist, College-age Communications

\*Gerri Wismer – Homebound Communications

### **Class of 2019**

Ilonka Comstock

Ruth Ellen Patterson

Tim Roykouff - Secretary

Marcy Wells

\* serving second term

# NOMINATIONS FOR ELDER

## Elders

As there were in Old Testament times elders for the government of the people, so the New Testament Church provided persons with particular gifts to share in governing and ministry. Elders should be persons of faith, dedication and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the church and in the world.

It is the duty of elders, individually and jointly, to strengthen and nurture the faith and life of the congregation committed to their charge. Together with the pastor, they should encourage the people in the worship of God, equip and renew them for their tasks in the church and for their mission in the world, visit and comfort and care for the people, with special attention to the poor, the sick, the lonely and those who are oppressed. They should inform the pastor and the session of those persons and structures that may need special attention. They should assist in worship. They should cultivate their ability to teach the Bible and may be authorized to supply places that are without the regular ministry of the Word and Sacrament. Those duties that all Christians are bound to perform by the law of love are especially incumbent upon elders because of their calling to office and are to be fulfilled by them as official responsibilities. (Excerpts from the *Book of Order* (2009/11))

## Recommendations for Elder (Please use the reverse side for Deacons)

The Nominating Committee is receiving recommendations for the offices of Elder and Deacon to begin in January 2018. In light of the description above, if you have individuals to suggest for Elder, please write them down below. Please describe briefly why you believe the individual would be suitable for this office.

It is not necessary to obtain the permission of the person you are suggesting. It is preferable for the Nominating Committee to make the initial contact should this person be nominated.

For the office of Elder:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Further names may be suggested on a separate paper.)*

Please put this form in the collection plate, or drop off in the church office.

# NOMINATIONS FOR DEACON

## Deacons

The office of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, of exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this office.

It is the duty of deacons, first of all, to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress both within and beyond the community of faith. They shall assume such other duties as may be delegated to them from time to time by the session, such as leading the people in worship through prayers of intercession, reading the Scriptures, presenting the gifts of the people, and assisting with the Lord's Supper. (Excerpts from the *Book of Order* (2009/11))

### Recommendations for Deacon (Please use the reverse side for Elders)

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For the office of Deacon:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Further names may be suggested on a separate paper.)*

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At our best, Elders and Deacons seek by the grace of God to be examples of Jesus Christ and models of the quality of life which God desires for the whole church. It is a great privilege and responsibility – we welcome your prayers!



## THE JOY OF SUMMER: GIFTS FOR MINISTRY & MISSIONS

Summer brings us long, light-filled days, children with lemonade stands, high temperatures—and cooling thunderstorms—and often vacations of rest and renewal at home or away. Ministry at NPC continues, with many special activities to mark the season. Whether serving 200 children at Vacation Bible Camp (just concluded), discipling adults on Sunday morning and Wednesday evening, or joining NPC's young people in compassionate service at the Philadelphia Project, NPC's friends and members are deeply connected. In addition to ministries based at NPC, we partner with over 35 individuals and mission agencies to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and deed. Throughout the world, our mission partners labor in the joy of the Lord, confident of our prayers and financial support.

NPC has always been blessed to have a very generous congregation. **Your gifts worship God and allow these ministries to happen!** As we move into summer, we encourage you to maintain this generous spirit, making the most of the **various ways to give:**

**During worship:** Place tithes, offerings and other gifts in the offering plate. (Please make checks payable to Narberth Presbyterian Church.)

**Online:** Prioritize giving in your budget—give to God first! Go to [narberthpres.org](http://narberthpres.org) and click the “give” button on the upper right side. You can set up recurring gifts using a debit card or e-check. It's easy...and secure.

**By text:** Txt the amount of your gift to 610-624-4831. After a one-time setup, you'll get a receipt in seconds.

**By mail:**

Send to Carol Bellamy, Financial Secretary  
Narberth Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 414  
Narberth, Pa 19072-0414

**Marketable Securities (stocks or bonds):**

If you hold stocks or bonds that have appreciated in value, you may find it advantageous to donate appreciated securities to fulfill your pledge or as an extra gift. Donors generally are permitted to deduct the value of appreciated securities as a charitable donation (check with your tax advisor). Please contact either Jim Hoffman, Treasurer, through the church or David Place, Elder, for assistance.

**Offering update:** Through June 18, 2017, offerings totaled approximately \$466,000, slightly lower than the prior year. We will provide a mid-year update in July. Our 2017 budget for the full year is \$1,161,000, which we trust God to meet through the generosity of His people. Thank you for your generous spirit! Your gifts allow us to engage in significant ministries, welcome many into a loving, Christ-centered community, and offer worship to our great God.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## † **The Omega Course: Intergenerational Sunday School Class**

Led by John Chaffee 10:30am, Parlor, starting today

When you hear the word “Omega”, what is the first thought that comes to your mind? Chances are, you simply thought “Alpha” right away. In these series of classes, we will be chatting through the “Omega”, the culmination, the summation, the coming together and full integration of Christian spirituality with other parts of life. We will also be diving into how Christianity can be seen as taking us into tomorrow with hope, faith and love as well as a brand new perspective of everything. (Ephesians 1:10)

1. **Hobbit Holes and You** (7/2)-*What is the relationship between theology and spirituality?*
2. **Swingsets on Trains** (7/16)-*How do we grow in our faith and self-understanding?*
3. **Participating in the Sunset** (7/23)-*What does Christianity have to teach us about living here and now?*
4. **Taking Your Idols to Church** (7/30)-*How does church decenter and re-center us?*
5. **Shovels are Good for Your Soul** (8/6)-*Does God really want us to look up to find Him?*

This class is designed for families who attend the 9:00am service.

- † **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.

- † **The Tuesday morning men's sermon discussion group** has adjusted their meeting time to 7am (from 6:30), and would welcome new participants. They meet in the Resource Room next to Pastor Steve's office every Tuesday morning. Contact: David Fraser ([davidallenfraser@gmail.com](mailto:davidallenfraser@gmail.com))

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **Host for a Weekend in August:** A Japanese professor at Rosemont College wants to know if any American families can host two women students from Yokohama as a cultural exchange the weekend of August 13. If you are interested, please contact Mary Zambrana at [mkzjccp@gmail.com](mailto:mkzjccp@gmail.com) or the church office at [kpappas@narberthpres.org](mailto:kpappas@narberthpres.org)
- † **Amnion Pregnancy Center** is looking to hire a speaker for their **RealEd team**, to teach youth about building healthy relationships. The speaker will travel with the RealEd team to local schools and community venues to give the presentation, which incorporates interactive discussions, illustrations and personal stories from genuine, down-to-earth young Christians who have committed or re-committed themselves to abstinence outside of marriage or faithfulness within marriage. If you are over 18, have strong speaking and communication skills, a heart for youth, and daytime availability, we want you! Males strongly encouraged to apply. Please ask your church leaders for more information or contact **Jaime Schwartz** at [jschwartz@real-ed.org](mailto:jschwartz@real-ed.org).
- † **Interested in being part of a small group?**  
We would like to improve our capacity to include people in existing small groups which are open, and to start new groups. Please sign in the Chapel if you might be interested in participation or possible leadership. Also, if you lead a small group and would welcome new people, please sign.
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# BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

## ***Sunday, July 2***

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor

### **9:00am Worship Service-Communion**

10:30am Sunday School, "Omega Course"  
led by John Chaffee, Parlor

### **10:45am Worship Service-Communion**

## ***Monday, July 3***

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, Copy  
Room

## ***Tuesday, July 4***

Office closed for holiday

7:00am Men's small group, Resource Room

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

10am-2:00pm July 4<sup>th</sup> festivities at the park in  
Narberth. Fireworks at night.

## ***Wednesday, July 5***

**7:00pm** July Bible Study on "Life In The  
Holy Spirit". Led by Pastor Steve, Parlor

## ***Thursday, July 6***

4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor, Gym

## ***Friday, July 7***

10:00am Women's Bible Study, Parlor

## ***Saturday, July 8***

## ***Sunday, July 9***

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor

### **9:00am Worship Service**

10:30am Sunday School, "Omega Course"  
led by John Chaffee, Parlor

### **10:45am Worship Service**

## ***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: [jlmpsy@hotmai.com](mailto:jlmpsy@hotmai.com)

***Planning ahead Information and calendar updates 24/7 at [www.narberthpres.org](http://www.narberthpres.org)***

July 13 9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor (last meeting of the summer)  
July 17 7:00pm YG Parents and Leadership Planning Meeting, Parlor  
July 19 1-6pm YG Day trip to Wissahickon Creek, meet @ church  
July 21 Youth Movie Night  
July 23-28 The Philadelphia Project, Youth Mission Trip  
Aug 9 Youth Day trip to Ocean City NJ-some adult volunteers needed ☺  
Aug 10-11 Global Leadership Summit  
Aug 18 Youth Movie Night  
Aug 26 Red Cross Blood Drive