

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

October 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

Sherry Beebe, Organist

Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Call To Worship

Hymn

On Pentecost They Gathered

(sing to the tune of "All Glory, Laud and Honor")

Prayer of Invocation

Tribute to the Cream of the Crop

**Isabel Lally,
Pastoral Visitor**

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-8, 12-18, 21

(p.1692)

9:00am Isabel Lally

10:45am Gwen Anthony

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All the people: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you are the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth, and the source of our strength. We confess that we often feel weary and overwhelmed by the state of the world. Forgive us for turning away from you, not trusting you, and trying to do life on our own. We have forgotten to focus on the good news of the gospel, and we have minimized the power of the Holy Spirit. Encourage us with the small, but significant ways, we can make a difference and change the atmosphere. In the Name of Jesus. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

The Greeting

Worship Song

Everlasting God

Brown/Riley

Worship Song

Holy Spirit

Torwalt

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

6th grade and up meet in the Youth Room for 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

Passing of Friendship Pads

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Ye Shall Be Witnesses

Kirk

Jean & Dave McIntire
Ruth Ellen & Tom Patterson

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:32-41

(p.1693)

Sermon

Acts 29

Pentecost: The Holy Spirit Is A Game Changer

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 appreciation for all our veteran members and friends, aka, the Cream of the Crop.

Explorers' Class #2 meets today at 2:15-4:00pm in Pastor Steve's Office.

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.

Prayer for Healing (Pastor Steve's Office)

Sunday mornings, 10:15-10:45am, prayer for healing is offered in a confidential, quiet and welcoming environment.

Assignment for this week:

- Monday through Friday, read one chapter per day in the Book of Acts.
- Saturday, or any days you are led, meditate more deeply on next week's passage: Acts 2:42-47

Guidelines for reading Acts:

"The key to your reading of Acts is to recognize the "movement" of the gospel from Jerusalem to Rome, narrated in six parts (panels) and signaled by Luke's little summary statements in 6:7; 9:31; 12:24; 16:5; and 19:20. In each case the narrative seems to pause for a moment before it takes off in a new direction - sometimes geographically, sometimes ethnically, and sometimes both." (Gordon Fee, How To Read The Bible Book By Book).

Luke wants us to read Acts as "a play in which we are invited to become actors ourselves. The stage opens up and we discover we're in the middle of the action. That is part of the point of the "ending", which isn't really an ending: the story continues, and we are part of it." Acts 29! "It is a play in which the only true acting is what happens when the spirit of the playwright himself takes charge." (NT Wright, Bible Study Guide on Acts and Acts For Everyone).

Prayer Cards

Last Sunday at each service there was an invitation on a voluntary basis to write your name on a 3 x 5 card with a specific prayer request. The cards were collected and placed in baskets at the front. Then, on a voluntary basis, at the end of the service anyone was invited to come forward and take a card and pray every day for that person and their request.

Today, one week later, if you selected someone's card and prayed for them, if possible, we encourage you to let that person know, or to introduce yourself. You could do so during the greeting or sometime soon as you are able.

See p.11 for Disaster Relief update

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT NPC

5:45-6:45: Supper in the Fellowship Cafe

Each week a simple nutritious meal will be provided by rotating teams of volunteers. You are invited to help once a month with a team doing prep, serving and clean-up. See calendar page for each week's menu.

6:30-7:00pm Children's Choir

Donna Wren and Sherry Beebe will lead a children's choir for **1st through 5th grades** in the Choir room each week. The eventual goal is to sing in Sunday Worship.

6:30 or 7:00pm-8:00pm Children's Classes and Childcare

- (6:30-8:00pm) **Kindergarten and younger** will have Bible Story time with Sharon Shallow in the Red Door Room (large nursery school room).
- (7:00-8:00pm) **1st through 3rd grades** will meet with Pastor Terry for Bible Time in his office, followed by kickball in the gym.
- (7:00-8:00pm) **4th and 5th grades** will meet with Debbie Watson for Bible Club in her (very cool) office.

6:45-8:00pm Middle School Youth Group

- New addition this Fall! This will replace the once-a-month Fun Night, as we meet weekly now on Wednesdays. Led by John Chaffee, in the Youth Room

6:45-8:00pm Adult Classes

- ***Making Room for God: Living by the Rhythms of Grace*** --learning more about keeping company with Jesus every day in ways that transform us. If you long for something more, something different, something deeper, something that connects the presence of God to the changes you crave, this class will provide some of the means. From the beginning the church linked the desire for more of God to intentional practices, relationships and experiences that gave people space in their lives to keep company with Jesus. Discipleship and spiritual disciplines complement each other. Come and learn. **Led by Dave Fraser Location: Chapel**
- ***Learning To Love The Psalms***
Often referred to as the "anatomy of the soul," the Psalms have long served as the praise and prayer book for the people of God. The Psalms are written, not as theological pronouncements from on high, but more like personal prayer in the form of poetry, or like reading someone's spiritual journal. The Psalms not only teach us, but give voice to our faith and doubts, our deepest feelings. The rich variety of the Psalms calls us back to the centrality of worship, and the rediscovery of God's greatness and goodness. Each class includes a brief video message, followed by discussion. Come and be refreshed in the presence of God
Led by Norm Johanson Location: 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

Summer Schedule: 2-3's join 4-5's in Red door room

- 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, Youth Room
- 6:45pm Wednesdays: Middle School YG
- 4:00pm Sunday HS Youth Group

Upcoming Events:

- Open Mic Night for all Oct 15th 7:00-8:30pm
- Fall Festival party \$ cookout, Sunday, October 29 4-6pm
- High School Reality Retreat Nov 3-5

For all youth-related questions, please contact John Chaffee 610-664-4880 x112
jchaffee@narberthpres.org

FALL GROUPS AND CLASSES AT NPC

Monday

6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, 1st, 3rd, & 5th Mon.

7:00pm MBR (Men Being /Becoming Real) Bible study, prayer and support in a safe and friendly setting. Music Office. All men welcome.

7:00pm Prayer Group, meets in Steve's Office. All are welcome.

7:30pm Men's Bible Study—Galatians Meets in the copy room. All men welcome.

Tuesday

11:00am Prayer and Study, Parlor. All are welcome.

Wednesday

6:45pm Making Room for God: Living by the Rhythms of Grace --learning more about keeping company with Jesus every day in ways that transform us. From the beginning the church linked the desire for more of God to intentional practices, relationships and experiences that gave people space in their lives to keep company with Jesus. Discipleship and spiritual disciplines complement each other. Come and learn. Led by Dave Fraser Location: Chapel

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Thursday

7:00-8:30pm Freedom in Christ

Thursday evenings 8-weeks: Sept. 28th-Nov 16th , meets in the Parlor

Join us on Thursday evenings for 8 weeks to learn about and practice the Unbound prayer model. Thousands of Christians around the world have found that Unbound prayer is an extraordinary gift from God, providing deliverance from issues that have plagued them for years, and bringing new vibrancy to their spiritual lives

7:30pm Young Adults

Please note the new day, and a new book study on life together, by D. Bonhoffer.

This Thursday there will be an introduction and books given out to begin reading the following week.

Friday

9:30am Moms' Group meets every other Friday in the Parlor. Come take a much needed break, every other Friday, next meeting Oct 13, 9:30-11:30 am. We talk, pray and read the Bible in a casual environment over coffee and snacks. All moms are welcome. Free childcare.

10:00am Women's Bible Study meets every Friday, location varies between Parlor and Chapel. All ladies are welcome.

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 of Christian Athletes – Kasey Dougherty
Fellowship International Mission/Jos Seminary - Tushima
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 Welcome Church – Steinnagel
Timothy Academy
United World Mission - Woodbury
Wycliffe Bible Translators - Shannon
Young Life (Western Philadelphia Suburbs)

Ambassador

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Alice Antonelli
Terry Weyant
Jennifer & Tim Roykouff
Joyce Lewis
Lally / Hartsock
Kathy McLean
Jean McIntire
The Bowser Family
Bob Moore
Greg Esterhai
Ashley Reed
Scott Todd
Helga Sauter
Linda Behmke
Linda Behmke
Melissa Esterhai
Jesse Kennedy
Meg McKinley
Ken & Sally Kapner
Curt Haring
Helga Sauter
Suzanne Morrison
Cathy Callaway
Steve Weed
Scott Todd
Charlie Choi
Faithe Hornung
Helga Sauter
Ashley Reed
Sharon Shallow
Jane Murray
Georgia Ward
Helga Sauter

Barbara Montgomery

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **The Fellowship Café needs YOU!** In this exciting season of Wednesday Night learning opportunities, we want to continue our tradition of providing a meal for everyone at 5:45pm. We have a willing leader/point person. We still need folks to join a once-a-month team to help with the simple meal preparation, serving, and clean-up.

Our goal is to have everyone fed and on their way out of the Gym by 6:45pm, and the clean-up crew on their way by 7:00pm. Please sign-up in the Chapel, and if you want to talk about the possibilities (or your hesitations), contact Debbie Watson at dwatson@narberthpres.org or 610-664-4880 (x114).

- † **Freedom in Christ**

Thursday evenings 8-weeks: Sept. 28th-Nov 16th 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Unbound prayer leads people lovingly and gently on a journey to freedom from issues that stand between them and a fuller walk with God. Join us on Thursday evenings for 8 weeks to learn about and practice the Unbound prayer model.

Led by Dana Kaminstein and Gene McGee, Location: Parlor

- † **Open Mic Night at NPC for All Ages**

On Sunday, Oct. 15th from 7:00 to 8:30pm NPC is hosting our first Open Mic Night! Our goals for the evening are as follow: to celebrate the talent within our own church family and friends; to raise funds for the Deacons' Assistance Fund and their ministry in our community, and to simply enjoy an all-church evening together! Bring a dessert to share – we'll provide cold drinks and coffee. This event is open to everyone, so why not invite a friend or two? There is no charge to attend, or perform. Donations for the Deacons' Assistance Fund will be gratefully accepted.

So, if you are musical, have written poetry, want to tell a funny story, or just want to come and enjoy the entertainment of other people performing for you, this evening is for you. To attend or perform, please sign up, by e-mailing John Chaffee at jchaffee@narberthpres.org.

- † **Director of Children's Ministry Update**

As Pastor Terry prepares for retirement at the end of December, the Personnel Committee has been in full swing searching for our next amazing ministry leader. So far we have held three focus groups with parents and staff and posted the position on several national job boards. We are finalizing the search team to interview candidates. If you know our next amazing ministry leader, please tell Linda Behmke at lrbehmke@yahoo.com.

- † **Wednesday Supper menu this week:** Hot dogs and hamburgers, salad, fruit, dessert.

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- † **Please join NPC's Orphan Care Ministry** for a 5K Walk/Run on Saturday, **October 14th**, at Ridley Creek State Park, Pavillion #17. To sign up, go to <http://www.compassion-corps.com/orphan-day-5k/>, or show up at 9 am. The run will begin at 10 am, and conclude with snacks, coffee, and information about how you can make a difference in the lives of orphans. For questions, feel free to contact Jess Gaffga (jessicagaffga@yahoo.com) or Valerie Foley (valerie@vfoley.com).
- † **Amnion Crisis Pregnancy Fall Banquet** will be held at Drexelbrook in Drexel Hill on Thursday, **October 19th** at 6:00 PM. This year Ryan Bombarder will share his story of sacrifice, love, life and the power of possibility. Please contact **Alice Antonelli (203.233.8133)** if you would like to attend or if you would like more information. You can also find out more at friendsofamnion.org.
- † **Please join The Philadelphia Project for our 7th Annual Silent Auction & Donor Dinner** Silent auction starts at 5pm with dinner to follow.
5pm, Sat., October 28, 2017 at the Church of the Good Samaritan, Paoli, PA.
Questions// michelle@thephiladelphiaproject.com
- † **What:** Q Commons simulcast national event – **“Healing Our Divided Land”**
Where: Host church is – Liberti Church Center City
When: Thursday, October 26th, 7-9pm
How: purchase tickets online.....you can do so via their website page for this Philly event host - <http://qcommons.com/philadelphia>
There are different ticket prices for individuals, couples, groups 8+, and students. There will be a really great opportunity to listen to quality speakers – listed below or on the website.
Speakers: David Brooks, Kara Powell, Propaganda, Ruth Naomi Floyd, Dave Brindley, Arthur L. Satterwhite, III.

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† **Sunday Morning Curbside Cafe** - Do you wish to share Christ's blessings with others more boldly? Join us, outside in lawn area on Windsor Ave. during the 10:45 a.m. service TODAY, in stepping outside the walls of the church and greeting our neighbors and passers-by with Christ's love through free coffee, goodies, a friendly conversation, and prayer. And you will not be doing it alone. If such a desire is "percolating" in your spirit, contact Debbie Watson or email Clara Louie at claralouie@yahoo.com.)

† **Open Administrative Commission Meeting Sunday, October 22 at 1:00 PM in the Chapel**

Members of the Commission will be available to meet with members of the congregation to respond to any questions members may have about the dismissal process. The Administrative Commission was formed by the Presbytery in response to Session's request for gracious dismissal, with property, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia to ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians. If you have questions, please contact Dave Bellamy at 610-520-9382 or dbellamy@narberthpres.org.

† **Memorial Service for Kay Crabbe** on Oct 14 at 1:00pm here at NPC.

† **Special Offering for Hurricane Harvey Disaster Relief**

We continue to collect a special offering for disaster relief to be sent through **The Salvation Army**. The Salvation Army has volunteer teams and mobile feeding units (canteens) in the region or in route to provide immediate assistance, and will remain in the communities impacted by the hurricane to support long-term disaster recovery efforts and provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

To give:

Sunday morning offering: Please make your checks out to NPC and note Hurricane Harvey in the memo section, & put it in the offering plate.

By text: Txt the amount of your gift and keyword Harvey to 610-624-4831.

Example: \$25 Harvey

Online: Visit narberthpres.org/give and select Harvey as the fund.

Through last Sunday, your gifts for Hurricane Harvey relief in Texas totaled over \$5,900. Thank you for your generosity; this offering will continue to be received for the next several weeks. With restoration efforts now underway in two locations - Texas and Florida - the Session has determined to match the Hurricane Harvey gifts with an equal amount drawn from our savings, up to a sizable cap, for use in Florida by the Salvation Army in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma. Your gifts matter to God and help many people, and we encourage your continued generosity.

The Session also is considering ways to assist those in Puerto Rico who suffered devastation from Hurricane Maria.

ACTS 2

Pentecost: Acts 2:1-41

Application Questions – for individuals or small groups:

- Notice the striking manifestations of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (2:1-8)
What do they signify?
- Taking into account the uniqueness of the original Pentecost, what manifestations of the Holy Spirit have you witnessed or experienced?
- What do you consider “normative” for us from this passage? (Notice the reference to “everyone” or “all” in Acts 2:4,17,18,21,38,39.)
- In Acts 2:4 when the early believers were “filled with the Spirit” they spoke in other tongues (known languages), a miracle of communication. What are other biblical marks of being filled with the Spirit? What about your understanding or experience?
- As the Spirit is promised to all who believe, do you think of yourself as a recipient of the Holy Spirit? Is it part of your daily consciousness and identity? What difference would an increased awareness of the Spirit make?
- The Spirit is promised in full measure across the generations (2:17,18). How would you describe your present season of life and how do you see the Spirit at work? How do we, can we, affirm the intergenerational work of the Spirit in church life?
- There are 3 primary reactions in the crowd to the Pentecost event – 2:12 “What does this mean?” 2:13 “They’re drunk!” (crazy, religious extremists), and 2:37 “What shall we do?”
Which response do you most identify with?
Which response is most common in our world?
- What do we learn from this passage about the communication of the gospel of Jesus Christ?

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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, October 8

8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor

9:00am Worship Service

10:45am Worship Service

12:00pm Cream of the Crop Luncheon

Middle School Breakaway Retreat concludes

4:00pm High School Youth Group

2:15-4:00pm Explorers' Class, Steve's Office

Monday, October 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, Copy Room

Tuesday, October 10

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

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

11:00am Prayer group in Parlor

7:00pm Elder/Deacon Training, Parlor

7:30pm Praise Team rehearsal, Sanctuary

Wednesday, October 11

5:45pm-8:00pm Wednesday Night supper, then classes for all ages

Menu: Hot dogs and Hamburgers, salad, fruit, dessert. (g-free/vegetarian, too)

6:45pm Adult Discipleship classes

6:45pm Middle 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: jlmpsycho@hotmail.com

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

Thursday, October 12

9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor

4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor, gym

7:00-8:30pm Unbound: Freedom in Christ

7:30-9:00pm Young Adult Group, Parlor

7:30pm Adult Basketball in the gym, open to all

Friday, October 13

9:30am Moms' Bible Study, Parlor

10:00am Women's Bible Study, Chapel

5:00pm Outside use of space: UPenn Choir Retreat-(24hrs, Chapel/Parlor)

7-9pm Pickleball resumes

(2nd and 4th Fridays), Gym

Saturday, October 14

Orphan Care 5k Walk or Run, Ridley Creek

State Park 9:00am registration

1:00pm Memorial Service for Kay Crabbe

Sunday, October 15

8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor

9:00am Worship Service

10:45am Worship Service

12:15pm Explorers' Class, Parlor

4:00pm High School Youth Group

7:00-8:30pm Open Mic Night

Oct 16,30 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
Oct 17 7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor
Oct 18 9:30am Staff Meeting, Parlor
Oct 20 1:00pm Sr. Slide Show (Greece), Parlor
Oct 22 1:00pm Open meeting with Presbytery's Administrative Commission, Chapel
Oct 26 9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor
Oct 27 9:30am Moms' Bible Study, Parlor
Oct 27 7-9pm Pickleball (2nd and 4th Fridays), Gym
Nov 3-5 High School Reality Retreat
Nov 14 7:00pm Elder/Deacon Training, Parlor
Nov 19 12:00-2:00pm Gifts of Hope Gallery, Gym