

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

December 24, 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**                    *Coventry Carol/God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*                    *Trad.*

Pam Fleming, Violin

**Welcome and Concerns of the Church**

**Call To Worship**

**Hymn #173**                    *O Come, All Ye Faithful*                    *Adeste Fideles*

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Scripture Reading**                    1 John 4:7-10                    (p.1902)

**Lighting the Fourth Advent Candle“Love”**

9:00am Tamas & Christy Dolinay, Jackson and Louis

10:45am Mark & Donna Wren, Nathan, Maya, Noelle

**Declaration of Love**                    1 John 4:11,12 (Unison)

**Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. Amen!**

**Hymn #152**                    *Angels We Have Heard on High (v. 1,3)*                    *Gloria*

**The Greeting**

**Worship Song**                    *Light of The World*                    *Daigle*

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

*6<sup>th</sup> grade and up meet in the Youth Room for 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.*

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**                    **Deborah Watson,**  
Pastoral Associate

**Passing of Friendship Pads**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**                    *O Holy Night*                    *Adam*

Kerry Catapano, Soprano

Jamie Gaffga, Guitar

## Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading Luke 2:8-14; 1 John 4:9,10 (p.1591, 1902)

Sermon **REDISCOVERING GRACE**  
**Why Jesus Came** **Steve Weed,**  
Pastor

Hymn #171 *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* *Mendelssohn*

Benediction

Prayer Ministry 9:00am Isabel Lally  
10:45am Laura Harrison

*Thank you for being with us in worship today! To learn more about our church, Welcome Bags are available for newcomers in the Narthex (entrance area at the front doors.)*

**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.

# CHRISTMAS FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Poinsettias given in loving memory (or honor) of	By
Our beloved parents, George & Helen Floyd	their grateful daughters, Suzanne and Barbara Floyd
Gianna Nicole Hurd	the Baffa family
Ernest Baffa, Jr.	the Baffa family
Violet Ames	the Baffa family
My Bill and our daughter, Freida	Gerri Wismer
Our parents	Harold & Carol Chamberlain Heller
Ona, we love and miss you every day	love, the Donadio s & Freemans
Our parents, Nancy Donadio & Alfred Mancini	with love, Matt & Angela Donadio
Bob Furlong	John, Kathy, Julia & Tim Furlong
Raymond Heckman and Margaret Sharp Zink	John & Kathy Furlong
Amy Tawadros	her family
Scott Fleischauer	Jason Rhinehart
Barbara Mandes	her nephew and niece, Ryan & Shelly Bailey
Helen & Fred Sutliff	Rick & Lori Sutliff
Our fathers/grandfathers, Ed Wren & Denis Reitz	the Wren family
Our parents, George & Muriel Corner	George Corner, Mary Walker & Muriel Corner
Our parents, Dorothy & John Barr	daughters, Carol Corner and Janet Norcini
My son-in-law, Rob Edson and brother, John Barr, Jr.	Carol Corner
Linda Sudo	Ben Hasselstrom and Emily Stewart
In honor of our healthy and awesome granddaughters	Ilonka & Jack Comstock
In honor of Colin & Sarah, Tommy & Keely	Ilonka & Jack Comstock
Mary C. Clark	Michael & Jennifer Clark
Norma & Bill Procopiow and	
Pat & Herb Todd	their loving children & grandchildren, the Todd family
Loved ones, Mum & Dad and Tony	Margaret and Isabel Lally
Margie Nathanson	Merianne Lorenzen Watson
David Arthur Cope	the Cope family
Tom Nangle, dear husband and father	Joey, Glenn, and Heather
Thomas Jr., dear son and brother	Joey, Glenn, and Heather
Our parents, Warren & Jean Mills and Irv & Shirley Weed	Steve and Teri Weed
Jimmy Brown	Jim, Kaye, Carly & Gary and Kayla, Brandon & Kelly
James & Caroline Watson	Debbie Watson
Richard Groeneveld	his grandchildren, Sonia, Tai, & Mei Mei

# 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:

- 7:00-9:00pm Middle School on 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays-begins January 19
- 4:00pm Sunday HS Youth Group –Resumes on January 7

### Upcoming Events:

**Confirmation Class 2018:** Calling all youth who are interested in attending Confirmation and becoming members of Narberth Presbyterian Church! Just after the New Year we will be starting a new round of Confirmation; this is open to MS as well as HS youth. We will be covering the Christian faith, the Ten Commandments, the Creeds of the Church, and how Narberth Pres. sets out to be a community of faith. We will culminate on Pentecost, which is Sunday, May 20th. On that day we will have a large celebration and welcome all Confirmands into the Church as full members! To help make this a special spring, we would love to have the participation of the rest of the church, if this interests you, please email John Chaffee at [jchaffee@narberthpres.org](mailto:jchaffee@narberthpres.org) about Confirmation!

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

# TREASURER'S REPORT

## Important Giving Update:

Through the first three weeks of December, your offerings totaled approximately \$975,000, slightly lower than last year's offerings through the same period. While \$189,000 short of annual budget of \$1,161,000 (about 16%), we do expect actual spending in budgeted areas to fall somewhat below the budget. It is also customary to receive a large percentage of annual giving during the month of December.

Accordingly, as we approach the close of the year, we would ask that you prayerfully consider what you may be led to give in order to allow ministries to be fully funded this year. Your giving allows our ministry to happen, both near and far, and expresses our gratitude to God for his many wonderful gifts to us, especially in this season of Christmas as we mark his greatest gift of all - His Son.

Your 2017 tithes, offerings and other gifts, payable to Narberth Presbyterian Church, may be placed in the offering plate any Sunday this month or mailed (postmarked) prior to year-end to:

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

**Please note that gifts intended for 2017 must be postmarked by December 31, 2017 or received at the church by December 31<sup>st</sup>.** In addition, you may give online at narberthpres.org or, even faster, by texting the amount of your gift to 610-624-4831. Online transactions completed on 12/31 will be credited to your 2017 account. A gift of appreciated stock is also welcome; please contact Jim Hoffman, Treasurer, for that possibility. Thank you for your generous gifts this year!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **Thank you for your participation at NPC's Gifts of Hope Gallery** on November 19th! If you were unable to attend, we will continue to receive orders until December 20<sup>th</sup>. You may drop off orders in the Chapel after worship or mail them to the church—your gift cards will be mailed to you or made available here at NPC. Gifts “purchased” at the Gallery and since then total close to \$10,000.00 Thank you for your generosity. We look forward to celebrating Christmas with gifts that bless others!
- † **Sunday Morning Curbside Cafe** - We will bring our hospitality to people at the Narberth train station on Dec. 10 and 17. Join us if you are able. There will be no Curbside Cafe on Dec. 24 and 31. Stay tuned for our winter cafe schedule and activity.

## Schedule:

### Sun. Dec. 24      **Christmas Eve**

4:00pm Family Friendly Candlelight Service  
(shorter and designed for young families)  
5:30pm Family Friendly Candlelight Service  
8:00pm Traditional Candlelight Service

Thurs. Dec 28    3:00-5:00pm Marathon Kickball with the Pastor

### Sun. Dec 31      **New Year's Eve Day**

9:00am and 10:45am Worship Services

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **New Women's Study Group has started on Thursday evenings!** We meet from 7:00-8:30pm in Steve's Office. After Christmas, we will resume with a new book study. **All are welcome to join at any time. For more information, please contact Cathy Callaway** at [ccallaway@narberthpres.org](mailto:ccallaway@narberthpres.org) or 215-341-6607.
- † **Have you ever wondered how lyrics get projected during the service?** They say a thousand monkeys on a thousand typewriters could reproduce the works of Shakespeare, but we've found that our simian friend Bobo isn't so good at running the projector. If you can be available for 1 service a month, you could help in the NPC projection ministry. Please contact John Furlong at [furlongjk@gmail.com](mailto:furlongjk@gmail.com) or 215-482-8198 if you are interested in volunteering. Next slide, Bobo. Good Bobo.
- † **For those who like to sing!** On an occasional basis, prior to the worship services, our musicians will be offering an "extended prelude" of music and praise from 8:45-9:00am.
- † **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.
- † **Those elusive elves have once again moved from last week!** John Chaffee has been looking for them all week. If you spot one, let him know! There is a reward for the finders.

# ALPHA MARRIAGE COURSE



Calling all couples – newly married or veterans – the ***ALPHA Marriage Course***, will be offered on Friday evenings, beginning January 19<sup>th</sup> through March 9<sup>th</sup>. This course provides husbands and wives tools to build and strengthen a vibrant relationship over time. Each Friday evening (6:30-9pm), a maximum of 5 couples enjoy a nice dinner at a table for two, watch a brief video presentation by Nicky and Sila Lee, and talk with each other about important issues that can get swept under the carpet in the rush of daily life. This is **not** a large group activity; rather, you and your spouse work only with each other. The cost for 7 weeks of dinner and the course materials is \$120 per couple. It's a bargain! So, whether you have been married a short time, or for many years, this course is a great investment in your relationship! There will be childcare provided at no extra cost. Please contact Debbie

([dwatson@narberthpres.org](mailto:dwatson@narberthpres.org) or 610-664-4880 ext.114) to sign up, and check it out at



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**On the Web:**

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# BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

## *Sunday, December 24*

### *Fourth Sunday in Advent*

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

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor

**9:00am Worship Service**

**10:45am Worship Service**

**Christmas Eve Services: (All Candlelight)**

**4:00pm** Family Friendly Candlelight Service  
(shorter and designed for young families)

**5:30pm** Family Friendly Candlelight Service

**8:00pm** Traditional Candlelight Service

## *Monday, December 25*

### *Christmas Day*

*Office closed*

## *Tuesday, December 26*

*Office Closed*

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

## *Wednesday, December 27*

## *Thursday, December 28*

9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor

**3:00-5:00pm Marathon Kickball With the  
Pastor, Gym**

7:30pm Adult Pick-up Basketball, Gym

## *Friday, December 29*

10:00am Women's Bible Study, Chapel

7-9pm Pickleball, Gym

## *Saturday, December 30*

## *Sunday, December 31*

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

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor

**9:00am Worship Service**

**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: [jlmpsych@hotmail.com](mailto:jlmpsych@hotmail.com)

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

Jan 1	Office Closed
Jan 9	7:00pm Deacons' Meeting, Parlor
Jan 11,25	9:30am Quilts for comfort, Parlor
Jan 12,26	7:00pm Pickleball, Gym
Jan 16	7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor