

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

February 11, 2018

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 *Thanks Be To Thee* *Handel*

Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Call To Worship

Hymn#95 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* *Coronation*

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading Acts 11:1-14 (p.1711)

9:00am Beth Fleischauer

10:45am Kelly Watson

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All the people: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, in congregational singing, we have hailed the power of Jesus' Name. Three days ago, we witnessed 2 million people hailing the Eagles with devotion and praise. While enjoying that experience, and praying for the welfare of our city and region, we ask that you would also increase our praise for you. We confess our capacity to get very excited or agitated about human events, while our hearts toward you grow dull or indifferent, and we fail to be kind to others. Please forgive us through the cross of Jesus. From the grace and cleansing we receive from you, help us to love all people, including those who are different. Thank you for Eagles' players, and friends in Christ, who encourage us in our faith, and call us to live wholeheartedly for you, the Lord of all. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

The Greeting

Worship Song *Great Are You Lord (New)* *Leonard/Ingram*

Worship Song *One Thing Remains* *Johnson/Gifford/Riddle*

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

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 5 Year Olds

- 9:00-10:30am: *Gospel Light, Red Door Room* downstairs
- 10:45am-12:15pm: *Play through the Bible, Red Door Room* downstairs.

Grades K-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:

- 9:30am Youth Sunday School
- 10:30am Confirmation Class
- 7:00-9:00pm Middle School YG on 3rd Fridays
- 4:00pm Sunday HS Youth Group

Current Events: Parent Night, March 7th, 7-8:30pm

Teen Anxiety, the Family and the Church

It is not a new statement to say that being a teenager in today's world is difficult, but it is also the same for that of being a parent. There are new variables and new stresses that did not exist 50 years ago. However, in recent weeks there have been a few tragedies that have shaken the local schools. Teenage stress and anxiety seem to be at a high, if not chronic, level and it is easy to resign to the thought that, "we can't do anything about it." On this evening we will chat through some of these difficulties, consult the recent research on youth development, strategize supports for the family, and discuss how the Church can come alongside and be a partner in all of this. From 7-8:30pm, this event is open for parents of teens as well as children and is certainly open to any non-members.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **Sunday Morning Curbside Cafe:** "Come & See" is our theme for Curbside Cafe 2018. With a regular presence outside the church, we seek to invite our neighbors to *come and see* the love of Jesus through our simple hospitality, prayers, and intentional conversation. For our team, it has been so exciting to see God's vivid work in us and among us! So we invite you, too, to join us and *come and see* for yourselves from **10:45-11:45 a.m.** on Windsor Avenue.
- † **Unbound:** From time to time we all experience obstacles to knowing the peace of Christ in our daily lives. Unbound is a ministry that helps us find the joy and freedom that Jesus desires for us. Personal prayer sessions are available on Sundays at 10:45 am with Gene and Becky McGee and on Wednesday evenings with Dana and Maria Kaminstein at 7 pm. Sessions available by appointment only. Contact Gene (267-446-9598), Becky (215-287-3844), Dana (610-247-4825), Maria (610-247-4927).
- † **Save the Date: March 7th: Teen Anxiety, the Family and the Church**
It is not a new statement to say that being a teenager in today's world is difficult, but it is also the same for that of being a parent. There are new variables and new stresses that did not exist 50 years ago. That being said, in recent weeks there have been a few tragedies that have shaken the local schools. Teenage stress and anxiety seem to be at a high, if not chronic, level and it is easy to resign to the thought that, "we can't do anything about it." On this evening we will chat through some of these difficulties, consult the recent research on youth development, strategize supports for the family, and discuss how the Church can come alongside and be a partner in all of this. **Plan to join us Wednesday, March 7th from 7:00-8:30 in the gym. This event is open for parents of teens and children and is certainly open to the community. Child care will be provided.**

2 upcoming Retreat Options:

- † **"A Day Away" – personal retreat at St. Raphaela Retreat Center.**
Wednesday, April 11th from 9:30 am-3:00 pm (\$25.00 cost includes morning snack and cold lunch) Registration forms are available in the Chapel.
- † **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 April 20 and return Sunday April 22 about 3pm.** Cost of \$150 covers private room and meals. No experience necessary. Contact Dave Bellamy at dbellamy@narberthpres.org or [610-659-2063](tel:610-659-2063) for more information. Register at www.narberthpres.org. Registration deadline is April 2.

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- † **This Friday, Feb 16 at 11:00am the Sr. Adults** meet in parking lot to go to Wyndham House for lunch. Sign-up in Chapel

- † **Young Adult Fellowship!**
Now meeting every other Friday night with a variety of social activities and service projects and pot-luck dinners. Next gathering is Friday night, February 23 at 7:30pm. Contact person: Mike Boccasini (631-487-2827).

- † **Children's Lenten Offering** - Beginning Sunday, February 18th, the children will be participating in a special Lenten Offering to support Narberth Community Food Bank. We are collecting personal care items through Sunday, April 1st (Easter Sunday). All items can be left in the Lenten Offering Boxes found on the stage in the gym. All are invited to participate!
Items Needed: Shampoo, Hair conditioner, Dental floss, Mouthwash, Toilet paper, Bar soap, Deodorant, Dish soap, Scrub sponges, Brillo

- † **Amnion's "Make Change for Life" Baby Bottle Collection and Diaper Drive:** Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, on January 21, marked the beginning of NPC's annual fundraiser for Amnion Pregnancy Center. Baby bottles will be available to be taken home, filled with loose change and returned to NPC by **Sunday, February 18**. 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

- † **Parents, please visit the book table in the chapel and check out some new additions to the Children's Library** and some Oldies but Goodies such as *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle which will be a film coming to theatres soon. Please check your homes for any items you may have forgotten to return. We ask that all items be returned in one month's time.

- † **The Women's Bible Study** on the gospel of Luke will resume following the Mere Christianity class, on April 5th.

- † **Good News Evangelism Team: Fourth Tuesdays 7:00-8:30pm**
Led by Pastor Steve Location: Chapel
This is a monthly gathering to receive training on sharing our faith, and to hear stories of how we see God at work. The emphasis is less on programs and more on people, and how God is leading us to reach out into the community with the good news of Jesus Christ. ALL are welcome to this time of encouraging one another to fulfill the Great Commission.

- † **Meals are needed** for the Ray Ward/Karen Tang family who are dealing with Ray's cancer treatment. Please contact Ilonka Comstock for details. (610-416-4096)

2018 MISSIONARY CAUSES

Mission

4D Ministries – Hank Paulson
Amnion Crisis Pregnancy Center
Child Evangelism Fellowship, Inc. – North Ireland
Chosen People Ministries (formerly Messiah Now) – Paul Cruz
Cornerstone Christian Academy
Corrymeela Community – North Ireland
CRU (Campus Crusade for Christ) – Dave & Leah Darwin
CRU (Campus Crusade for Christ) – Brindleys (Philly Bridges)
CRU (Campus Crusade for Christ) – Matt & Anna Shenk
DiscipleMakers – Rebecca and Dan Hall
Esperanza Health Center
Family of Restoration Ministries (was House of His Creation)
Fellowship International Mission/Jos Seminary – C. Tushima
Fellowship of Christian Athletes – Kasey Dougherty
Greater Europe Mission- Liz Loeffler
Habitat for Humanity –Philadelphia
Interserve-USA – Jan & John Kennedy
InterVarsity – Emma Shaw
Kingdom Connect – Ben Duffy
Kirkwood Camp (Presbytery of Philadelphia)
Neighborhood Crusades Inc.
New Horizons Foundation/Amoenitas – Scott Todd
Presby's Inspired Life
Presbyterian Reformed Ministries International
Presbyterians for Renewal (Wee Kirk)
Presbytery of Philadelphia General Mission
REAP – Granada – Scott Esposito
Servant Partners – Dan & Denise Anderson
SIM USA – Jim & Ellie Jewell
The Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota (Standing Rock)
The Philadelphia Project
The Welcome Church – Schaunel Steinnagel
Timothy Academy
United World Mission – Nick & Ginny Woodbury
Wycliffe Bible Translators – Al & Barb Shannon
Young Life (Western Philadelphia Suburbs)

Ambassador

Helga Sauter
Alice Antonelli
Terry Weyant
Jennifer & Tim Roykouff
Joyce Lewis
Lally / Hartsock
Kathy McLean
Jean McIntire
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Melissa Esterhai
Scott Todd
Ashley Reed
Helga Sauter
Linda Behmke
Jesse Kennedy
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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
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Kim Ishmael
Barbara Montgomery

ACTS 11

Application Questions from Acts 11 for individuals or small groups:

- Why do you think Luke took the time to virtually repeat the events of Acts 10 in Acts 11? (Notice the change in attitudes between Acts 11:2 and 11:18. Also, look back at Acts 1:8 and Jesus' "game plan.")
- The second "telling" of the story in Acts 11 takes place through Peter's testimony of how God was at work in Cornelius and his household. How has sharing your testimony, or hearing the testimony of others, strengthened your faith? From Paul's words in 1Thessalonians 2:8, how does sharing the good news of the gospel work together with personal testimony?
- In a sense, Acts 10 records the "conversion" of Cornelius AND Peter. How were their conversions different? Similar?
- In the case of Simon Peter, his "conversion" in Acts 10 occurred well after his initial belief in Jesus as the Messiah. Can you recall "conversions" you have experienced beyond the time of becoming a Christian? Significant new understandings or surprising events which have turned your life toward God in a new way? Any decisive new chapters of accelerated spiritual growth? What was the catalyst?
- As a lifelong Jew, when Peter saw the vision of unclean animals he could not imagine eating unclean foods, yet Jesus had declared all foods clean (Mark 7:18,19). Likewise, Peter could not imagine the gospel going out to Gentiles without them first becoming Jews (including circumcision), yet Jesus had described this as God's plan in Acts 1:8.
- Can you think of a significant misunderstanding you had about the Christian faith or the gospel message? How was this corrected? A time when you considered someone "unclean", whom God had cleansed? Can you think of a time in which God challenged a long standing prejudice in your life? How was this overcome?
- Through a vision in prayer, and the voice of God's Spirit, Peter was convinced to obey God and to bring the gospel to Cornelius. How have you experienced God's guidance to go in a certain direction or to make decisions?
- Can you think of a time when you said aloud, or to yourself, "God would never ask me to do THAT." How important was obedience in Peter's assurance of God's will? Where do we need to obey God to gain reassurance about God's will in our lives?



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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, February 11

8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve’s Office
8:00am Sunday School, Parlor
9:00am Worship Service
9:30am Children’s Sunday School, downstairs
9:30am Youth Sunday School, Youth Room
10:30am Confirmation Class, Youth Room
10:45am Worship Service
12:00pm Children’s Committee Meeting in the Parlor.
4:00pm Youth Group

Monday, February 12

7:00pm Prayer Group, open to all, Steve’s Office
7:00pm MBR-Bible Study, Music office
7:30pm Men’s Bible Study in Gal., Copy Room

Tuesday, February 13

7:00am Men’s small group, Resource Room
7:00am Men-Sponsored Prayer Breakfast, at Narberth Diner
11:00am Prayer Group, Parlor (open to all)
7:00pm Elder/Deacon Training, Parlor
7:30pm Praise Team Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 14

7:00am Ash Wednesday Service, with imposition of ashes
5:45 Wed Night Supper Menu: Homemade soup, salad, fruit, dessert (gluten-free also)
7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service, with imposition of ashes

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: jlmpsyche@hotmail.com

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

Feb 19 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
Feb 20 7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor
Feb 21 9:30am Staff Meeting, Parlor
Feb 22 9:30-4:00pm All-day Quilting event, Parlor
Feb 23 9:30am Moms’ Study Group, Parlor
Feb 23 1:30pm Sr. Slide Show (Aurora: Alaska’s Great Northern Lights), Parlor
Feb 23 7:00pm Pickleball, Gym

Thursday, February 15

4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor
7:00-8:30pm Mere Christianity book study with Pastor Steve, Parlor (Read p.69-103)
7:30pm Adult Pick-up Basketball, Gym

Friday, February 16

10:00am Women’s Bible Study, Chapel
11:00am Sr. Adults meet in parking lot to go to Wyndham House for lunch.
6:30-9:00pm Marriage Course, Parlor
7:00pm Pickleball, Gym

Saturday, February 17

Sunday, February 18

8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve’s Office
8:00am Sunday School, Parlor
9:00am Worship Service
9:30am Children’s Sunday School, downstairs
9:30am Youth Sunday School, Youth Room
10:30am Confirmation Class, Youth Room
10:45am Worship Service
4:00pm Youth Group

Feb 23 7:30pm Young Adults Fellowship
Feb 27 7:00pm Missions Committee, Parlor
Feb 27 7:00pm Good News Evangelism Team Meeting