

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

March 25, 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

Hosanna!
Windsor Bells

Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Call To Worship

Hymn #204

All Glory, Laud and Honor

St. Theodulph

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading

Luke 19:37-42; 22:24-27

(p.1632, 1637)

9:00am Curt Haring

10:45am Kelly Watson

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All the people: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we praise you for Jesus Christ, the humble King. We confess that like the crowd, our hosannas fade and our faith is inconsistent. We have pursued plans of our own making and forgotten that the kingdom, the power, and the glory belong to you. Please forgive us through the willing sacrifice of Christ. At the cross, open our eyes to see the depth of our need, and the wonders of your amazing love. Show us your definition of greatness, the willingness to serve. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

The Greeting

Worship Song

Hosanna

Fraser

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.

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 *Ride On!* **Ryan**
Windsor Bells

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading Mark 10:35-45 (p.1571)

Sermon **Following Jesus**
Disarming Humility **Steve Weed,**
Pastor

Hymn *There Is A Redeemer* **Green**

9:00am Sunday School Children process with Palms

Hosanna! Hosanna! **Kemp**
Donna Wren, Accompanist

Benediction

Prayer Ministry 9:00am Lisa Hoffman
10:45am Emma Shaw

Next *Thank you for being with us in worship today! To learn more about our church, Welcome Bags are available for newcomers in the Narthex*

Next Sunday, April 1, at the 10:45 service, there is no Lighthouse Kids. Children in Kindergarten through 5th grade are encouraged to attend Easter worship with their family. Special Easter Busy Bags will be provided during this service and in both services there will be a children's message. Childcare for infants through PreK will be provided as normal. There is regular Sunday School for elementary age students at the 9:00am service. We look forward to worshipping together on the special Sunday!

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.

Sermons in Lent: Following Jesus

February 18	Baptized Again For The First Time
February 25	In The Wilderness: Testing
March 4	Why You Were Called
March 11	Pausing To Reconnect
March 18	Breathing Grace
March 25	Disarming Humility

Holy Week Services:

Sunday, Mar 25 9:00am and 10:45am Palm Sunday Services, with Palms

Wednesday, Mar 28 7:00pm A contemplative time of music and prayer, led by Sarah & Colin Comstock and the Praise Team. An opportunity to lay down the burdens of life and receive prayer for refreshment and healing.

Thursday, Mar 29 7:30pm Tenebrae Service with communion
A quiet service of gathering darkness as we mark the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples. Communion will be served. The service ends in darkness and silence. Childcare provided up to age 7.

Friday, Mar 30 12:00pm Good Friday Community Service at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Narberth

Sunday, April 1 Easter Morning:
7:30am Sunrise Service (on lawn, weather permitting),
Buffet Breakfast following
9:00am Service
10:45am Service
A joyful celebration of the resurrection in word, music, prayer and song.
He Is Risen! He Is Risen, Indeed!

EASTER FLOWERS 2018

On **Easter morning, April 1**, our sanctuary will again be filled with the beauty and fragrance of lovely spring flowers. If you wish to dedicate a plant as a memorial to loved ones or simply to express your joy in God's love, please fill out the form below. After both worship services on Easter, we are looking for people to deliver these plants to members of our church family who are unable to worship with us here. You do not need to donate a plant in order to deliver one.

Please consider being the bearer of Easter greetings and love from our congregation to someone who otherwise might be alone on that day. See below for further details.

If you want to donate a memorial plant for Easter, please make your check in the amount of \$12.00 payable to **Narberth Presbyterian Church** and mark it "Easter Plant." You may call the office with the info, or put it in the offering plate or mail it to be received in the church office by **Thursday, March 29**.

Name: _____

_____ I would like to give a plant as a memorial:

"Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

(Please print name clearly)

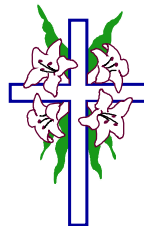
by:

or

_____ I would like to give a plant to express my joy for God's continuing love and grace.

WE NEED YOU to help deliver these plants and the warm greetings of the congregation after the 9:00am or 10:45am Easter service. If you are willing to help, please indicate below:

Name and phone number



RESOURCES FOR LENT

In *A Cry for Mercy*, Henri Nouwen describes the season of Lent as a time “during which winter and spring struggle with each other for dominance.” Nouwen reminds us that “God’s mercy is greater than our sins,” and that we may seek Him accordingly. Lent offers us the opportunity to come out of the places of winter or darkness in our lives into God’s light and love.

Jesus opened his public ministry with the words, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Repent—turn around—reconsider how you are living. Lent is an invitation to do so, and to return to the One who waits to be gracious to each of us. In doing so, we say with John the Baptist, “He (Christ) must increase, but I must decrease.” With hopeful joy as we journey towards Good Friday and Easter, consider some of the following resources.

Sermon series: Pastor Steve’s preaching focus for Lent and Easter will have us Following Jesus.

Daily readings: *Preparing for Easter: Fifty Devotional Readings from C.S. Lewis*. Selections from Lewis’ writings paired with Scripture passages to help the reader prepare to celebrate the “grand miracle” Jesus accomplished through the cross.

On the Way to the Cross: 40 Days with the Church Fathers by Thomas Oden and Joel Elowsky. Jesus’ life seen in the Gospel of John and writings of the church fathers.

Online prayer guide: *Praying Lent 2018*—a Creighton University online ministry <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/> (or google “Praying Lent 2018”) A daily guide of prayers, scripture readings and written reflections from this respected Catholic source.

Scripture focus: Read and meditate on the Gospel accounts of Jesus’ entry to Jerusalem, sacrifice at the cross, and triumph of Easter as found in Matthew (chapters 21-28), Mark (ch 11-16), Luke (ch 19:28 – 24:53), and John (ch 12-20).

Habits of compassion, justice and peace: Sacrifice time, treasure and talent to express God’s love for others. Join Jennifer Bonovitz (jmbonovitz@gmail.com) as she and others feed the homeless; exhibit God’s love for orphans and children in need by “adopting” a child through Compassion International or World Vision; expand your awareness of the evils of human trafficking; pursue personal reconciliation using the guidelines set forth by Ken Sande and Kevin Johnson in *Resolving Everyday Conflict*.

Other resources: Read a 20th-century Christian classic you’ve always meant to get to: *Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Celebration of Discipline* by Richard Foster or *Mere Christianity* by C. S. Lewis; align your heart more closely with the heart of God with David Benner’s *Desiring God’s Will*; journey with Jerry Sittser through *A Grace Disguised* to see how the soul can grow through loss; deepen your understanding of God’s heart for justice by examining Tim Keller’s *Generous Justice*, Gary Haugen’s *Good News about Injustice* or Richard Stearns’ *The Hole in our Gospel*.

FAMILY MINISTRY: CHILDREN, YOUTH & PARENTS

Children 9:00 Worship Service

2's & 3's - 9:00 am: Gospel Light, Blue Door Room downstairs

4's & 5's - 9:00 am: Gospel Light, Red Door Room downstairs

Grades K-5 - 9:00 am: Lent & Easter Gym

Children 10:45 Worship Service

2 to 5 year olds - 10:45 am: Gospel Light, Red Door Room downstairs

Grades K-5 - 10:45 am: Lent & Easter Gym

Upcoming Events:

† **Children's Lenten Offering** - Our Sunday School children are collecting personal care items for the Narberth Community Food Bank. All are encouraged to participate. You can leave your items in our Donation Box on the stage in the gym. Our collection ends on Sunday, April 1 - Easter Sunday!

*****Shampoo, Hair Conditioner, Dental Floss, Mouthwash, Toilet Paper, Bar Soap, Deodorant, Dish Soap, Scrub Sponges, Brillo*****

† **Easter Sunday – April 1 - Children's Programming**

9:00 service - K through 5th grade begin in the sanctuary and will move forward for a special children's message. Children will then be dismissed for Sunday School.

10:45 service - K through 5th grade will enjoy special "Easter Worship Bags" as they enter sanctuary. Children will be invited forward for a special children's message and then they will return to worship with their family. Please note there is no Lighthouse Kids this Sunday. Childcare will be provided as usual for infants through PreK in the children's wing.

† **Friday, April 6 - "Minute to Win it" - Parents Night Out!**

† **First Communion and Baptism Class** will begin on **Wednesday, April 25** from 4:00-5:30. It will run for three consecutive Wednesdays. This class is led by Pastor Steve and Pastor Debbie and is best for 3rd through 5th grade. If you would like more information or would like to have your child in this class please email Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org).

† ***Save The Date*** VBC - June 18 through June 22! 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
If you are interested in volunteering please email Danielle
dkauffman@narberthpres.org

Youth 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

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

2018 Confirmation Students and Mentors

Student

Anna Costantino
 Mikaela Curyto
 Kaelin Edge
 Keira Edge
 Allison Foley
 Mei Mei Groeneveld
 Faith Hauger
 Anna Howard
 Emily Anne Kucharczuk
 Madison Louie
 Aryanna Rusavage
 Anusha Vyas
 Sophia Weatherwax
 Luke Barton
 Adam Herrenkohl
 Jimmy Hoffman
 Will Hoffman
 Thomas Kaplan
 Brendan McGrew
 Noah Mulugeta
 Yannick Segal

Mentor

Sue Wenger
 Lia Howard
 Alison Louie
 Susan Costantino
 Beth Fleischauer
 Charlene McGrew
 Kelly Herrenkohl
 Lalitha Naveen
 Julie Todd
 Clara Louie
 Lisa Hoffman
 Betsy Hayden
 Melinda Groeneveld
 John Kennedy
 Jim Hoffman
 Mark Wenger
 Charlie Hurst
 Dave Bellamy
 Andy Zakhari
 David Place
 Sean McGrew

2018 CHURCH OFFICERS

THE SESSION with Current Ministry Connections

Pastor Steve Weed – Moderator

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 – Personnel

Charlene McGrew – Christian Nursery School Board, Chair, Personnel

Mike Morrison – Finance Committee

Class of 2020

*Linda Behmke – Personnel, Chair

*Jack Comstock – Outreach, Greeter, Transition Team

Lisa Hoffman

Jo-Anne Kaplan

Sue Wenger

THE BOARD OF DEACONS with Current Ministry Connections

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 – (new) Church Financial Secretary

Tim Roykouff - Secretary

Marcy Wells

Class of 2020

Kevin Cope

Godfrey Louie

Deborah Miller

Sharon Shallow

* serving second term

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
Danielle Kauffman
Jennifer & Tim Roykouff
Joyce Lewis
Isabel Lally
Kathy McLean
Jean McIntire
The Bowser Family
Bob Moore
Greg Esterhai
Melissa Esterhai
Scott Todd
Ashley Reed
Helga Sauter
Linda Behmke
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
Kim Ishmael
Barbara Montgomery

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **Calling All Singers! Come join the Easter Choir** with only 1 more rehearsal Today, March 25, 12:15-12:45pm in the choir room. Everyone's invited!
- † **New Wednesday Night Book Study! *You'll Get Through This: Hope and Help for Your Turbulent Times*, by Max Lucado**, explores what it means to go through hard times as a believer, and offers a view of God that is hopeful, but not sugar-coated. Intertwined with the story of Joseph in Genesis, *You'll Get Through This* will bring encouragement, comfort and challenge. All are welcome to join the study. Books are available in the Chapel, next to the sign-up sheet.
7:00pm Led by Debbie Watson
- † **"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. Contact person: Jean McIntire 610-304-3929.
- † **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.
- † **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. So we invite you, too, to join us and *come and see* for yourselves from **10:45-11:45 a.m.** on Windsor Avenue.
- † **Habitat for Humanity Work Days:** We have been invited to participate in Philadelphia Habitat's Faith Build, where we will be working side by side with not only future homeowners but also members of other faith communities! Opportunities for small work crews of 5 – 6 volunteers on **April 7th** and **May 12th** are needed, with possible dates in later months as well. If you are interested (and at least 16 years old with a parent accompanying you) please reach out to Linda Behmke at either 610-283-7453 or lrbehmke@yahoo.com.
- † **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).

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† Invitation to runners and walkers of all kinds – on Fridays

Are you interested in being part of a weekly running/walking group? At least a few of us are already excited about getting together once a week at Lower Merion Track on Fridays at 6:00pm. Why the track? Nice, even surface, kinder than pavement, and regardless of running ability or age, we can “be together” while pursuing our individual fitness. We can also be a bright and friendly witness to anyone we happen to meet along the way. Please contact Pastor Steve if interested sweed@narberthpres.org After the snow this week, new start date is April 6.

† 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, Mar 30, progressive dinner.

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

† **Dr. Janet Moore** has been serving in our Counseling Ministry for the past 13 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.

† **Children’s Library**

Parents please check your bookshelves for any items you may have forgotten to return. You may place returns in any of the 3 return bins. We are especially missing some Berenstain Bears! If you haven’t visited the Children’s Library please bring your children upstairs soon and see what we have. Easter books are on display there and on the Book Table. Remember all items should be signed out and returned in a month. Enjoy reading aloud to your little ones and your not so little ones!



On the Web:

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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, March 25 – Palm Sunday

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

Monday, March 26

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, March 27

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 Evangelism Team Meeting, Parlor
7:30pm Praise Team Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 28

7:00pm Holy Week Service- A contemplative time of music and prayer, led by Sarah & Colin Comstock and the Praise Team. An opportunity to lay down the burdens of life and receive prayer for refreshment and healing.

Thursday, March 29

9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor
4:00pm NO Kickball this week. Resumes Thursday, April 5.

7:30pm Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service

A quiet service of gathering darkness as we mark the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples. Communion will be served. The service ends in darkness and silence. Childcare provided up to age 7.

Friday, March 30

10:00am Women’s Bible Study, Chapel
12:00pm Good Friday Community Service at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Narberth

Saturday, March 31

Sunday, April 1 – Easter Sunday

7:30am Sunrise Service (on lawn, weather permitting) followed by Breakfast Buffet
8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve’s Office
9:00am Worship Service
10:45am Worship Service

He Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed!

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

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

- Apr 2 7:00pm Missions Committee Meeting (Note date change), Parlor
- Apr 3 7:00pm Session Meeting, Choir Room
- Apr 3 7:00pm Deacons’ Meeting, Parlor
- Apr 5 7:00pm New Book Study:
- Apr 6,20 9:30am Moms’ Study Group, Parlor
- Apr 6 6:30-9:30pm Parents’ Night Out, Gym
- Apr 11 9:30-3:00pm Personal Retreat Day @ St. Raphaela, Haverford
- Apr12, 26 9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor
- Apr 16 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
- Apr 20-22 Wernersville Retreat
- Apr 20 6:30pm Wedding Rehearsal
- Apr 21 2:00pm Karen Bachmann/Bob Moore Wedding