

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

May 6, 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

Psalm 19

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God

Marcello

Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Call To Worship

Hymn #311

God Has Spoken By His Prophets

Ode To Joy

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading

John 1:1-5, 14-18

(p.1645)

9:00am Jean McIntire
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 that you have not withheld yourself from us. But in Christ you have bridged the chasm between heaven and earth, between your holiness and our sin. You are the eternal Word made flesh. We confess that too often we are unmoved by your generosity. We do not show up for others the way you have come for us. Please forgive us at the cross. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, teach us to be present to you, and present to others, that our interactions may reflect your light and your love. When we speak with others, let our words be full of grace and truth, like Jesus. We pray in his Name. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

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.

The Gloria Patri

The Greeting

Worship Song

All The People Said Amen

Maher

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 Brown Door Room for Sunday School 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

We Will Feast In The House of Zion

Moore/McCracken

Praise Team

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

John 14:16-21; Ephesians 4:1-6

(p.1676, 1821)

Sermon

The Gift of Personal Presence

Steve Weed,
Pastor

Hymn #776

Let Us Break Bread Together

Spiritual

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. At your word the earth was made and spun on its course among the planets. Your hand formed us from the dust of the earth and set us among all your creatures to love and serve you.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, whom you sent to save us. He came with healing in his touch, and was wounded for our sins. He came with mercy in his voice, and was mocked as one despised. He came with peace in his heart, and met with violence and death.

By your power, he broke free from the prison of the tomb, the one who was dead now lives. The one who humbled himself was raised to rule over all creation, the Lamb upon the throne. The one ascended on high is with us always, as he promised.

Nourished at this table, O God, may we know Christ's redemptive love and live a new life in him. Help us who recognize our Lord in the breaking of bread to see and serve him in all whose lives are broken.

Give us who are fed at his hand, grace to share our bread with the hungry and with the hungry of heart.

Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory, and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm, and see you face to face.

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

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Gluten free wafers at both services for communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn #697

In Christ There Is No East or West

St. Peter

Benediction

Prayer Ministry

9:00am Charlie Choi

10:45am Linda Behmke

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her father, George McKinley, by his daughter, Meg McKinley.

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

June 10 Historic Congregational Meeting and Vote

On Sunday, June 10, 2018, following a combined worship service at 9:00am, the congregation will meet and vote to ratify the dismissal agreement. Your attendance is highly important. The Presbytery requires a 50%+ quorum, or about 250 active members present in order to convene the meeting.

Please RSVP by using the card from the mailing, or call the office. Refreshments and childcare provided.

As of Friday morning, approximately 141 people have RSVP'd that they will attend.

Registration begins at 10:15am and the meeting will start as soon as everyone is registered.

We mailed a letter from Session and FAQs to Members last week. Copies and additional resources are available in the chapel.

TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Today, Sunday, May 6 at 10:30 am in the Parlor and 12:30 pm in the Gym

Tuesday, May 8 at 10:00 am in the Parlor

Wednesday, May 9 at 7:00 pm in the Parlor

Questions? Visit narberthpres.org/denomination, email denomination@narberthpres.org, or reach out to any elder, Pastor Debbie, or Pastor Steve.

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-2 Gospel Light, Gym (9:00 only)

Grades 3-5 Communion and Baptism Class, Brown Door Room (9:00 only)

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: Gospel Light, Brown Door Room

Current and Upcoming Events:

† **NEW:** Family Movie Night! Children, Youth & their families are welcome to join us for Family Movie Night on **Friday, June 1** in the Gym from 6:30-9:00. Bring a lawn chair and snacks to share. All are welcome! Movie TBA!

† **NEW:** Children's Ministries is looking for people (of all ages) who love Jesus and love our children! There are many ways you can get involved in this exciting ministry! If you are willing to share your time, talents and love with our youngest members please email Danielle for more information.

Dkauffman@narberthpres.org

† **Save The Date(s)**

- **Friday, June 1 – Family Movie Night**
- **Sunday, June 17 – 5th Grade Recognition & 1st Grade Bible Presentation**
- **Monday, June 18 – Friday, June 22 – VBC 1:30-4:30pm**

If you are interested in volunteering for VBC please email Danielle

dkauffman@narberthpres.org

Registration for VBC “Shipwrecked” is online at www.narberthpres.org (scroll down to the “Shipwrecked” logo and click on that)

FAMILY MINISTRY: CHILDREN, YOUTH & PARENTS

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

As for special events in the coming months we have...

- **Sign up for this summer's trip!**
[HS Summer of Service](#) on Sunday, July 22nd - Saturday July 28th at The Philadelphia Project.
- **Combined Youth and Children's Committee Meeting on May 7th at 7-8:30pm in the youth room.** The hope and goal of this meeting is to brainstorm or crowdsource some ideas that you might have for the children's ministry, the youth ministry, and ideas that you might have for events meant specifically for families. We have heard from a number of you that you would like more family events in the coming months, and so here is your chance to help shape some of NPC's ministry!
- **Confirmation Sunday on May 20th during the 9am service!**
- **Senior Recognition on June 3rd!**
- **One Service and ECO Final Vote on June 10th!** What are you doing on June 10th? If you're confirmed (or about to be), you will be voting on the biggest thing that's happened to NPC in 127 years -- changing denominations from PC(USA) to ECO! Bet you have questions. This Sunday, members of the Denominational Transition Team will be here to give you the inside scoop and answer your questions. Don't miss it.
- **Last Day of Sunday School and Youth Group on June 10th!** (Then we switch to summer mode with its set of unique events not possible during the normal school year!)

And the benediction this week is...

May we be a people grounded in awe, wonder and gratitude this week. May we be motivated by the at-one-ment that Jesus has effected in His life, death AND resurrection. May we live into that mystery and allow it to inspire our every thought, word, and deed!

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **Registration for VBC is now online!** Go to www.narberthpres.org and click on the VBC logo.
- † **Scripture Readers needed-both services! New sign-up sheet in chapel!**
- † **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! Opportunity for small work crews of 5 – 6 volunteers on **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:** Personal prayer sessions to experience freedom in Christ, 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).
- † **Special Women's Event, Saturday, September 15th, Reading PA**
PROPEL WOMEN ACTIVATE 2018 is a one day experience where women gather together in the presence of God to be propelled into the purposes of God. Join speakers and artists (vary by city) Lisa Harper, Christine Caine, Lisa Bevere, Priscilla Shirer, LoriAnn Biggers, Karen Harmon, Shelley Giglio, Jackie Hill Perry, Rosilyn Houston, Dianna Napstad, Hosanna Poetry, Denise Gitsham, Jenn Johnson and Bethel Music, and more! At this event, you will:
 - Experience God's presence.
 - Gain empowering wisdom from Christine Caine and other inspirational speakers.
 - Learn from women, in every stage and season of life, who are walking in their God-given purposes.
 - Find community with a diverse group of like-minded women.
 - Discover, strengthen, and activate your God-given purpose.If interested, please contact Jennifer Fisher at email address: thecaffeinelady@aol.com or call her at 610-275-8627
- † As many of you know, **Margie Nathanson** donated her body for study for medical students and/or research. Each year, the U. of Penn holds a Memorial Service for these donors. The Service this year will be on **May 7 at 1:30pm** at the Irvine Auditorium at the U. of Penn.
- † **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.

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† Invitation to runners and walkers of all kinds – on Fridays at 6:00pm

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 or sign up in Chapel.

† Annual Amnion 5k Walk/Run for Life

Please join Amnion Pregnancy Center at its Annual 5k Walk/Run for Life this May. The Walk for Life is a family-friendly event providing the opportunity for walkers and runners of all ages to support Amnion by obtaining sponsors and walking or running a 5k course at Ridley Creek State Park (Pavilion 11), Media, on **Saturday May 19 at 9 am.**

† 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, May 11.** Contact person: Mike Boccasini (631-487-2827).

† **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.

† **Chuckwagon needs a volunteer for the 4th Sunday of each month,** for after the first service: about 10:00am-10:45am.



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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, May 6

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor
8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office
9:00am Worship Service-Communion
9:30am Children's Sunday School, downstairs
9:30am Youth Sunday School, Youth Room
10:30am Confirmation Class, Youth Room
10:30am Town Hall Meeting, Parlor
10:45am Worship Service-Communion
12:30-1:15pm Run-through of Welcoming Children to the Lord's Table, Sanctuary
12:30pm Town Hall Meeting, Gym
4:00pm Youth Group

Monday, May 7

6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Combined Youth and Children's Committee Meeting, Parlor
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, May 8

7:00am Men's small group, Resource Room
7:00am Men-Sponsored Prayer Breakfast, at Narberth Diner
CNS Mother's Day Tea, Gym
10:00am Town Hall Meeting, Parlor
11:00am Prayer Group, Parlor (open to all)
6:45pm Called Session Meeting, Parlor – Reception of new members, including Confirmation students at 7:45pm
7:30pm Praise Team Rehearsal

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–Saturday & 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

May 15 Voting Day (Parlor reserved all day for voting)
May 15 7:00pm Session Meeting, Choir Room
May 16 9:30am Staff Meeting, Parlor
May 18 9:30am Moms' Study Group, Parlor
May 18 7:00pm CNS Graduation, Sanctuary
May 19 Private recitals in sanctuary, 11:00am and 4:00pm
May 20 Pentecost, Confirmation
May 22 7:00pm Missions Committee Meeting, Parlor
May 24 9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor

Wednesday, May 9

CNS Mother's Day Tea, Gym
5:45 Wed Night meal Menu: Chicken, salad, fruit, dessert (gluten-free also)
7:00pm Town Hall Meeting, Gym
7:00pm Adult Ed. Classes:
Book study: "You'll Get Through This" by M. Lucado, Led by Debbie Watson, Chapel
Continuing video series, "Christian Liberty and the Grace of God", led by Norm Johanson, Parlor

Thursday, May 10

9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor
1:00pm CNS Board Meeting, Parlor
4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor, Gym
7:00pm Book Study: Spiritual Direction, by Henri Nouwen, **Chapter 7**, led by Pastor Steve, Parlor

Friday, May 11

10:00am Women's Bible Study, Chapel
6:00pm Walk-Run Group @ Lower Merion HS Track, All are welcome

Saturday, May 12

Sunday, May 13

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor
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
10:30am Town Hall Meeting, Parlor
10:45am Worship Service
4:00pm Youth Group