

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

September 2, 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.

Extended Prelude

Donald Robinson

Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Call To Worship

1 Corinthians 15:9,10

Hymn #115

Fairest Lord Jesus

Crusader's Hymn

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-9

(p.1148)

9:00am Linda Pilacik

10:45am Tabby Gaffga

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All the people: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, through Jesus Christ and his finished work on the cross, you have promised us rest. We confess that we have labored for what does not satisfy. We have failed to trust you and to yield ourselves to your will. Too often we withhold ourselves from others, preferring to go our own way. In your mercy, forgive us and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table, and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life, and the vine from which we grow in grace. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Invitation to Community

9:00am Danielle Kauffman

10:45am John Chaffee

The Greeting

Worship Song

10,000 Reasons

Myrin/Redman

Worship Song

Mercy Tree

Nordhoff/Neale

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Deborah Watson,
Associate Pastor

Passing of Friendship Pads

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Matthew 11:25-30

(p.1513)

Sermon

Re-Centered:

Learning To Rest While We Work

Steve Weed,
Pastor

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.

Hymn #776 (1,3)

Let us Break Bread Together

Invitation To Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up 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 and triune God, whom we worship as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In Jesus Christ you spoke the word that brought the world into being. By the Holy Spirit you brought order out of chaos and breathed life into your creatures.

In his ministry on earth, Jesus cared for all, forgiving their failures, healing their hurts, and nurturing their faith, giving himself in utter sacrifice for those he loved. He inspired ordinary people to Spirit-filled living, and displayed in his life, death, and rising again the power of your Spirit.

Nurture us at this table, O God, that we may grow to the stature of Jesus Christ. By the Holy Spirit, help us surrender more of ourselves to you, that we might know the freedom of your will. Help us to love you above all else and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves.

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. Amen.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again. Amen.

Prayer of Preparation

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn #519

It Is Well With My Soul

Ville Du Havre

Benediction

Prayer Ministry

9:00am Isabel Lally

10:45am John Furlong

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, by Carol & Harold Heller.

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

Today on this first Sunday of the month, we celebrate Holy Communion. As Presbyterian Christians, we invite all who profess faith in Jesus Christ to receive communion, regardless of denominational affiliation or membership in this church. At both services, you are invited to receive communion by coming forward down the center aisle. We break off a piece of the bread (gluten free available), dip it in the cup and eat, then return to your seat by the outer aisles.

TODAY Pastor Steve is back with us and beginning a series of messages in September entitled **“Re-Centered.”** In the midst of one of the busiest times of the year, and all the swirling currents in our world, how can we stay centered in Christ? Next Sunday’s talk: “Restoring Our Vision of God” (Isaiah 40:18-31)

On Sunday, September 9, at both services, we will have the joy of anointing and blessing our children and teachers as they go back to school. All children, pre-school through 12th grade, along with teachers, will be invited to come forward to be anointed and blessed in prayer. In Scripture, anointing with oil is often symbolic of the presence and peace of the Holy Spirit.

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.

SAVE THE DATES:

October 7-November 18 All Church Focus on “What On Earth Am I Here For?” A time to rediscover our God-given purpose through worship services, daily reading, and small groups. For NPC and our surrounding communities.

Extended Prelude next week: The Worship Band, before each service: 8:40am and 10:35am.

FAMILY MINISTRY: CHILDREN, YOUTH & PARENTS

Sunday School Fall Programming begins Sunday, September 9th!

Special Time of Blessing for Children, Youth, and ALL Teachers - will take place on Sunday, September 9th as we begin a new school year and program year here at NPC. This will take place at the beginning of both services.

MESSY CHURCH - Beginning, **Sunday September 9th** children age 2 through 5th grade will be getting messy! In their age appropriate classes children will get creative bringing a Bible story to life with works of art each week. Look for the children's artwork to be displayed around NPC!! Please remember to sign younger children in and out of their classrooms.

2 year olds & 3 year olds meet in The Blue Door Room (during the 9:00am service only and meet in The Red Door Room at 10:45am).

4 year olds & 5 year olds (PreK) meet in The Red Door Room.

K - 5th begin in the sanctuary and are dismissed to the Gym after our worship songs.

Our **Nursery** is available at the 9:00am and 10:45am worship services. This room is best for infants through 23 months. Please sign your child in and out of the Nursery.

ALL Church Bowling - FALL KICKOFF EVENT!

Join us on **Sunday, September 9th** from **2:30pm-4:30pm** for **BOWLING** at Wynnewood Lanes (2228 Haverford Road, Suite 1 Ardmore). Cost is \$20 per family and includes pizza, soft drinks, snacks, and bowling shoes! RSVP by Wednesday, September 5th to Danielle Kauffman (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) or John Chaffee (jchaffee@narberthpres.org). Hope to see many of you there!

Looking ahead:

Friday, October 5th - Parents Night Out returns! This program is best for children age 4 through 5th grade. We meet in the gym for games, devotional, dinner, and a movie!

Sunday, October 28th - Fall Fest at NPC! Join us for fun and fellowship as we celebrate fall. More information to come!

Friday, November 2nd - 4th - BLITZ Weekend for 3rd through 5th grade. This will be an amazing opportunity for our children to serve and grow. Please email Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) for more details.

YOUTH – Save the Dates!

October 5-7: Middle School Breakaway Retreat

November 2-4: High School Reality Retreat

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **The Marriage Course** provides husbands and wives tools to build and strengthen a vibrant relationship over time. On 7 successive Friday evenings (6:45-9:15pm), **beginning on September 21st**, 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. If you have questions, or would like to register, please contact Debbie, at dwatson@narberthpres.org or 610-664-4880 ext.114, and check it out at http://us.alphausa.org/Groups/1000056818/The_Marriage_Course.aspx#.Vq-iLLrLcs
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- † **Calling all Sr. Adults and other friends!** It's time for another season of slide shows to various places in this beautiful world! This **September on Friday, the 28th, at 1:30pm**, join us in the Parlor for our annual "What we did on our summer vacation in England and France," with Debbie Watson and Diane Chen. We'll enjoy the stories, and fellowship around the table as we munch on some British and French goodies! Then, on **Friday, October 26th, at 1:30pm**, Diane Chen will be showing her slides and telling stories about her trip to Bryce Canyon National Park, Zion National Park, and Antelope Canyon/Lake Powell. Our gatherings are always free, we're friendly, and we don't card!
- † **Notice of Nondiscriminatory Policy As to Students-** Narberth Presbyterian Christian Nursery School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

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- † **NPC is hiring!** We are seeking a dedicated follower of Christ who is looking to fulfill his or her calling and use their gifts for His purpose. If you know someone who would be a great business administrator, please let Linda Behmke know and send them to our website for all the details.
- † **Justice and Mercy Opportunity:** Does the current polarization in our nation have you longing for something better? Are you thinking about ways that might happen? Perhaps you're wondering how you can make a positive difference in your world. If any of these thoughts resonate with you, please consider attending the next Justice and Mercy Committee meeting. We will offer 2 meeting times: the 1st Tuesday of the month (starting Oct. 2) at 3:30pm at NPC, and the 3rd Tuesday (starting Sept. 18) at 7:00pm at NPC. Childcare for the meetings will be available as needed. Contact Marilyn (mjareed5@hotmail.com) or Ashley Reed (amr0819@gmail.com)
- † **Redemption Housing:** What would you do if you found yourself returning from prison, a social outcast in a strange city, with nowhere to lay your head? Each year, approximately 35,000 people return to Philadelphia from incarceration. Walk in their shoes in a 3-hour immersion experience: Day 1 Challenge, September 22, 2018.
Register at www.redemptionhousing.org/day-one-challenge
- † **Remember that we collect personal-size toiletries to give to Philadelphia's homeless** through Neighborhood Crusades. Please bring in bar soap, washcloths, shampoo or shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, large tooth combs, razors, and both sandwich and quart size Ziplock type bags. Donations can be placed in the cabinet under the bulletin board just outside the sanctuary on the Windsor Ave. side. Thank you so much. You will truly be a blessing to someone living on the street!
- † **Dr. Janet Moore** has been serving in our Counseling Ministry for over 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.
- † **Each week, fresh flowers** are placed by the altar to the glory of God and in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special milestone or event. If you would like to dedicate flowers, please contact the church office or speak to Debbie Watson or Karen Pappas. A suggested donation of \$20.00 covers the cost of the flowers and Debbie arranges them, as well as Barbara & Suzanne Floyd on communion Sundays.



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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, September 2

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

9:00am Worship Service Communion

9:30am Children’s Sunday School, downstairs

10:45am Worship Service-Communion

Wednesday, September 5

1:00pm CNS Board Meeting, Parlor

Thursday, September 6

7:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal

Monday, September 3

Office Closed for Labor Day

7:00pm Prayer Group, open to all, Steve’s Office

7:00pm MBR-Bible Study, Music office

7:30pm Men’s Bible Study, Parlor

Friday, September 7

10:00am Women’s Bible Study, Parlor

6:00pm Walk-Run Group @ Lower Merion

HS Track, All are welcome

Tuesday, September 4

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

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

7:00pm Deacons’ Meeting, Parlor

Saturday, September 8

Sunday, September 9

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

9:00am Worship Service-Blessing and anointing of teachers and children, both services

9:30am Children’s Sunday School, downstairs

9:30am Youth Sunday School, upstairs

10:45am Worship Service

2:30-4:30pm Fall Kickoff –A FUN FALL KICKOFF –All ages invited

With All Church Bowling At Wynnewood Lanes

Each Week

Christian Nursery School – 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: jlmpsyh@hotmail.com

Planning Ahead-Information and calendar updates 24/7 www.narberthpres.org

- Sept.11 7:00pm -9:00 pm Elder/Deacon Training; Parlor
- Sept 12 5:45pm Wed. Night Suppers resume
- Sept 13,27 9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor
- Sept 18 7:00 pm Session Meeting, Parlor
- Sept 18 7:00pm Justice & Mercy Team meeting, Resource Room
- Sept 21 6:45-9:15 pm Marriage Course; Parlor
- Sept 25 7:00pm Missions Committee Meeting, Parlor
- Sept 26 9:00am Staff Meeting, Parlor
- Sept 28 1:30pm Sr. Slide Show, Parlor
- Sept 28,29 ECO Heritage Presbytery Meeting, Newark, DE
- Oct 1 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal resume, Chapel

Oct 2 3:30pm Justice & Mercy Team Meeting, Parlor
Oct 2 7:00pm Deacons' Meeting, Parlor
Oct 5-7 Middle School Breakaway Retreat
Oct 5 6:30-9:00pm Parents' Night Out, Gym