

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

November 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** *A Joyous Acclamation* **Smith**  
Sherry Beebe, Organ

**Welcome and Call To Worship** **Psalm 33:1-5**

**Hymn #130** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* **Azmon**

**Prayer of Invocation** **Charlene Chen McGrew,**  
Elder

**Scripture Reading** Psalm 33:8-22 (p.870)

9:00am JoAnne Kaplan

10:45am Diane Chen

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All the people: Thanks be to God!**

## **Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, scripture is full of assurances of your love and care for us. We talk about your perfect provision for our lives, and we sing of your goodness. Yet even in our gratitude, we long for what we do not have, and in our longing, we sometimes turn away from you, God, to lesser things. On this Thanksgiving weekend, meant for remembering your blessings; for expressing our gratitude and trust, forgive us, because we forget you, God – we forget that our lives are in your good hands, and your grip is sure. Grow us into people who turn to you in our longing and in our gratitude, and then turn us to our neighbor with open hearts and hands, because we know that in you we find all we need. We pray in the name of Jesus, your Son, and our Savior, Amen.

## **Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon**

**Hymn #507** *I Then Shall Live* **Finlandia**

**10:45am Sacrament of Infant Baptism** **Brandon Evans Henry,**  
Son of Tim & Kristen Henry

## **Family News**

**2018 Cookie Song** **Marilyn Reed**

## **The Greeting**

**Worship Song** *How Great Is Our God* **Tomlin**

**Worship Song** *10,000 Reasons* **Myrin/Redman**

*During the 9:00am service and the 10:45am service, children in K through 5<sup>th</sup> grades may be dismissed to Children's Sunday School. During the 9:00am service, 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up meet in the Youth Room for Sunday School.*

Passing of Friendship Pads

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Alleluia*

*Mozart*

Sherry Beebe, Organ

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Luke 7:36-50

(p.1604)

Sermon

**Of Gratitude and Longing**

**Deborah Watson,**

Associate Pastor

Hymn #374

*Now Thank We All Our God*

*Nun Danket*

Benediction

Prayer Ministry

9:00am Lisa Hoffman

10:45am John Furlong

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God by Joey Nangle and Isabel Lally, in memory of their parents, and by Heather Wieland, in memory of her grandparents.

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

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

**TODAY: Decorating the Sanctuary for Advent/Christmas**

Come join Faithe and Jim Hornung after church today, (12:15pm) to prepare the Sanctuary for the season of Advent and Christmas with wreaths and garlands and a tree. All are welcome to come. (Pizza provided!)

**Next Sunday** we begin the wonderful season of Advent, as we prepare for the Coming of Christ. Even though it is the first Sunday of the month and would normally be Family Worship, there will be **regular Sunday School** for both children, K-5<sup>th</sup>, and all youth, 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>.

## FAMILY MINISTRY: CHILDREN, YOUTH & PARENTS

### **Beginning TODAY Sunday, November 25th - Manger Tales ...**

It's an exciting night in the stable. Mary and Joseph are there, keeping watch over the newborn Jesus, who is asleep in the manger. The animals are gathered together, keeping warm. Each Sunday children will listen to the animals share their unique perspective of the Christmas miracle! Elementary children will also be working weekly on the Children's Christmas Pageant! We will conclude our time together by watching "The Star".

**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.

### **\*NEW - Sock Tree!**

Through the month of December Children & Youth will be collecting new socks to donate to the homeless. You can add your new socks to our "Sock Tree" located in the Chapel. Let's adorn our tree with many socks that will bless others this season!

### **\*NEW - Sunday, December 2nd - Sunday School!**

Though this is the first Sunday of the month and would normally be Family Sunday, children K -5th grade WILL have Sunday School in order to rehearse for our upcoming Christmas Pageant! Kids will be dismissed after our worship songs as usual.

### **Upcoming events:**

- **Friday, December 7th - PARENTS' NIGHT OUT! 6:30pm-9:00pm**  
Kids come have fun and give your parents a break! This event is best for children age 4 through 5th grade. We meet in the gym for games, dinner, devotional and a movie! This month we will watch *"The Incredibles 2"*!
- **Saturday, December 8th - ALL Church Christmas Caroling! 6:00pm-8:00pm**  
Come one, come ALL for caroling in Narberth! We will meet in the church parking lot at 6:00pm and head out to spread some Christmas joy. We will conclude our evening together in the gym with Christmas cookies and hot chocolate! This event is great for kids and kids at heart!
- **Sunday, December 16th Children's Christmas Pageant! 10:15am**  
Join us for our highly anticipated Christmas Pageant! Join us in the gym between services as children age 2 through 5th grade bring the Christmas story to life.

# YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Upcoming things to keep on the radar!

- **Afternoon in the City - Sunday, December 2nd @ 12:30pm** - In keeping with past years, on the same day as the Dickens Festival in Narberth, Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers are welcome to join up as we hop a train into the city and explore the Christmas Village, decorations and more. Bring money for the round trip train ride (\$11) and for food! Parents, we certainly welcome you to join us!
- **Christmas Caroling - Saturday, December 8th @ 6-8pm** - Come one, come ALL for caroling in Narberth! We will meet in the church parking lot at 6:00pm and head out to spread some Christmas joy. We will conclude our evening together in the gym with Christmas cookies and hot chocolate! This event is great for kids and kids at heart!
- **Youth Christmas Party - Sunday, December 16th @ 5-8pm (check in at 4:40pm)** - Bring \$20 to Get Air Trampoline Park in King of Prussia, as well as some socks for donation! This year's Christmas party will be out of the church and also seeking to help the homeless of Philadelphia. Many organizations get jackets, hats and gloves but often socks are overlooked. Please note, we will meet there at Get Air, not at the church! [Click here to fill out the online waiver!](#) (Link live on NPC website Bulletin)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **SAVE the Date!!**

**Found Wandering Concert returns this year!**  
**Sunday, December 23 at 7:00pm at NPC**

† **Decorating the Sanctuary for Advent/Christmas**

Come join Faithe Hornung after church (12:15pm) TODAY to prepare the Sanctuary for the season of Advent and Christmas with wreaths and garlands and a tree. All are welcome to come. (Pizza provided!)

† **Now is the time to bring in your cookie donations.** Remember you can donate either ones you've baked or one's you've purchased that look like they could be homemade. Cookies can be placed in the bins that are in the chapel and in the kitchen anytime from now through Friday, Nov. 30. Thank you for your generous donation.

- Baggers should meet in the kitchen at 9:00 am on Saturday, Dec. 1.
- Delivery people should meet in the kitchen at 11:00 am on Saturday.
- People who want to dress up in Dickens garb and give out cookies while strolling around at the Dickens Festival should meet, in costume, in the chapel at 12:20 on Sunday, Dec. 2. Hats will be provided.

Thanks for signing up in the chapel or talking with Betsy Hayden or Marilyn Reed.

† **6:00-7:30pm in the Chapel: Wednesday, December 5**, this year, everyone is invited to **Christmas by Candlelight** (dinner and a meditation on the season.) More details and sign-up are in the Chapel,

† **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.

# 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 – Communications

Jo-Anne Kaplan – Clerk of Session, Children’s Min.

Sue Wenger – Prayer

## **THE BOARD OF DEACONS with Current Ministry Connections**

### **Class of 2018**

Faithe Hornung – Treasurer, Deacons’ Assist. Fund, Missions

\*Omar Mehdi – Vice-Moderator, Transportation, Deacons’ Assist. Fund

Ashley Reed – Moderator, Archivist, Deacons’ Assist. Fund, College-age Comm.

\*Gerri Wismer – Homebound Communications

### **Class of 2019**

Ilonka Comstock – Deacons’ Pantry, Hospitality

Ruth Ellen Patterson – Church Financial Secretary

Tim Roykouff – Secretary, Ushering

Marcy Wells

### **Class of 2020**

Kevin Cope

Godfrey Louie – Visitation

Deborah Miller – Ushering

Sharon Shallow – Hospitality, Visitation, Justice & Mercy Ministry

\* serving second term

# 2018 MISSIONARY CAUSES

## Mission

4D Ministries – Hank Paulson  
Amnion Crisis Pregnancy Center  
Amoenitas – Scott Todd  
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) – 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.  
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  
Marilyn Reed  
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

# DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

## **Sunday, November 25**

8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office  
8:00am Sunday School Class, Parlor  
**9:00am Worship Service**  
9:30am Adult Sunday School Class, Parlor  
9:30am Youth Sunday School  
**10:45am Worship Service**  
**12:15pm Decorate the Church! All are welcome!**

## **Monday, November 26**

7:00pm Prayer Group, open to all, Steve's Office  
7:00pm MBR-Bible Study, Music office  
7:30pm Men's Bible Study, Parlor

## **Tuesday, November 27**

7:00am Men's small group, Parlor  
7:00am Men-Sponsored Prayer Breakfast, at Narberth Diner  
11:00am Praying with the Bible group, Parlor  
7:00pm Missions Committee Meeting, Parlor

## **Wednesday, November 28**

9:30am Staff Meeting, Parlor  
**5:45-8:00pm Dinner and a Movie: "Mister Rogers"**

## **Thursday, November 29**

9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor  
4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor, (K-6<sup>th</sup>)Gym  
**6-9pm ECO Heritage East Presbytery; MAG (Mission Affinity Group) meeting, Parlor**  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal  
7:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal

## **Friday, November 30**

9:30am Moms' Group, Parlor  
10:00am Women's' Bible Study, Chapel

## **Saturday, December 1**

**9:00-1:00pm Great Cookie Give-away! Bag @ 9:00am in Kitchen, Distribute @ 11:00am**  
9:00am "Saturday With Santa", Gym

## **Sunday, December 2**

### **First Sunday in Advent**

8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office  
8:00am Sunday School Class, Parlor  
**9:00am Worship Service-Communion**  
9:30am Adult Sunday School Class, Parlor  
9:30am Youth Sunday School  
**10:45am Worship Service-Communion Dickens Festival in Narberth**

## **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](mailto:jlmpsyh@hotmail.com)

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

Dec 3	6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Chapel
Dec 4	3:30pm Justice & Mercy Team Meeting, Parlor
Dec 4	7:00pm Deacons' Meeting, Parlor
Dec 5	6-7:30pm All invited: "Christmas by Candlelight" Dinner & talk (Last Wed prog. of year)
Dec 7	6:30-9:00pm Parents' Night Out
Dec 8	ALL-CHURCH caroling! (Exact time tbd)
<b>Dec 9</b>	<b>12:15pm Annual Congregational Meeting and Lunch</b>
Dec 13	10:00am Nursery School Christmas Pageant, Sanctuary
Dec 14	9:30am Moms' Group, Parlor
Dec 14	1:30pm Annual Sr. Adults' Christmas Carol Sing & Tea, Parlor
Dec 16	Music Sunday, both services, with Sunday School Pageant in-between services
Dec 23	7:00pm Found Wandering Concert, Sanctuary
Dec 24	4:00pm, 5:30pm, and 8:00pm Christmas Eve Services