

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

December 9, 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 *Unto Us* *Pappas*

Dean Pappas

Welcome and Call To Worship

Hymn #173 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* *Adeste Fideles*

Prayer of Invocation

Family News

Stewardship Testimony **Mike Morrison,**
Elder

Scripture Reading Isaiah 2:2-5; Revelation 22:1,2 (p.1062,1938)

Lighting the Second Advent Candle "Peace"

9:00am Drew & Ying Gagliano, Avery, Aniah

10:45am Ben & Stephanie Nicholson, Hugh, Abigail

Declaration of Peace: Prayer of St. Francis (Unison)

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Hymn#170 *It Came Upon A Midnight Clear (v.1,3)* *Carol*

The Greeting

Worship Song *We Will Feast In The House Of Zion* *Moore*

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

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer **Deborah Watson,**
Associate Pastor

Passing of Friendship Pads

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Christmas Bell Tidings

Ryan

The Windsor Bells

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading Colossians 1:15-20, 3:15; Philippians 4:6-7 (p.1832, 1830)

Sermon

Back In One PEACE

Steve Weed,

Pastor

Hymn #171

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn

Benediction

Prayer Ministry

9:00am Greg Hein
10:45am Scott Todd

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Elizabeth Starr Thompson and Alfred Mancini, Sr. by the Donadio family.

Our Annual Meeting is today in the gym at 12:15-1:45pm, lunch and childcare provided. After a delicious lunch, we will review the budget for 2019, with a discussion of the ministries of our church. We will also provide an update on our denominational transition. Members are encouraged to attend. Friends of the church are also welcome

Surveys! If you participated in a small group during “What on Earth Am I Here For?” please return surveys to the bin in the Chapel.

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 or podcast through iTunes

Thank you for your participation at NPC’s Gifts of Hope Gallery on November 18th! If you were unable to attend, we will continue to receive orders until December 19th. You may drop off orders in the Chapel after worship or mail them to the church—your gift cards will be mailed to you or made available here at NPC. Gifts “purchased” at the Gallery totaled approximately 8,500.00 and we expect to fill many more orders. Thank you! We look forward to celebrating Christmas with gifts that bless others!

This Wednesday, December 12th, at 7:00pm in the Chapel:

A Night To Remember is a service of comfort and hope – for everyone who is experiencing sadness and loss in this season, or earlier in the year. While we often think of loss in terms of death (adults, children, pregnancy), there are other losses that cause our spirits to flag in a season so overtly cheerful, and we may feel more forgotten and forlorn than festive. All are invited to ***A Night to Remember***. If you know someone this service might help, invite them! If *you* are that person, and don’t want to come alone, why not ask a friend to come with you? This service offers comfort and encouragement from the God of all comfort, and is meant for all who long for both...

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



During the month of December, the Chancel and Sanctuary is again fully decorated for Christmas. The poinsettias will be fully displayed on the 9th. After the morning services **on December 23, 2018**, the smaller poinsettias will be delivered to members and friends of the congregation. Most will be given to those who were not to attend the morning service, but ALL will be given to say **WE LOVE YOU!**

The Memorial Plants are **\$12.00** each. This is a lovely way to remember loved ones, and to add to the congregation's enjoyment of the season. Please complete the form below and return it to the church office as soon as possible. Thank You! Please make **checks payable to Narberth Presbyterian Church.**

Dedications will be listed in the bulletin Dec. 23. Dedications must be received by December 19 to be included in the bulletin of 12/23.

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Christmas Poinsettias

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Attached is \$ _____ (checks/cash) to be identified as follows:

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory (or honor) of:

(please print)

By _____

OR

Given to the glory of God with thankful joy for His continuing love and grace.

By _____

_____ I would be happy to deliver one (or more) plants after the morning services on Sunday, December 23, 2018.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND EVENTS:

- Sun. Dec 9** **Second Sunday in Advent**
9:00am and 10:45am Worship
- Wed. Dec 12 **7:00pm A Night To Remember (Blue Christmas)**
A service of comfort and hope for all who experience sadness and loss in this season or year, Chapel
- Thurs. Dec 13 9:15am Christian Nursery School Christmas Pageant, Sanctuary “Jingles & Jammies”
- Fri. Dec 14 1:30pm Sr. Christmas Carol Sing & Tea, Parlor
- Sun. Dec 16** **Third Sunday in Advent**
9:00am and 10:45am Christmas Choir Presentation of ***“Peace Has Come”***
10:15am Between services Children’s Christmas Pageant, in Gym
- Sun. Dec. 23** **Fourth Sunday in Advent**
9:00am and 10:45am Worship Services
7:00pm ***Found Wandering Concert***, benefiting The Philadelphia Project
- Mon. Dec. 24** **Christmas Eve**
4:00pm Family Friendly Candlelight Service (shorter and designed for young families)
5:30pm Family Friendly Candlelight Service
8:00pm Traditional Candlelight Service
- Sun. Dec 30** **1st Sunday after Christmas**
9:00am and 10:45am Worship Services

FAMILY MINISTRY: CHILDREN, YOUTH & PARENTS

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.

CHILDREN: 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!

Children's Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 16th! Join us in the gym between services (10:15am) as children age 2 through 5th grade tell the Christmas Story. A detailed paper is going home today with important details for parents.

Sunday, December 23rd – Kindergarten through 5th grade will enjoy a **Christmas Party** in the gym! We will have snacks, crafts, and an obstacle course. This will take place during both Sunday School times. Bring a friend!! Younger children age 2 through PreK will have a party in their classroom.

Sunday, December 30th – **Pajama Sunday!** All children are encouraged to wear their favorite pajamas as we conclude our Manger Tales curriculum with the movie "The Star"! Breakfast popcorn provided!

Today's Annual Meeting

All children will eat lunch with their family in the gym. Childcare will take place in The Red Door Room (#107) for infants through Kindergarten after lunch. Coloring pages will be available for older children in the meeting.

Found Wandering Concert

Childcare for infants through Kindergarten in The Red Door Room (rm #107). Miss Rosa will be here to lead a special Christmas sing-a-long! Older children will enjoy the concert with their family.

YOUTH EVENTS

Upcoming things to keep on the radar!

- **Middle School Girls Cookie Bake** - Saturday, December 15th - 1-4pm
Calling all middle school girls and moms of middle school girls! Come hang out at Mei Mei Groeneveld's house for a fun time of cookie baking, snowflake ornament (beads) making, and celebrating the Christmas season. Yes, it will be held from 1 – 4pm (feel free to drop in or drop off when convenient)
Address: 509 Haverford Avenue, Narberth PA.
Please RVSP to Melinda at mtuan@melindatuan.com so we know how many ingredients to buy and snowflake -forms/beads to get.
 - **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 donations of 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)
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FOUND WANDERING *Annual Benefit Christmas Concert*

Sunday, December 23, 2018 · 7:00 p.m.

Narberth Presbyterian Church | 205 Grayling Avenue | Narberth, PA | www.narberthpres.org

Found Wandering will be playing traditional Christmas songs and hymns rearranged in an indie-folk/Americana style with a 7-piece band.

This event is FREE. A love offering will be taken to benefit The Philadelphia Project.
www.thephiladelphiaproject.com

Join us for a night of warmth, music and community!



 **NARBERTH**
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **On Wednesday, December 12th**, at 7:00pm in the Chapel: ***A Night To Remember*** is a service of comfort and hope – for everyone who is experiencing sadness and loss in this season, or earlier in the year. While we often think of loss in terms of death (adults, children, pregnancy), there are other losses that cause our spirits to flag in a season so overtly cheerful, and we may feel more forgotten and forlorn than festive. All are invited to ***A Night to Remember***. If you know someone this service might help, invite them! If *you* are that person, and don't want to come alone, why not ask a friend to come with you? This service offers comfort and encouragement from the God of all comfort, and is meant for all who long for both...
- † **A very heartfelt Thank You to all of the cookie bakers and buyers, baggers, delivery and Dickens Festival folks!** The Cookie Giveaway is a very much appreciated community gesture. We had some nice conversations and interest in our Nursery School and Found Wandering Christmas concert! The Dickens Festival was a very popular community event, the weather didn't deter people from attending! We ran out of cookies early, so we'll be looking for even more cookies next year!!
- † **FINANCIAL UPDATE:**
Please take note of the church's financial position as we approach the end of the calendar year and the budget year. Although our expenses are slightly less than budgeted, we are falling short in offerings received to cover those expenses. As of the end of November, offerings for the year stand at approximately \$835,000 – which is about \$90,000 less than our actual year-to-date ministry expenses of \$923,218. Of course, in the final weeks there will be additional expenses as well. Please prayerfully consider how you can help us close that gap in the next few weeks so we end the year with our expenses met. Your generosity will make a difference for the Kingdom!
- † **Found Wandering returns this year with a Concert benefitting
The Philadelphia Project
Sunday, December 23 at 7:00pm at NPC**
- † **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.



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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, December 9

Second Sunday in Advent

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

8:00am Sunday School Class, Parlor

9:00am Worship Service

9:30am Youth Sunday School

10:45am Worship Service

12:15pm Annual Congregational Meeting and Lunch

Monday, December 10

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

7:00pm MBR-Bible Study, Music office

7:00pm Newly elected elder/deacon training, Chapel

7:30pm Men's Bible Study, Parlor

Tuesday, December 11

7:00am Men's small group, Parlor

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

11:00am Praying with the Bible group, Parlor

Wednesday, December 12

7:00pm A Night To Remember (Blue Christmas) Service, Chapel

Thursday, December 13

9:15am CNS Christmas Pageant, Sanctuary

9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor

4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor, (K-6th)Gym

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal

7:30pm Adult pick-up basketball

Friday, December 14

9:30am Moms' Bible Study, Parlor

10:00am Women's' Bible Study, Chapel

1:30pm Annual Sr. Adults' Christmas Carol Sing & Tea, Parlor

Saturday, December 15

1-4pm Middle School girls Cookie Bake at Groenevelds' home

Sunday, December 16

Third Sunday in Advent

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

8:00am Sunday School Class, Parlor

9:00am Worship Service-Music Sunday

9:30am Youth Sunday School

10:45am Worship Service-Music Sunday

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

Dec 18 7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor

Dec 23 7:00pm Found Wandering Concert, Sanctuary

Dec 24 4:00pm, 5:30pm, and 8:00pm Christmas Eve Services

Dec 25-26 Office Closed