

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

December 23, 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

Linda Pilacik

Welcome and Call To Worship

Luke 2:10,11

Hymn #154

O Little Town of Bethlehem

St. Louis

Prayer of Invocation

Family News

Expression of thanks to our retiring Administrator, Dave McIntire, and
Introduction and Commissioning of Tim Roykouff, our new Administrator

Steve Weed, Linda Behmke

Scripture Reading

1 John 4:7-10

(p.1902)

Lighting the Fourth Advent Candle“Love”

9:00am Noelle Lachenmayer, Luke, Nate

10:45am Ray Ward & Karen Tang, Evelyn, Lily, Raymond

Declaration of Love

1 John 4:11,12 (Unison)

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. Amen!

Hymn #150

What Child Is This?

Greensleeves

The Greeting

Worship Song

Jesus Messiah

Tomlin

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

Jean McIntire and Linda Pilacik

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture John 1:1,2, 10-13; Galatians 4:4-7 (p.1645-6, 1813)

Sermon **The True Spirit of Christmas:
THE HOLY SPIRIT** **Steve Weed,**
Pastor

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

Benediction

Prayer Ministry 9:00am Sue Wenger
10:45am Linda Behmke

The poinsettias decorating the chancel are dedicated to many loved ones. These dedications are listed on page 4.

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

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Poinsettias given in loving memory (or honor) of

By

In honor of our five granddaughters

Sheela's parents

Donald's mother

Dorothy Faye Anderson

Amy Tawadros

Aunt Patty

A wonderful father and grandfather

Samuel J. Chen

David Arthur Cope

Our parents, George & Muriel Corner and

Our sister, Muriel Corner

My brother, John Barr and son-in-law, Rob Edson

Our parents, Dot & John Barr

Belle Weed

Scott Fleischauer

Their parents, Tom & Peg McGarvey and Alex Kapner

Our parents, Mr. & Mrs. George H. Heller and

Mr. & Mrs. Harold Chamberlain

My Bill & our daughter Freida (stillborn)

Our loved ones who are with Christ: Oma, Dad, & Grandmom Betty

Joseph and Jacqueline Devereaux

Jim Mosetter and Elizabeth Phillips

Larry's mother, Georgette Lubchuck and

Gaby's mother, Mary Ann Derahier

Richard Groeneveld

Scott Fleischauer

Our beloved parents, George & Helen

Our parents & grandparents

George & Florence Floyd

Craig Charles Lewis

his parents, Chuck & Joyce Lewis and sisters, Kelly and Kerry

In honor of my parents, Chuck & Joyce

Ilonka & Jack Comstock

Donald & Sheela Vangore

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the Weatherwax family

her family

Trish & Greg Hein & family

the Naveen family

Sean & Charlene, Brenda, & Abby McGrew

the Cope family

George Corner and Mary Walker

Carol Corner

Carol Corner and Janet Norcini

Anonymous

Beth, Owen, and Lucy Fleischauer

the Kapner family

Mr. & Mrs. Harold L. Heller

Gerri Wismer

the Donadios

Jennifer Chung and family

Jennifer Phillips

Gaby Anik and Larry Lubchuck

Sonia, Tai, and Mei Mei

your church family

Suzanne and Barbara Floyd

Scott, Julie, Connor and Aiden Todd

their son, Henry Floyd

Kelly Lewis Watson

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Loved ones, Mum & Dad and Tony	Margaret and Isabel Lally
Our parents, Warren & Jean Mills and Irv & Shirley Weed	Steve and Teri Weed
Tom Nangle, dear husband and father	Joey, Glenn, and Heather
Thomas Jr., dear son and brother	Joey, Glenn, and Heather
James & Caroline Watson	Debbie Watson
My mother, Betty Engan	Karen Pappas
Helen Sutliff	Rick Sutliff
Scott Fleischauer	Colin & Sarah Comstock and family

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

Ilonka & Jack Comstock
The Cope family
Chuck & Ann Sadel

FAMILY MINISTRY: CHILDREN, YOUTH & PARENTS

Prayers for a New Year - Children's Curriculum - beginning Sunday, January 6th!

One small change can make a huge difference. This New Year we will challenge kids to resolve to pray every day and see what amazing things God will do!

2 year olds & 3 year olds enjoy an age appropriate lesson in The Blue Door Room (RM #105) during the 9:00 service only and meet in The Red Door Room (RM #107) at 10:45.

4 year olds through PreK meet in The Red Door Room (RM #107) during both the 9:00 and 10:45 services.

Our Nursery is available at the 9:00 and 10:45 worship services. This room is best for infants through 23 months.

****Please sign your child in and out of each classroom****

CHILDREN:

TODAY, Sunday, December 23rd - Children's Christmas Party! During Sunday School children will enjoy an obstacle course, snacks, and crafts! Younger children will enjoy a party in their classroom.

Found Wandering Concert - Sunday, December 23rd beginning at 7:00pm - Childcare provided for infants through Kindergarten in RM #107 (The Red Door Room). A fun Christmas Sing-A-Long will take place during our time together! Older children can enjoy the concert with their family.

Pajama Sunday - Sunday, December 30th! ALL children are encouraged to wear their favorite pajamas as we enjoy "The Star" movie and eat "breakfast popcorn" during Sunday School.

Family Worship - Sunday, January 6th - Children in Kindergarten through 5th grade will worship with their family. There is no Sunday School this week. There is Sunday School and childcare for infants through PreK as usual.

NEW SAVE THE DATE! Monday, January 21st - *MLK Day Of Service for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade! Details soon!*

Special Thank You from Miss Danielle!

Thank you to the NPC children and their families for the beautiful gifts you gave me last Sunday! Each of you is a special blessing to me. You truly made me feel so loved! Thank you.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

HS Youth Group Dinner Out on Sunday, January 6th @ 4-6pm - Nothing fancy, just join us as we go into Narberth, grab some dinner as we also chat over what topics (and antics) we might want to do this coming Spring and Early Summer!

Youth Committee Meeting on Monday January 7th @7-8pm - This is an open meeting, one of which anyone is welcome to attend. Usually, we recap events of the past month, discuss the upcoming month, and then even discuss what we might want the youth program to look like in a year or even further out. Input is always welcome and this is a great chance to see some of what happens behind the scenes.

Sunday School returns on Sunday, January 13th @ 930am -

Our plan for this Spring is to go through four letters of Paul: Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians. We are trying a different approach and will be bringing in some new people to our Sunday School crew. If you are interested in helping out for a unit (the Galatians unit, the Ephesians unit, etc), please email John saying just that! [Click here to let him know!](#)

Everyone Needs a Moses: How a Story from Long Ago Helps us Navigate Family Life Today on Wednesday, January 16th @7-830pm in the Gym -

This is another seminar type gathering designed for families with small children and youth. Similar to past events addressing Active Listening and Teen Anxiety, this one will focus on the whole family. Of special note is that this has been worked on for the past 3 months alongside Gerry Gaugler, who has 26 years of a counseling background and is on staff at Ardmore Presbyterian Church.

Middle School Youth Night on Friday, January 25th @6-9pm -

This usually takes place on the third Friday of the month, but due to a wedding we needed to push it back a week. This is open to all youth in the 6-8th grade range and we will partake in ice breakers, games, antics, food and a chat about the I AM statements of Jesus in John's Gospel.

All Church Ice Skating on Saturday, January 26th @530-7pm -

We will be taking the rink completely over with just Narberth Presbyterian folks! Of course, you are welcome to invite people to join us. This can be considered as a "outside of the church, non-churchy" event.

High School Spring Cabin Retreat - Friday, March 22 thru Sunday March 24th to Spruce Lake Retreat Center in Canadensis, PA -

Similar to last year's spring retreat, we are taking our own crew of high schoolers up to the Poconos! This makes for a great compliment to the spring retreat with other churches by having it just be us. With this retreat being in late March, there is good chance we could have some snow! We will be making our own meals, having our own bonfire, doing our own schedule and celebrating our Seniors. Signup will be after the New Year, but for now, just put the retreat on your calendar!

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Sun. Dec. 23

Fourth Sunday in Advent

9:00am and 10:45am Worship Services

7:00pm *Found Wandering Concert*, benefiting
The Philadelphia Project. *Childcare for ages infant-K*

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **Your 2018 tithes, offerings and other gifts**, payable to Narberth Presbyterian Church, may be placed in the offering plate any Sunday this month or mailed (postmarked) prior to year-end to:

Ruth Ellen Patterson
Financial Secretary
Narberth Presbyterian Church
PO Box 414
Narberth, Pa 19072-0414

Please note that gifts intended for 2018 must be postmarked by December 31, 2018 or received at the church by December 31st. In addition, you may give online at narberthpres.org or, even faster, by texting the amount of your gift to 610-624-4831. Online transactions completed on 12/31 will be credited to your 2018 record. A gift of appreciated stock is also welcome; please contact Jim Hoffman, Treasurer, for that possibility. Thank you for your generous gifts this year!

- † **Giving envelopes for 2019 are available in the Chapel.** If you would like to receive a set of envelopes, please contact Ruth Ellen Patterson (repatterson@narberthpres.org or 610/745-4232). We're glad to provide envelopes to anyone who would like to use them in the new year so please don't hesitate to ask. If you've received envelopes you no longer need -- whether because your household is getting duplicate sets, because you're now giving online, or for whatever reason -- please let us know. And remember, the blue envelopes in the pew are always available for your use.

- † **Found Wandering returns this year with a Concert TONIGHT**



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 23

Fourth 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

7:00pm Found Wandering Concert, Sanctuary

Thursday, December 27

3:00-5:00pm Marathon Kickball with the Pastor, (K-6th)Gym

7:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal

7:30pm Adult pick-up basketball

Friday, December 28

7:00pm Pickleball, Gym

Monday, December 24

Christmas Eve Services: (All Candlelight)

4:00pm Family Friendly Candlelight Service
 (shorter and designed for young families)

5:30pm Family Friendly Candlelight Service

8:00pm Traditional Candlelight Service

Saturday, December 29

Sunday, December 30

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

8:00am Sunday School Class, Parlor

9:00am Worship Service

10:45am Worship Service

Tuesday, December 25

Christmas Day (Office closed)

Wednesday, December 26

Office Closed

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: jlmpsy@hotmai.com

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

Jan 1 Office Closed
 Jan 4,11 7-9pm Pickleball, Gym
 Jan 8 3:30pm Justice & Mercy Team Meeting, Resource Room
 Jan 8 7:00pm Deacons' Meeting, Parlor
 Jan 9 Wednesday Evening programs resume – details to follow
 Jan 10, 24 9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor
 Jan 13 9:00am service Ordination & Installation of new Elders and Deacons
 Jan 15 7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor
 Jan 15 7:00pm Justice & Mercy Team Meeting, Resource Room
 Jan 18 5:00pm Wedding Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 Jan 19 12:00pm Shaw/Anthony Wedding & Reception, Sanctuary & Gym
 Jan 20 1:00-4:00pm Outside use of building: recital in Sanctuary

Jan 21 Office Closed for MLK, Jr. Day
Jan 21 Children's Ministry: Day of Service
Jan 25 6-9pm Middle School Youth Group, Gym