

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

February 3, 2019

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 *Variations on Cwm Rhondda* arr. Hopson

Welcome and Call To Worship Colossians 3:16; Psalm 107:1,2a

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

Prayer of Invocation

Family News

Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 8:10-18 (p.287)

9:00am Faith and Cindy Hauger

10:45am Evelyn Thomson

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All the people: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, thank you for your love that never fails. You are worthy of all praise and thanksgiving. But we are slow to express our gratitude to you and to others. We often grumble and complain more than we say, "Thank You." In the hurried pace of life, we have forgotten to pray. Please forgive us through Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection. As we break bread together, open our eyes that we might see your presence, and open our lips, that we may declare your praise. In Jesus' 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 Greeting

Worship Song

One Thing Remains

Johnson/Gifford/Riddle

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Deborah Watson,

Associate Pastor

Passing of Friendship Pads

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Joy In Your Waters

Cantrell

The Worship Band

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Philippians 1:3-6; 2:14-16; 4:10-13

(p.1825,-28,-30)

Sermon

The Vertical Dimension

Gratitude And Grumbling

Steve Weed,

Pastor

Song

Give Thanks

Smith

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 into the stature of Jesus Christ. As one people in Christ, help us to lead a life worthy of the calling to which we have been called, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

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.**

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn #45

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

Benediction

Prayer Ministry

9:00am Isabel Lally

10:45am Scott Todd

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. At the discretion of parents, our children are welcome to receive communion.

First Sunday Family Worship today at both services. Childcare will be provided for infants through children in PreK. Children's busy bags will be provided for younger children (K-2nd) and older children (3rd-5th) will be provided a special bulletin.

Today is the "SouperBowl" offering to benefit the homeless. Youth will have pots & pans after the service and you are encouraged to give a dollar.

Thank you for being with us in worship today! To learn more about our church, Welcome Bags are available for newcomers in the Narthex (entrance area at the front doors.)

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.

Sermons on “Exercising Our Faith”

Dec 30 From Where I Sit

Jan 6 Overcoming Spiritual Inertia

Jan 13 The Laying On of Hands: God’s and Ours

Jan 20 What To Do: When You Feel Overwhelmed

Jan 27 Practicing God’s Presence: Affliction – Conflict – Anxiety

Feb 3 The Vertical Dimension: Gratitude And Grumbling

FAMILY MINISTRY: CHILDREN, YOUTH & PARENTS

Prayers for a New Year - Children's Curriculum 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 Rm (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

TODAY, February 3rd is Family Sunday!

There is no Sunday School for K - 12th. We encourage everyone to worship with your church family! Busy bags and children's bulletins will be available for kids during service. Nursery care and programming for children up to PreK is available as usual in the children's wing.

Combined Children's and Youth Committee Meeting on Sunday, February 10th @12:30pm

We have a number of ideas that we would like to run by you. These are ideas that could potentially span the whole range from children up through college aged people. We welcome your input and participation, because, as always, it is important to us that the ministries of the church have YOUR fingerprints all over them as well!

Save the date: Sunday, March 3rd Family Ministries Party!

NPC families of children and youth are invited to enjoy fun and fellowship together in the gym on Sunday, March 3rd. Details soon!

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS:

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. [Click here to sign up for our HS Cabin Retreat!](#)

NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT OPPORTUNITIES

- † **NEW Wednesday Night 5-week class led by Clara and Godfrey Louie**
You are invited to *Come and See Jesus* personally as he reveals himself in the Bible and in your everyday life. Through an interactive 5-week study based on the Gospel of John, we will journey together as we practice becoming more aware of Jesus' invitation to us and our response to him in our daily life. Whether you are just curious about who Jesus is, or you are seeking to grow more deeply into kingdom-living with him, you are welcome to join us
Wednesday evenings, 7-8 p.m., started January 30, 2019. For questions, please contact Clara or Godfrey Louie at claralouie@yahoo.com.

- † **New Wednesday Night 10-week Class led by David Fraser**
Living Well in a Topsy-Turvy World: The Sermon on the Mount. When God enters our lives, we change. The world of the Sermon on the Mount is real and broken—a world of tax collectors, unjust officials, hypocrites, thieves, adulterers, judgmental prigs, the weak and poor, even false prophets. In spite of it, Jesus tells us how disciples can live with God's strong support and approval so we can be deeply, spiritually, and profoundly joy-filled, even in the midst of life's hard times. It is his description and prescription for the normal Christian life. We will probe the Sermon for its rich insight and life-changing directions.
Wednesday evenings 7:00-8:30pm started January 30th

- † **New Explorers' Class started Jan 30**
A new 5-week Explorers' Class has begun on Wednesday evenings, Jan 30, 7:00pm-8:30pm, led by Pastor Steve and Pastor Debbie. The Explorers' Class is designed for newcomers and provides a warm, welcoming atmosphere for discussing our relationship with Christ, opportunities and mission of NPC, and what it means to be Presbyterian Christians. Dinner is available beforehand and childcare as needed. Recommended sign up in Chapel or just show up!

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† **Intercession Night for Youth & Kids - Theme: Thy Will Be Done**
Friday Night February 22nd 7:00 – 8:00 pm, Youth Room

All adults are invited to a night set aside to pray for our youth and children. We want to stand firm in the spirit and pray for our amazing young people who face stresses and challenges daily – just as we do. Our struggle is not against flesh and blood and so we want to stand our ground, as it is not by our “good parenting” and trying harder, but by God’s spirit that we can contend for them. We will start with a time of worship led by Sarah and Colin Comstock and move into a time of lifting up our children (babies to college students) in prayer. Join us as we ask for God’s kingdom to come and His will to be done in the lives of our youngest members. For more information, contact Lisa Hoffman at 610-804-7905.

† **Sunday Morning Class 9:30 am**

Come join us as we study **the Gospel of Luke** for nine weeks, covering chapters 1 - 9. Let’s join together to look at Jesus through the eyes of those who actually witnessed him and then told their story. We will use an inductive Bible Study approach that emphasizes looking into the text for the facts, pondering what they mean, and considering how they apply to our situation today. The study will be discussion-based and small group-oriented. Supplemental commentary will be from Diane Chen’s book on Luke. Leaders: Sue & Mark Wenger. Meet in Parlor. Questions? Please contact Sue at mswenger@yahoo.com

† **Amnion's "Make Change for Life" Baby Bottle Collection and Diaper Drive: Sunday, January 27** marks the beginning of NPC's annual fund raiser for Amnion Pregnancy Center. Baby bottles will be available to be taken home, filled with loose change and returned to NPC by Sunday, **February 18**. Amnion could use the following donations: newborn and size 6 disposable diapers, baby lotion, body wash, shampoo, baby oil, and diaper bags. All donations may be dropped off in the chapel or church office. Any questions, please contact Alice Antonelli at arichardson1@gmail.com

† **What does God want most from you?**

The surprising answer is what God wants most from you is YOU! God loves you and wants to spend time with you. **Why not come for a weekend of prayerful silence at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Wernersville.** It is sure to be a weekend that will refresh and renew your soul. Arrive anytime on Friday, April 5 (dinner at 5:30, orientation at 7) and return Sunday afternoon, April 7. Cost of \$180 covers a private room and meals. Contact Dave Bellamy at dbellamy@narberthpres.org or 610-520-9382 for more information. Register online at narberthpres.org. Registration deadline is March 24.

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† TREASURER'S UPDATE

Thank you for your participating in our year end giving push to help us finish closer to our final expenses in budgeted areas.

Offerings for the year finished at \$977,500. Our budget for 2018 was \$1,175,000, but actual expenses will finish somewhat below that number. More detail will be provided once all 2018 numbers are finalized and reviewed.

- † **To preserve the deductibility of your church contributions**, it is recommended that you do not file your 2018 income tax return until you have received a written acknowledgment of your contributions to NPC from the church, scheduled to be mailed by January 31, 2019. Some of your contributions may not be tax-deductible if you file your tax return before receiving a written acknowledgment of your contributions from the church.

Letters of application and resumes may be addressed to
apply@narberthpres.org.

- † **Narberth Presbyterian Church** located in Narberth (Lower Merion Township) is seeking a **Weekday Custodian** to keep our Church and Nursery School facilities clean.

Part Time – Monday through Friday, 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Responsibilities include: Performing housekeeping and custodian duties as necessary, including but not limited to cleaning of church and nursery school facilities, collection of trash, floor care and room set ups.

Experience: Minimum of 2 years Housekeeping/Custodian experience preferred. EOE. **Job Type:** Part-time

- † **Narberth Presbyterian Church** located in Narberth (Lower Merion Township) is seeking a **Weekend Custodian** to keep our Church and Nursery School facilities clean.

Part Time – Saturday and Sunday 7:30 a.m. through 3:00 p.m.

Responsibilities include: Performing housekeeping and custodian duties as necessary, including but not limited to cleaning of church and nursery school facilities, collection of trash, floor care and room set ups. Also, opening and closing church facilities for weekend services and activities.

Experience: Minimum of 2 years Housekeeping/Custodian experience preferred. EOE. **Job Type:** Part-time



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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, February 3

8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office
8:00am Sunday School Class, Parlor
9:00am Family Worship Service-Communion
9:30am Adult Sunday School, Parlor
10:45am Family Worship Service-Communion
4-6pm High School YG

Monday, February 4

6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Prayer Group, open to all, Steve's Office
7:00pm MBR-Bible Study, Music room
7:30pm Men's Bible Study, Parlor

Tuesday, February 5

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 Deacons' Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, February 6

5:45-6:45 Dinner: BBQ Pork, green salad, rolls, bread pudding
7:00-8:00pm Class:
Gospel of John, led by Clara & Godfrey Louie, Resource Room (5-weeks)
7:00-8:30pm Classes:
Sermon on the Mount, led by David Fraser, Chapel (10-weeks)
New Explorers' Class, led by Pastor Steve & Pastor Debbie, Parlor (5-weeks)

Thursday, February 7

4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor
7:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal
7:30pm Adult pick-up basketball

Friday, February 8

9:30am Moms' Bible Study, Parlor
10:00am Women's Bible Study, Chapel
6:30pm Pickleball, Gym

Saturday, February 9

Sunday, February 10

8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office
8:00am Sunday School Class, Parlor
9:00am Worship Service
9:30am Adult Sunday School, Parlor
9:30am Youth Sunday School
10:45am Worship Service
12:30pm Combined Children's and Youth Committee Meeting
4-6pm High School YG

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

- Feb 12 7:00pm Elder/Deacon Training, Parlor
- Feb 14 9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor
- Feb 15 6:00pm Middle School Youth Group, Gym
- Feb 18 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Feb 19 7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor
Feb 22 9:30am Moms' Bible Study, Parlor
Feb 22 6:30pm Pickleball, Gym
Feb 22 7:00-8:00pm Intercession Night for Youth & Kids
Feb 27 9:30am Staff Meeting, Parlor
Feb 28 9:30-4:00pm All-day Quilts for Comfort event, Parlor
Mar 5 7:00pm Deacons' Meeting, Parlor