

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

May 19, 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 *Marche Gothique* *Koury*

Welcome and Call To Worship *Ephesians 2:19-22*

Hymn #701 *God Is Here!* *Beecher*

Prayer of Invocation

Family News

Scripture Reading Luke 24:13-16, 28-35 (p.1642-3)

9:00am Phoebe Barr

10:45am Kelly Watson

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All the people: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless, until we find our rest in you. You have also made us for connection with one another. We confess that we have forgotten our dependence on you, and our interdependence with brothers and sisters in Christ. Please forgive us for withholding ourselves. By the Holy Spirit, help Narberth Presbyterian Church to abound with hospitality. May we be a home for the weary, a family for the lonely, and a sanctuary for the presence of the risen Christ. We pray in his wonderful Name. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Greeting

Worship Song *No Longer Slaves* *Bethel Music*

9:00am Reception of New Members (see p. 6-7)

Worship Song *All The People Said Amen* *Maher*

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 *Sonata III* *Handel*

Pam Fleming, Violin

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:42-47

(p.1694)

Sermon

Do You Have A Church You Can Call “Home”?

Steve Weed,

Pastor

Hymn #502

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound

New Britain

Benediction

Prayer Ministry

9:00am Clara Louie

10:45am Deborah Miller

The Rose Window has been dark for several weeks while the lighting was restored. It is now finished and shining brightly. Thanks to Jim Hornung for all his work!

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

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.

Narberth Presbyterian Church is grateful for your gifts. You may give in the offering plate with cash or a check, online at narberthpres.org/give, or via text message by sending the amount you wish to give to 610-642-4831.

There are multiple free copies of the Bible throughout the church. Please take one for yourself or to share with a friend.

Flower Dedication: Each week beautiful flowers grace our church. They remind us of the Lord’s goodness and are a way honor Him. You may provide one week’s flowers with a suggested donation of \$20. Flowers may be given in memory of someone or simply to God’s glory. Either way, it will be acknowledged in the weekly church bulletin. If you would like to dedicate flowers, please call Karen, our church secretary, at the church office: 610-664-4880, ext. 119.

FAMILY MINISTRY: CHILDREN, YOUTH & PARENTS

Mission Possible - Children's Sunday School Curriculum! Beginning Sunday, May 12th, K – 5th grade will be introduced to a new curriculum series on mission and service. During the 9:00 Sunday School time we will also have a special weekly speaker who will talk with us about their personal experiences doing mission work. Joining us this month will be Micah Hauger, Justin Kauffman, Jennifer Bonovitz, and PT (though he can't officially join us). We will also be taking a closer look at the life of Paul during our Bible study time.

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

VBC Registration is available online! Are you ready for this summer's MANE event?! Join us Monday, June 17th – Friday, June 21nd from 1:30pm-4:30pm for ROAR VBC – Life is Wild and God is Good! Online Registration is open as of March 17th. Please visit our church website to register your child or register to volunteer: www.narberthpres.org

Sunday, June 2nd is Children & Youth Sunday! Mark your calendar for Sunday, June 2nd as we recognize our 5th graders and high school seniors during the 9:00 service. We will also be presenting Bibles to our rising 2nd graders. This special service will be led by our children and youth!

Hershey Park – Field Trip! Join your church family as we travel to the sweetest place on earth on Saturday, June 29th. Please contact Charlene McGrew (Charlene.mcgrew@gmail.com) if you are interested in purchasing group tickets. Tickets are \$35.50 (great price!) and the deadline to order is May 31st. Please note that transportation is not provided by the church.

Even if you can't make the June 29th trip, tickets can be used any time during the 2019 season (no blackout dates), so order as many tickets as you like, and feel free to invite friends! This field trip is for EVERYONE not just families. All are welcome!

Friday, June 7th - VBC Training!

All VBC volunteers are encouraged to attend our VBC training that will take place in the gym from 6:30pm - 8:00pm.

Join us for food & fun as we prepare for a ROARING good time at VBC!

MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

May 2018

Gabrielle Anik lives in Radnor, and works as an Administrator at the Roxborough Home for Women. She comes to NPC from Church of the Savior, in Wayne.

Alicia Beebe lives in Narberth. She worked as a nursing assistant for ten years, and comes to NPC from the Cathedral of Praise, in North Charleston, SC.

Mike & Sarah Boccasini live in Ardmore. Mike works as a social worker with Pathways to Housing. Sarah is a reading specialist at Pa Leadership Charter School. Mike & Sarah come to NPC from the 6:8 Vineyard Church in Bryn Mawr.

Suzanne Floyd lives in Wynnewood, and is a recently retired Literary Tutor in the Radnor School District. Part of NPC since childhood, she now is formalizing her membership.

Xavier Hayden lives in Narberth with wife, Betsy. An attorney in Philadelphia, Xavier comes to NPC from a Roman Catholic background.

Larry Lubchuk lives in Radnor and works in maintenance at the Roxborough Home for Women. He comes to NPC from the Salvation Army.

Stephen Welsh lives in Havertown with wife Lisa and children Lanna, Deaglan and Walker. He is head of the Dance Department at Eastern University, and comes to NPC from an Episcopalian background.

May 2019

Matt Barnhart lives in Malvern and works as a carpenter with JTD Construction. He comes to NPC from United Church of Christ in Glenville, PA.

Alexis Bishop lives in King of Prussia, and is the Intersarsity Representative at Bryn Mawr and Haverford Colleges, and serves as a new Mission Cause of NPC. This is Alexis' first formal church membership.

Gwen Blessing lives in Narberth and is a retired County Social Worker. She comes to NPC from First United Methodist Church, in Pottstown, PA, and has three adult children, including Sara Mahoney, also a new member.

Svetlana (Lana) Boyd lives in Narberth with son, Johnny. Lana, a full-time mother, comes to NPC from a Russian Orthodox background.

Henry Boyd lives in Wynnewood and has a son, Johnny. He is a recently retired Orthopedic Shoe Professional. This is Henry's first formal church membership.

Devon Chios lives in Penn Valley with children, Layla and Maevry, and is an elementary school teacher at Belmont Hills. She comes to NPC from Hemlock Grove United Methodist Church, in Greentown, PA.

MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Matt & Amy Culbertson live in Havertown. Matt is a professor of Naval Science at Villanova and UPenn, and Amy serves as lead teacher for the 3-year olds in our Christian Nursery School. They come to NPC from First United Methodist church in Annadale, VA.

Naveen Daniel & Lalitha Naveen live in Wynnewood with daughter, Annika. Naveen (Drexel) and Lalitha (Temple) are both Professors in Finance. This will be their first formal church affiliation.

Regina (Jean) Heller lives in Wynnewood, and is a recently retired home care nurse. She comes to NPC from a Roman Catholic background.

Cliff & Evvie (Evelyn) Ishmael live in Wynnewood. Cliff is a retired HR Director of Bethlehem Steel and Evvie, a retired high school English teacher. They come to NPC from Christ our King Presbyterian Church, in Bel Air Maryland.

Walter & Pam Kubiak live in Narberth. Walt is a recently retired attorney and has worked extensively with Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission, and Pam works as a Labor & Delivery Nurse at Hahnemann University Hospital. They come to NPC from Grace Chapel in in Havertown.

Corrin Madden lives in Narberth with children, Aleksei, Finn, and Josephine. Owner of “Little Love Jar,” she comes to NPC from a Roman Catholic background.

Julie Maher lives in Merion Station with husband, Sean, and son, Connor. A pediatrician at CHOP, Julie comes to NPC from Ardmore Presbyterian Church.

Sara Mahoney lives in Narberth with husband, John, and son, Jack. She is an Occupational Therapist at Good Shepherd Penn Partners, and comes to NPC from First United Methodist Church in Pottstown.

Henry Song & Sarah Jeong live in Wynnewood, and are expecting their first child in July. Henry and Sarah are both Research Scientists in molecular genetics at UPenn, and come to NPC from a Reformed/Presbyterian Church background

Rebecca Willgruber is a nanny and a nursing student at Widener and lives in King of Prussia. She comes to NPC from Hope Community Church in King of Prussia.

Samantha Woo lives in Newtown Square with husband, Jonathon, and children Elizabeth, Joshua and Jason. A Psychotherapist at Belmont Behavioral Hospital, she comes to NPC from Fairview Village Seventh Day Adventist Church in Norristown.

Rob & Sandi Wray live in King of Prussia. Rob is a self-employed Auto Paint Specialist, and Sandi recently retired from retail management. They come to NPC from Chapter and Verse Ministry in Audubon.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

Middle School Girls Group – Next meeting: TBD

We meet every other Sunday for lunch and a time to hang out from 12 noon to 1:30pm at the Groenevelts, 509 Haverford Road, Narberth! We plan on getting to know each other better and sharing and praying about what is going on in our lives. We're also planning a service project. Contact Lisa Hoffman for more information at 610-804-7905. Hope to see you there!

HSYG - Sunday, May 19th @4-6pm

If you haven't joined us yet, we are always excited to have you! This is really a relaxed gathering where we usually (1) catch up and then likely banter about something, (2) play some games, (3) order some food, and (4) build a conversation together about one chapter of Scripture a week with the help of some Soccer Referee Cards.

Children and Youth Sunday - Sunday, June 2nd

On this special day, which is one of our family Sundays, we are taking time to specifically celebrate our children and youth. Most notably, those graduating 5th grade as well as those graduating 12th grade and heading to their post-high school adventures. This will be a unique Sunday that will also highlight our programs in a unique way, so plan ahead and be sure to be in town!

Vacation Bible Camp - Monday, June 17th to Friday, June 21st

Its back again, one of the craziest weeks of the year for our church! Although the entire week is directed toward children, we always need the help of our incredible youth to put on this impressive event! [If you are interested in volunteering your first week of the summer, click here to sign up as a volunteer!](#)

The Philadelphia Project - July 21-27th

This is our annual trip with High Schoolers to The Philadelphia Project in Roxborough. Although it is close, we treat it as though it is a mission trip to far away. We will be staying at their accommodations, joining in on their numerous projects around the city, partaking in their evening services, and spending quality time together. Many of our youth come back from this trip saying how much they enjoyed it and how much it meant to them. [Click here to sign up for The Philadelphia Project this summer!](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **Please visit the Book Table in the Chapel and take a look at our new DVD collection: The Torchlighters: Heroes of The Faith.** Also on display are biographical books for young people and books for all ages as well.

- † **Palmer Seminary Holy Land Study Tour (Dec 28, 2019 to Jan 10, 2020)**
Debbie Watson and Diane Chen will be leading Palmer Seminary students and alumni on a 14-day study tour of the Holy Land with the Jerusalem Center of Biblical Studies. We still have some spots available. If you are interested please email Diane Chen at dchen@eastern.edu for more information and a trip brochure. Both Debbie and Diane are available to answer any questions you may have.

- † **Transportation Ministry seeking volunteers**
If you are willing to help in this way, please contact **Kevin Cope** at kevindavidcope@gmail.com or 215-510-0459.

- † **Opportunity to Serve: Jennifer Bonovitz has been faithfully serving the homeless people of Philadelphia for many years.** We need additional volunteers to come along side Jennifer in this ministry. **If you want more information, can make sandwiches and/or give out the food, please sign up in the Chapel.**

- † **Debbie is teaching a Palmer Seminary Greek class** in the Chapel, Monday through Friday, 8:30am-Noon, from May 13 to June 7th. Stop by and say hello!

- † **Sunday Morning Class 9:30 am**
We are continuing our study of **the Gospel of Luke** for nine sessions, covering chapters 10 – 18. Join us as we follow Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem and learn about the way of discipleship. We will use an inductive Bible Study approach that emphasizes looking into the text for the facts, thinking about what they mean, and considering how they apply to our situation today. The study is discussion-based and facilitated by various members of the class. We are using Diane Chen's commentary on Luke to supplement our discussions.
Meets in the parlor. Questions? Please contact Sue Wenger at mswenger@yahoo.com

- † **One-Time Class this Wednesday Night: 7:00-8:00pm**
Behind the scenes in Ephesus: Paul's challenge to faithful witness
Led by Debbie Watson

- † **Save the Date! All-Church Picnic! On Sunday, July, 14th, we will again meet at the Springton Reserve Picnic Pavilion, beginning at 4:00pm until sunset.**



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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, May 19

8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office
8:00am Sunday School Class, Parlor
9:00am Worship Service-New Members
9:30am Youth Sunday School, Youth Room
9:30am Adult Sunday School Class, Parlor
10:45am Worship Service
3:00pm Outside use of sanctuary for recital
4:00pm Youth Group

Monday, May 20

8:30-12:00pm *Palmer Greek Class, Chapel*
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, May 21

Parlor reserved all day for primary election day

7:00am Men-Sponsored Prayer Breakfast, at Narberth Diner
8:30-12:00pm *Palmer Greek Class, Chapel*
11:00am Praying / Bible group, Resource Room
7:00pm Session Meeting, Chapel

Wednesday, May 22

8:30-12:00pm *Palmer Greek Class, Chapel*
9:30am Staff Meeting, Parlor
5:45-6:45 Dinner: (*Last before summer*) Chicken Salad, assorted salads, rolls, cupcakes
7:00-8:15pm Book Study: "Ordering Your Private World", led by Pastor Steve (5-weeks)
7:00-8:00pm Bible Study: The Power of Prayer led by Cathy Callaway (5 weeks)
7:00-8:00pm One-time class "Behind the Scenes in Ephesus" Led by Debbie Watson

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

May 27 Office closed for Memorial Day

May 28 7:00pm Missions Committee Meeting, Parlor

Thursday, May 23

8:30-12:00pm *Palmer Greek Class, Chapel*
9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor
1:00-4:30pm Sr. Adult trip to Chester Co. Historical Soc.
4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor, Gym
7:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:30pm Adult pick-up basketball, Gym

Friday, May 24

8:30-12:00pm *Palmer Greek Class, Chapel*
9:30am Moms' Group, Parlor
10:00am Women's' Bible Study, Resource Room

Saturday, May 25

Sunday, May 26

8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office
8:00am Sunday School Class, Parlor
9:00am Worship Service
9:30am Youth Sunday School, Youth Room
9:30am Adult Sunday School Class, Parlor
10:45am Worship Service
4:00pm Youth Group

May 28 7:00pm Outreach Committee Meeting, Chapel
June 2 Children & Youth Sunday
June 3 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
June 4 7:00pm Deacons' Meeting, Parlor
June 7 9:30am Moms' Group, Parlor
June 7 6:30pm VBC Training, Gym
June 8 11:00am Memorial Service at NPC for Ed Knight and Joyce Knight, reception following