

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

June 30, 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.

VBC Slideshow

Prelude

Marche Gothique

Koury

Welcome and Call To Worship

Hymn #52

I Sing The Mighty Power of God

Ellacombe

Prayer of Invocation

Family News

Welcome and Introduction of New Members

Matt Barnhart, Alexis Bishop, Matt & Amy Culbertson

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 5:15-21

(p.1823)

9:00am Georgia Ward

10:45am Danielle Kauffman

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All the people: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, during his earthly ministry, Jesus said, "The Son can do nothing by himself, he can do only what he sees his Father doing." If Jesus depended so completely on the Father, how much more do we need to rely on you! Yet we confess that we have not been mindful of your presence. We have resisted the Holy Spirit's prodding to pray and to do good. We have forgotten to live by faith, and to consciously place each part of life into your sovereign hands. Please forgive us. Help us to raise a fresh Hallelujah to the cross. Fill us with the Holy Spirit that we may glorify you and serve others - wholeheartedly. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Greeting

Worship Song

Build Your Kingdom Here

Rend Collective

Worship Song

Raise A Hallelujah

Bethel Music

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Deborah Watson,
Associate Pastor

Passing of Friendship Pads

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Thy Will Be Done
Kerry Catapano, Kathy McLean

Scott

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

John 7:37-39; Acts 1:3-8

(p.1660, 1690)

Sermon

You Are A Priest And You Have A Parish
Where's The Power?

Steve Weed,
Pastor

Hymn

Let Every Christian Pray
(Sun to tune of "When Morning Gilds The Skies")

Laudes Domini

Benediction

Prayer Ministry

9:00am Isabel Lally

10:45am Deborah Miller

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.

New Members

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.

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.

FAMILY MINISTRY: CHILDREN, YOUTH & PARENTS

Animal Safari - Children's Sunday School Curriculum! Beginning Sunday, July 14th! Put on your sunscreen and get out your cameras. Rising Kindergarten through 5th grade will be on an animal safari through the Bible! Lions, Zebras, Monkeys will help bring our Bible Stories to Life.

2 year olds through PreK meet in The Red Door Room (RM #107) during both the 9:00 and 10:45 services. During the summer months, we combine these age groups.

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

Summer of Service:

Monday, August 12th - Memory Project! This project invites young artists around the world to create portraits as special gifts for children facing challenges. It is best for rising 2nd - 8th graders. More details soon!

All Church Picnic –Sunday, July 14th ALL are invited to our 2nd annual ALL CHURCH PICNIC! Please bring a side or dessert to share! We will provide veggie burgers, hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, drinks, and paper products! The fun begins at 4:00pm and we will meet at Springton Reserve Picnic Pavilion! Hope to see many of you there.

UPDATE: VBC Mission raised \$745 to help Fellowship International Mission with their educational program for children in Nigeria. If you would like to contribute to the VBC mission please leave your donation in the offering plate marked VBC Mission or you can mail it directly to the church. Please keep Fellowship International in your prayers.

Beginning, Sunday, July 14th Sunday School for K - 5th grade will only be offered during the 9:00 service. Childcare for infants through PreK will remain at both services. Our 10:45 Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 8th.

Save the Date:

Sunday, July 14th - All Church Picnic

Sunday, July 21st - Laser Tag

Upcoming Youth Events

MS BBQ at The Philadelphia Project - Wednesday, July 24th @6pm –
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.

THE SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

Elders

As there were in Old Testament times elders for the government of the people, so the New Testament Church provided persons with particular gifts to share in governing and ministry. Elders should be persons of faith, dedication and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the church and in the world.

It is the duty of elders, individually and jointly, to strengthen and nurture the faith and life of the congregation committed to their charge. Together with the pastor, they should encourage the people in the worship of God, equip and renew them for their tasks in the church and for their mission in the world, visit and comfort and care for the people, with special attention to the poor, the sick, the lonely and those who are oppressed. They should inform the pastor and the session of those persons and structures that may need special attention. They should assist in worship. They should cultivate their ability to teach the Bible and may be authorized to supply places that are without the regular ministry of the Word and Sacrament. Those duties that all Christians are bound to perform by the law of love are especially incumbent upon elders because of their calling to office and are to be fulfilled by them as official responsibilities. (Excerpts from the *Book of Order (2009/11)*)

Recommendations for Elder

The Nominating Committee is receiving recommendations for the offices of Elder and Deacon to begin in January 2020. In light of the description above, if you have individuals to suggest for Elder, please write them down below. Please describe briefly why you believe the individual would be suitable for this office.

It is not necessary to obtain the permission of the person you are suggesting. It is preferable for the Nominating Committee to make the initial contact should this person be nominated.

For the office of Elder:

Name: _____

Reason for recommendation: _____

Name: _____

Reason for recommendation: _____

Name: _____

Reason for recommendation: _____

(Further names may be suggested on a separate paper.)

Please put this form in the collection plate, or drop off in the church office.

Deacons

The office of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, of exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this office.

It is the duty of deacons, first of all, to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress both within and beyond the community of faith. They shall assume such other duties as may be delegated to them from time to time by the session, such as leading the people in worship through prayers of intercession, reading the Scriptures, presenting the gifts of the people, and assisting with the Lord's Supper. (Excerpts from the *Book of Order* (2009/11))

Recommendations for Deacon

The Nominating Committee is receiving recommendations for the offices of Elder and Deacon to begin serving in January 2020. In light of the description above, if you have individuals to suggest for Deacon, please write them down below. Please describe briefly why you believe the individual would be suitable for this office.

It is not necessary to obtain the permission of the person you are suggesting. It is preferable for the Nominating Committee to make the initial contact should this person be nominated.

For the office of Deacon:

Name: _____

Reason for recommendation: _____

Name: _____

Reason for recommendation: _____

Name: _____


Reason for recommendation: _____

(Further names may be suggested on a separate paper.)

Please put this form in the collection plate, or drop off in the church office.

At our best, Elders and Deacons seek by the grace of God to be examples of Jesus Christ and models of the quality of life which God desires for the whole church. It is a great privilege and responsibility – we welcome your prayers!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **New Book Study for July! The Practice of the Presence of God** by Brother Lawrence. Pastor Steve will lead a 4 week study of one of the great spiritual classics. It is rare to find a book so important to the Christian life that is both inspiring and practical. It is also a very short book, so there is an opportunity to digest it well!
We will meet on Wednesdays in the Parlor, from 7:00-8:30, beginning with an **ice cream bar** each week at 6:45. We will meet on July 3 for a Bible Study and introduction to the book. On July 10,17,24, we will discuss the specific content of the reading. Books are available in the chapel starting June 30. Childcare is provided.
- † **We welcome the Arabic Christian Fellowship**, who are now worshipping here at NPC each Sunday from 6-8pm in the Parlor. Many years ago they worshipped here and now find themselves again in need of a place to gather. We are blessed to be able to share our space and our hospitality with them. Our own Selim Tawadros has been a special part of this fellowship for many years.
- † **Narberth Borough 4th of July Celebration** 
NPC has traditionally been a part of our town's 4th of July celebration at Narberth Playground. We are in need of volunteers to run a children's bounce & slide ride on the 4th, from 10am-2pm. Only a once-a-year commitment!! Please **call or text Betsy Hayden at 215-920-9015** or email: bhayden126@comcast.net
Narberth's 4th of July planners also needs some helpers to set up tents and tables on July 3rd between 6-9pm.
Please help continue NPC's presence in this festive community celebration. You don't have live in Narberth to participate. **Sign-up sheet in Chapel.**
- † **Help Needed for a Meal at The Philadelphia Project:**
Our Youth will be at The Philadelphia Project from July 21-27. We are signed up to provide the Friday (7/26) night meal and need help in preparing this meal for our youth. All contributions are welcome and all hands are welcome to help prepare the meal. I (Sharon) can be reached at **610-505-8686** or sbshallow55@gmail.com. Thank you, Sharon Shallow
- † **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.**
- † **SAVE THE DATES!! October 18-20**
Here at NPC, we will be holding an in-house Spiritual Renewal Weekend. There will be services, small groups, prayer, fellowship activities and of course, food!

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† Next Sunday, July 7, at 10:30am Adult Sunday School Class led by John Chaffee, Parlor

Turning the Diamond: Why Does the Same Faith Sound Different from Different People?

In this one class, from 10:30am-12:00pm, we will see how and why different people understand the Christian faith differently. Even atheists have their own understanding of Christianity, but why? Is it really that they gave up the faith or that they gave up a KIND of faith? And you? Do you understand the faith the same way as when you were 7? Well, why is that the case? Come ready, because we will be diving into 4 ways of thinking about growing in faith. (This class is good for skeptics, seasoned church veterans, and people who are tired of looking at the world and faith the same way and would like an “upgrade.”)

† ***Redeemed for a Cause***, our newest mission cause, is located in West Philadelphia, and reaches out with the love of Christ and hands-on help to trafficked women in the city. Sakinah Love is the Director. If you would like to join in their efforts to eradicate trafficking and the misery it produces, please pray for Sakinah and the women she and her colleagues interact with, and consider participating in one or both of their upcoming events: 1) Narcan training at the center on June 8. 2) A pop-up sandwich outreach, involving making, packaging, and distributing sandwiches in the neighborhood around the center. Sandwich items are needed, as are cases of water /juices to offer. During the pop-up outreach, we will be praying for, praying with, and loving on folks. Want to know more? Contact Sakinah Love at

<https://www.redeemedforacause.org/redeemedforacause> or 215-821-8353.

Save the Date: On Saturday, July 6, 2019 from 6:00pm – 8:30pm, the NPC Missions Committee is sponsoring a table at the 2 year Anniversary Celebration of ***Redeemed for A Cause***. If you would like to join us in support of this anti human-trafficking ministry, which is one of our new mission causes, contact Sally Kapner sally.kapner@eastern.edu.

† **Our Transportation Ministry is seeking volunteers to help get Helga Sauter** to and from Sunday service. If you are willing to help in this way, please contact **Kevin Cope** at kevindavidcope@gmail.com or 215-510-0459.

† **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, June 30

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

Monday, July 1

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, July 2

7:00am Men-Sponsored Prayer Breakfast, at Narberth Diner
11:00am Praying / Bible group, Resource Room
7:30pm College-age group, Youth Room

Wednesday, July 3

7:00pm (4-week Class) Led by Pastor Steve: Bible Study tonight, then "The Practice of The Presence of God" by Bro. Lawrence for 3 weeks
Childcare available, All welcome any week
Ice Cream Bar at 6:45!

Thursday, July 4

Office Closed for Independence Day
4:00pm NO Kickball this week, resumes July 11 through end of July, Gym
7:30pm Adult Basketball, Gym
7:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Friday, July 5

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

Saturday, July 6

Sunday, July 7

8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office
8:00am Sunday School Class, Parlor
9:00am Worship Service-Communion
10:30am Special 1-time Adult Sunday School Class, Parlor
10:45am Worship Service-Communion

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: jlmpsych@hotmail.com
Planning Ahead-Information and calendar updates 24/7 www.narberthpres.org

July 11 9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor (Last meeting until September)
July 14 4:00pm ALL Church Picnic! Springton Lake
July 21-27 The Philadelphia Project YG Mission trip
Aug 12 4:00-6:00pm Children's event: "Memory Project Art"
Aug 24 10:00am-3:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive, Gym