

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

October 27, 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

Lord of The Dance

arr. Wagner

(19th Century Shaker melody)

Welcome and Call To Worship

1 John 4:9-11

Hymn #558

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Beecher

Prayer of Invocation

Family News

Scripture Reading

Luke 12:13-21

(p.1617)

9:00am Anusha Vyas

10:45am Georgia Ward

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All the people: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you have been our dwelling place in all generations, yet we forget to make our home with you. We have allowed the worry and flurry of daily life to overwhelm the voice of your Spirit. Please forgive us for seeking first our own kingdom, instead of yours. Soften our hearts and redirect our will, that we may open ourselves more fully to you. Deliver us from spiritual complacency, and grant us an increasing desire to know you. Out of your all sufficient grace, help us to make ourselves more generously available to others. We pray in the Name of Jesus, who gave his life away, and received it back in resurrection. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Spiritual Renewal Slideshow

Greeting

Worship Song

Jesus, All For Jesus

Mark

Worship Song

Pour Me Out (New)

Lake

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

Invitation for giving and ushering

Deborah Miller,
Deacon

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Nocturne Opus 27, No.2
Avery Gagliano, Piano

Chopin

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Philippians 3:10-14

(p.1829)

Sermon

**The Good Life:
How Is Your Trajectory?**

Steve Weed,
Pastor

Hymn #356

All Creatures of Our God and King

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Benediction

Prayer Ministry

9:00am Lisa Hoffman
10:45am Sue Wenger

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God by Diane Chen, in loving memory of her dad, Richard Chen.

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. Also, CDs are available from Jonathan Miller's talks during the Spiritual Renewal Weekend.

Next Sunday, November 3, there will be a short Congregational Meeting after the 10:45 service. We will meet to elect 2 new Deacons and 2 new Elders. Please see pages 6 and 7 of the bulletin for a brief biography of each of these nominees for office. We also need to choose 2 members of the congregation-at-large to serve on next year's nominating committee.

We need a quorum to conduct this meeting, so please stay for a short while after the service if at all possible. Thanks!

Recent Sermons:

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| September 1 | Identity: How Does Jesus Look At You? |
| September 8 | Saying YES To Jesus: Whole Life Discipleship |
| September 15 | Water Walking 101: Fear, Faith and the Presence of Jesus |
| September 22 | Who Is Jesus In A Secular World? |
| September 29 | The Mountaintop And The Valley |
| October 6 | Grace Turned Inside Out |
| October 13 | The Foundation of Joy |
| October 20 | Keeping The Joy |
| October 27 | The Good Life: How Is Your Trajectory? |

2 New opportunities:

New Wednesday night class has begun

“Lessons from the Early Church” A 5-week video-based series filmed on site in the Holy Land. Caesarea Philippi, Sardis, Pergamum, Ephesus, Laodicea – these are some of the places the first Christians lived, but what do we know about them, and the world in which they followed Jesus? For the next 5 weeks we will travel to these places (via DVD in the Chapel!) with Biblical scholar, Ray Vanderlaan, and discover the passion and commitment of these early believers in the face of fierce consequences and powerful opposition. Please be in touch with Debbie Watson, for more information!

7:00pm Led by Debbie Watson, Chapel

Upcoming Sunday Morning opportunity

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After exploring how to be good listeners to one another, we will share in small groups about our experience during the retreat and how we can best carry that forward.

Led by Dana Ergenbright, Location: Parlor

ELDER/DEACON NOMINEES

Elders:

Anne Barr

I grew up in a United Methodist church in South Jersey. My real relationship with Jesus began at a Methodist Summer Camp when I was twelve years old. I attended college in Massachusetts and then earned a Master's of Divinity at Boston University. I met my husband Stephen, who was also studying for ministry, while in graduate school and we were eventually ordained together by a Baptist church in 1996. I served as a Chaplain for several years before deciding to shift to my current career as an English teacher. I currently serve as Chair of the English Department at Episcopal Academy and, in many ways, feel as though I am ministering more than I ever did when I was a member of the professional clergy. Stephen and I started attending Narberth Presbyterian in 2004 when our three children, Jon, Sarah, and Phoebe, were all small. We are now empty nesters and, though I miss my children, I am pleased that being an empty nester gives me the space to respond to God's call in my life by saying yes to the invitation to serve Narberth Church as an Elder.

Jan Kennedy

Although I've been a church-goer all my life, having been raised in the Episcopal Church, I never actually came to the Lord until my early twenties. My decision to follow him came after moving back to Media from Rhode Island, just after dropping out of art school there. I was struggling, and though I still had lots of questions for Jesus, I somehow knew he had all the answers, and therefore the only intelligent thing I could do was align myself with him. Obviously, that was the best decision of my life, and God was so gracious by immediately overwhelming me with the forgiveness I needed! John and I met through working with Young Life, married in 1974, became members of NPC in 1975, and left the country to work with Youth with a Mission in 1976. We returned to the States with our three children in 1995, and have been working with another mission agency, Interserve, since 1998. Even though we were gone a lot for years, NPC has been a faithful part of our lives for a very long time now, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to give back!

Deacons:

Mike Boccasini

I was raised as a Christian, and went to a small Christian school through my elementary years. Some time in my late teen years I started to searching for the hard answers to real questions about God. I was told to ask God to make himself real to me, and God did just that.

I went on to attend Eastern University, where I met my wife Sarah, worked with YWAM (Youth With A Mission) after college, and went on to receive a Masters of Divinity from what was called Biblical Theological Seminary (now called Missio). I know find myself doing God's work in the market place, finding low income housing for the homeless population. I look forward to the possibility of serving you as a Deacon.

Mark Wren

My journey to Christ started as a child at St. John's Lutheran in Glen Arm Maryland. Attending church with my family and attending youth group as a young man exposed me to the strength of a church community in Christ. It showed me how the Lord works in the church and through individuals to care for His house and his church family. My early involvement and participation in my church community laid the foundation for my personal journey to Christ. My relationship with Christ has been slowly building for decades. The Lord has been by my side during this journey in a way that I know only a Father with great patience could endure. So, for me, in my role as a father myself and a husband, I attempt to return this grace and patience each day to my family and my broader community. The Lord has asked me many times to follow Him, and I have learned that I do my best work when I let Him lead the way, and give in to His will with a humble heart.

FAMILY MINISTRY: CHILDREN, YOUTH & PARENTS

NEW! Disciple ME - Children's Sunday School Curriculum! Elementary-aged children will learn to serve Jesus Faithfully. Kids love the little Minions – they are goofy, funny and faithfully working to carry out whatever the next mission is. God wants us to be just as dedicated to Him! All children and minions welcome.

2 yr olds & 3 yr olds meet in The Blue Door Rm (#105) during the 9:00 service. We use David C. Cook – Bible in Life Curriculum. Children enjoy play, snack, craft and lesson!

4 yr olds through PreK meet in The Red Door Rm (#107) during the 9:00 service. ****Please note the younger classes combine during the 10:45 service in RM #107**** We use David C. Cook – Bible in Life Curriculum. Children enjoy play, craft and lesson!

Our Nursery (Rm #104) 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****

LAST WEEK! Children's Sunday School Offering! Now through the end of October, the children of NPC will be collecting items to help support Our Friend's on the Parkway. You can leave your donations in the boxes on the stage in the gym. **Items Needed:** backpacks, rolling suitcases, sleeping bags, reusable shopping bags, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, small bottles of shampoo/conditioner, lotion, underwear, socks, sneakers.

INGREDIENTS OF A GODLY LIFE! New Wednesday Night Programming

Wednesdays, children up to 5th grade are invited to explore the ingredients that go into a godly life, while they help “cook up” some food and fun!

Children's program begins at 7:00pm and we meet in RM #107 (Red Door Room).

Hope to see many of you there

Save the Dates:

Friday, Nov. 1st - Sunday, Nov. 3rd - The Philadelphia Project BLITZ Weekend

Wednesday, Nov. 13th – Kids Cook-In, beginning at 4:30pm

Friday, Nov. 15th - Intercession Prayer Night for Children and Youth at 7:00pm

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Special Events: November/December

8th-10th - [Reality High School Fall Retreat to Sandy Hill Camp Retreat Center \(Still Has a Few Open Spots\)](#)

10th - No HS Youth Group, we will have just returned from the retreat.

15th - Special Prayer Night for our Children and Youth

20th - Youth Volunteer Outing (Location is a Surprise...)

December

8th - Last HS Youth Group for 2019

13th - Youth Christmas Party to Get Air Trampoline Park

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **Spiritual Renewal Weekend Follow-Up**

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- ## † **NPC's Friday Morning Moms' Group** has resumed and meets from 9:30 to 11:30 am in the Parlor every other Friday. This fall we will be studying the CS Lewis classic, [The Screwtape Letters](#). This is a deep, welcoming, and supportive group of women who pray together, share about life's struggles and successes, and seek to grow closer to Jesus by studying Scripture and helpful books together. We are always open to new faces and encourage inviting new Christians or friends/neighbors/family members who are questioning faith. Coffee, tea, snacks, and free childcare are provided. Our next meeting will be this Friday, October 25th. Please contact Jess Gaffga (jessicagaffga@yahoo.com) or Jo-Anne Kaplan (jrgarrid@yahoo.com) with any questions.

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- ## † **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.



On the Web:

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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, October 27

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor
8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office
9:00am Worship Service
9:30am Youth Sunday School, Youth Room
9:30am Children's Sunday School, Gym
9:30am Adult Sunday School, Parlor
10:45am Worship Service
12:15-2:30pm Explorers Class
4:00pm High School Youth Group

Monday, October 28

7:00pm Prayer Group, open to all, Steve's Office
7:30pm Men's Bible Study, Parlor

Tuesday, October 29

7:00am Men-Sponsored Prayer Breakfast, at Narberth Diner
11:00am Praying / Bible group, Resource Room
7:00pm Outreach Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, October 30

12-1:00pm Staff Meeting, Parlor
12:00pm-1:45pm CPS Staff Mtg., Chapel
5:45pm Wednesday Night Supper & Classes
Menu: Chicken, vegetable, and pumpkin soups
6:30pm Middle Sch. Youth Group, Y Room
7:00pm Ingredients of a Godly Life (children up to 5th grade)
7:00pm 2 Adult Discipleship Classes:
Mere Christianity, Steve Weed, Parlor
Lessons from the Early Church, Debbie Watson, Chapel

Each Week

Christian Pre-School – 610-664-8890 Director: Christina Platt
2, 3 & 5 Day Programs 9:00am to 12 noon & 12 noon to 3:00pm Extended Day Program, Sept.-May

AA meets 12:30pm, Monday–Saturday & Sunday at 4:30pm in the Choir Room

Counseling: Dr. Janet Moore: cell: 484-686-6630 email: jlmpsych@hotmail.com

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

Nov 4,18 6:30pm Windsor Bell Choir Rehearsal, Chapel
Nov 5 Voting Day (Parlor reserved for polling place all day)
Nov 5 CPS- In-service day, Gym
Nov 5 7:00pm Deacons' Meeting, Chapel
Nov 6 12-1:00pm Staff Meeting, Parlor

Thursday, October 31

9:30am CPS Halloween Parade
4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor, Gym
7:30pm Adult Basketball, Gym
7:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Friday, November 1

10:00am Women's' Bible Study, Parlor
3rd-5th grade Service with The Philadelphia Project

Saturday, November 2

3rd-5th grade Service with The Philadelphia Project
4-8pm *Private use of gym*

Sunday, November 3

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor
8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office
9:00am Worship Service-Family Worship and Communion
9:30am Youth Sunday School, Youth Room
9:30am Children's Sunday School, Gym
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Nov 8,22 9:30am Moms' Bible Study, Parlor
Nov 8-10 High School Retreat
Nov 12 7:00pm Elder/Deacon Training, Parlor (Also invited: Greeters & EOP)
Nov 14 9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor
Nov 14 9:15-11am CPS Board Meeting, Chapel
Nov 15 1:00pm Sr. Slide Show: Iceland with Sue Wenger
Nov 15 7:00pm Prayer Night for Children & Youth, Youth Room