

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

November 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 *Praise the Lord, Who Reigns Triumphant* *Paxton*

Welcome and Call To Worship

Hymn #701 *God Is Here* *Beecher*

Prayer of Invocation

Family News

Scripture Reading Romans 6:20-23; 2 Corinthians 9:1-5 (p.1754, 1802)
9:00am Jean McIntire
10:45am Marshall Wenger

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All the people: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

God, you know us through and through. You know our fearful thoughts, and the ways we self-protect, even as we speak and sing of trusting you to provide what and whom we need. Forgive us for looking out for ourselves primarily, if not exclusively, and closing our hearts and hands toward you and others, because we trust our fears more than we entrust ourselves to you, our faithful heavenly Father. Sow your Son's faith and freedom in us, and grow the harvest of your heart in us, so that we may be part of how all people receive your generous provision – in this life, and beyond the grave. We pray in the name of your most generous provision, Jesus, 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.

Greeting

Worship Song *King of My Heart* *McMillan*

Worship Song *New Wine* *Ligertwood*

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer *Steve Weed,*
Pastor

Passing of Friendship Pads

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

As It Was
Dean Pappas

Pappas

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

(p.1803)

Sermon

**The Good Life:
Reaping What God Sows**

Deborah Watson,
Associate Pastor

Song

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

The Gloria Patri

Invitation To Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them 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 God, creator and ruler of the universe. You fashioned this world in love, and govern all the earth with grace and peace. Nations and Presidents rise and fall, but Your reign is for all time, and your mercy is without end.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Born as King in David's line, He lived with the lowly and cared for the least of Your children. His power was revealed in weakness, His majesty in mercy.

His only earthly throne was a cross on which to die. Even there His arms stretched out to embrace friends and foes in love. From the grave You raised him to Your right hand where he rules again from heaven, and commands true loyalty from peoples and nations.

Remembering Your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from Your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising. With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to You to be a living and holy sacrifice dedicated to Your service.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Communion music

Avery Gagliano

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn #712

The Kingdom of God Is Justice and Joy

Hanover

Benediction

Prayer Ministry

9:00am Linda DiLullo

10:45am Deborah Miller

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Suzanne and Barbara Floyd and in loving tribute to our uncle, Henry Nash Floyd, whose 98th birthday was October 31.

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.

'Tis the season... Got the sneezes, sniffles, or coughs? Please take one of the pre-cut pieces of bread during communion.

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

Today is FAMILY WORSHIP. Children K - 5th grade will remain in service to worship with their family. Busy bags are available at the entrance along with special children's bulletins! Infants through PreK have normal programming today.

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.

TODAY, November 3, there will be a short Congregational/Corporation Meeting after the 10:45 service. We will meet to elect 2 new Deacons and 2 new Elders/Trustees. 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!

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.

Spiritual Renewal Follow-up Sunday School classes today 9:30 & 10:45am with Dana Ergenbright (see p.9)

**Save the Date! Sunday November 24: Gifts of Hope Gallery at 11:30am
One Combined Service at 10:00am (more details, p.9)**

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 Master's of Divinity from what was called Biblical Theological Seminary (now called Missio). I now find myself doing God's work in the marketplace, 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****

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:

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

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

- † **Save The Date!** Sunday November 24 – Gifts of Hope Gallery at 11:30am.
- † **One combined Celebration Service at 10:00am** (Regular Sunday School for children and youth).
At 9:00am Pastor Steve will lead an abbreviated service in the Parlor for those who CANNOT attend the 10:00 service, and to welcome any newcomers who come to NPC, not realizing the change in the service time. (Childcare provided up through 1st grade). There will also be an opportunity to pray and to receive prayer from 9-10am with a group who meet in Steve's office.
- † **Choir Alert!** 🎵 **Thursday Rehearsals: Nov 7,14,21 Dec 5,12**
Singers of all ages and abilities are invited to participate in a special Christmas Musical on Sunday, December 15th during morning worship services. Rehearsals are **Thursday evenings from 7:30-8:30pm** in the choir room. We will also offer rehearsal time from 12:00-12:30pm after church on Sundays. You may sign up in the Chapel or see me (Sherry) up by the organ.
- Spiritual Renewal Weekend Follow-Up:** 2 Sunday morning opportunities: Let's gather on [November 3](#) and [Dec 8](#), (you can come at either [9:30](#) or [10:45](#)), to nurture what has begun in us during this Spiritual Renewal Weekend. 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
- † **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 are 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, November 8th. Please contact Jess Gaffga (jessicagaffga@yahoo.com) or Jo-Anne Kaplan (jrgarrid@yahoo.com) with any questions.
- † **Cookie Time! It's time!** It's that time of year when we begin to prepare for our Great Cookie Giveaway and Narberth's Dickens Festival. Start baking those cookies and freeze them. Or freeze the cookie dough so it's ready to bake when needed. We would like 6,000 cookies to bag and give away to our neighbors on **Sat. Dec 7th and at the Dickens Festival on Dec 8th**. Volunteers are needed to distribute cookies, if interested please contact Betsy Hayden (bhayden126@comcast.net) or Gaby Anik or Alison Louie. We appreciate your help!



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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

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
9:30am Adult Sunday School, Parlor
10:45am Worship Service-Family Worship and Communion
12:15pm Congregational Meeting in Sanctuary
12:30-2:30pm Explorers Class, Parlor
4:00pm High School Youth Group

Monday, November 4

6:30pm Windsor Bell Choir Rehearsal, Chapel
7:00pm Prayer Group, open to all, Steve's Office
7:30pm Men's Bible Study, Parlor

Tuesday, November 5

Election Day (Parlor reserved all day)
Pre-School In-service day, Gym and Chapel
11:00am Praying / Bible group, Resource Room
7:00pm Deacons' Meeting, Chapel

Wednesday, November 6

12-1:00pm Staff Meeting, Parlor
12:00pm-1:45pm CPS Staff Mtg., Chapel
5:45pm Wednesday Night Supper & Classes
Menu: Pasta with sauce
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, Parlor
The Early Church: Pergamum, Debbie, Chapel

Thursday, November 7

4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor, Gym
5:15pm *Private use of Gym*
7:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
7:30pm Adult Basketball, Gym
7:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Friday, November 8

9:30am Moms' Bible Study, Parlor
10:00am Women's' Bible Study, Chapel
HS Youth Retreat-leaves at 5:30pm
6:30pm Pickleball, Gym

Saturday, November 9

HS Youth on retreat

Sunday, November 10

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
HS Youth return from retreat
(*NO High School Youth Group today*)

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 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 6:30pm Pickleball, Gym
Nov 15 7:00pm Prayer Night for Children & Youth, Youth Room
Nov 24 10:00am One Combined Service; GIFTS OF HOPE GALLERY 11:30am-2:00pm, Gym