

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

December 8, 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 *Angels Singing, Tidings Ringing!* *Wagner*
The Windsor Bells

Welcome and Call To Worship **Colossians 1:19,20**

Hymn #150 *What Child Is This?* *Greensleeves*

Prayer of Invocation

Family News

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:6; 11:6-9; Romans 12:18 (p.1072,-77, 1764)

Lighting the Second Advent Candle "Peace"

9:00am Devon Chios, Layla, Mae

10:45am John & Jennifer Chung, Joseph, James, Jacqueline, Joshua

Declaration of Peace: Prayer of St. Francis (Unison)

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Song *Unto Us* *Pappas*
Dean Pappas

Greeting

Worship Song *Way Maker* *Osinachi*

Worship Song *We Will Feast In The House Of Zion* *Moore*

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 and Dedication of Pledges

Offertory

O Holy Night
The Windsor Bells

arr. Lamb

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication (*Doxology led by the Bells*)

Scripture Reading

John 14:27; 16:33

(p.1676, 1679)

Sermon

God Drawing Near
Pausing For Peace

Steve Weed,
Pastor

Hymn #171

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn

Benediction

Prayer Ministry

9:00am Isabel Lally
10:45am Jack Comstock

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Elizabeth Starr Thompson and Alfred Mancini, Sr. by the Donadio family.

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.

This Wednesday, December 12th, at 7:00pm in the Chapel:

A Night To Remember is a service of comfort and hope – for everyone who is experiencing sadness and loss in this season, or earlier in the year. While we often think of loss in terms of death (adults, children, pregnancy), there are other losses that cause our spirits to flag in a season so overtly cheerful, and we may feel more forgotten and forlorn than festive. All are invited to ***A Night to Remember***.

Next Sunday at 12:15pm we will hold our Annual Congregational Meeting in the gym. After a delicious lunch with an assortment of soups (12:15-12:45), we will review and discuss the ministries and budget of the church (12:45-1:45). Childcare is provided.

Advent and Christmas Services and Events:

Sun. Dec. 8 Second Sunday in Advent

9:00am and 10:45am Services

12:00-4:00pm Dickens Festival in Narberth

Tues. Dec 10 9:30-3:30 Sr. Adult Trip to Longwood Christmas Exhibit

Wed. Dec 11 7:00pm A Night To Remember, Chapel

A service of comfort and hope

Thurs. Dec 12 10:00am Pre-School Christmas Pageant

Sun. Dec. 15 Third Sunday in Advent

9:00am and 10:45am services Christmas Choir Presentation

10:15am Between services: Children's Christmas Pageant in Gym

12:15pm Annual Congregational Meeting,

Childcare and Lunch provided

Fri. Dec 19 1:30pm Sr. Christmas Carol Sing & Tea

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Sun. Dec. 22 4th Sunday in Advent

9:00am and 10:45am services

7:00pm Found Wandering Concert

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Tues. Dec 24 Christmas Eve

4:00pm Family Friendly Candlelight Service
(shorter and designed for young families)

5:30pm Family Friendly Candlelight Service

8:00pm Traditional Candlelight Service

FAMILY MINISTRY: CHILDREN, YOUTH & PARENTS

Childcare and Sunday School

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!

Kindergarten through 5th grade meet in the gym. They begin in service with their families and are dismissed following our Worship Songs. This month we are preparing our hearts for Christmas with our annual Christmas pageant, Christmas lessons and crafts. Elementary aged Sunday School takes place at both services.

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****

A Christmas Journey – Children’s Christmas Pageant! Our annual Christmas pageant will take place on Sunday, December 15th between services in the gym. Join Christmas, Joy, Peace, Faith, Hope and Doubt as they set out for Bethlehem to see the birth of our King Jesus. Children age 2 through 5th grade lead this special event.

Save the Dates:

Sunday, December 15th – Children’s Christmas Pageant!

Sunday, December 22nd – Karaoke & Crafts for K through 5th grade during Sunday School

Sunday, December 29th – Pajama Sunday for ALL children! Wear your favorite pj’s to Sunday School

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Upcoming Special Events

Dec.

8th – 12:30pm Last HS Youth Group for 2019 and Annual Train Ride to wander the Christmas Village in Philly.

11th - Last MS Youth Group for 2019.

15th - Last Youth Sunday School for 2019.

13th - [Youth Christmas Party to Get Air Trampoline Park. \(College students home on break can join this!\)](#)

20th - [Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker with NPCYG and Friends at Oaks Regal Movie Theater \(We reserved the ENTIRE theater.\)](#)

22nd - Found Wandering Christmas Concert at 7pm.

Jan.

5th - Youth Sunday School Resumes.

5th - HS Youth Group Resumes.

8th and 15th – 7:00-8:30pm Wed. Night Programs Resume with Youth and Parent Workshop Pt. 1 + 2.

30th - Youth Staff Outing at 7pm.

Feb.

26th - Ash Wednesday, the Start of Lent

Mar.

20-22nd - HS Pocono Cabin Retreat

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



During the month of December, the Chancel and Sanctuary is again fully decorated for Christmas. The poinsettias will be fully displayed on the 8th. After the morning services **on December 22, 2019**, the smaller poinsettias will be delivered to members and friends of the congregation. Most will be given to those who were not to attend the morning service, but ALL will be given to say **WE LOVE YOU!**

The Memorial Plants will be **\$12.00** each. This is a lovely way to remember loved ones, and to add to the congregation's enjoyment of the season. Please complete the form below and return it to the church office as soon as possible. Thank You! Please make **checks payable to Narberth Presbyterian Church.**

Dedications will be listed in the bulletin Dec. 22. Dedications must be received by December 19 to be included in the bulletin of 12/22.

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Christmas Poinsettias

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Attached is \$ _____ (checks/cash) to be identified as follows:

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory (or honor) of:

(please print)

By _____

OR

Given to the glory of God with thankful joy for His continuing love and grace.

By _____

_____ I would be happy to deliver one (or more) plants after the morning services on Sunday, December 22, 2019.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † The ***ALPHA Marriage Course*** provides husbands and wives tools to build and strengthen a vibrant relationship over time. On 7 successive Friday evening (6:30-9pm), beginning on January 17th through February 28th, couples enjoy a nice dinner at a table for two, watch a brief video presentations by Nicky and Sila Lee, and talk with each other about important issues that can get swept under the carpet in the rush of daily life. This is **not** a large group activity; rather, you and your spouse work only with each other. The cost for 7 weeks of dinner and the course materials is \$100 per couple. It's a bargain! So, whether you have been married a short time, or for many years, this course is a great investment in your relationship! There will be childcare provided at no extra cost. Please contact Debbie (dwatson@narberthpres.org or 610-664-4880 ext.114) to sign up, and check it out at http://us.alphausa.org/Groups/1000056818/The_Marriage_Course.aspx#.Vq-iLLrLcs
- † **Spiritual Renewal Weekend Follow-Up: Sunday morning opportunity:** TODAY at 9:30 and 10:45 there is an opportunity to nurture what has begun in us during the 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
- † **Thanks to all for a wonderful Gifts of Hope Gallery on Nov 24th!** Orders totaling just under \$11,000 were received on that Sunday, and orders continue to be placed. You can pick up your order in the chapel and can place orders up to Dec 20th.
- † **Giving envelopes for 2020** are now available in the Chapel. If you wish to receive envelopes and do not have them there, please contact Ruth Ellen Patterson or Karen Pappas.
- † **NEW! BULLETIN REUSE & RECYCLING**
Not taking your bulletin home? Help us save money and conserve resources by dropping it into one of our new **Bulletin Boxes** located at each main exits from the sanctuary. *Want to go completely paper-free?* Access the bulletin online at www.narberthpres.org using your mobile phone (simply click the front-page link to open this week's bulletin). This reuse and recycling effort is an initiative of our new Creation Care Committee, which seeks to mobilize our church to care for God's creation. For more information or to get involved with the church's new Creation Care Committee, please contact abowser@gmail.com.



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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, December 8

Second Sunday in Advent

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor
8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office
9:00am Worship Service
9:30:Renewal weekend follow-up class, led by Dana Ergenbright, Parlor
10:45am Worship Service
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12:00pm-4:00pm Dickens Festival in Narberth
12:30pm Youth trip to the city

Monday, December 9

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

Tuesday, December 10

9:30-3:30 Sr. Trip to Longwood Gardens
12:00pm Praying / Bible group, Parlor
7:00-7:45pm Elder/Deacon Training
7:45pm Reception of New Members

Wednesday, December 11

7:00pm A Night To Remember – a service of comfort and hope, 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: lmpsych@hotmail.com

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

Thursday, December 12

10:00am-Noon Preschool Christmas Pageant and reception
7:00pm Adult Discipleship Committee, Youth Annex
7:30pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Friday, December 13

10:00am Women's Bible Study, Chapel
6:30pm Pickleball, Gym
Youth Christmas Party at "Get Air"

Saturday, December 14

9:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Sunday, December 15

Third Sunday in Advent

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor
8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office
9:00am Worship Service-Music Sunday
10:15am Children's Christmas Pageant, Gym
10:45am Worship Service-Music Sunday
12:15 Annual Congregational Meeting, Gym

Dec 17 7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor
Dec 17 7:00pm Knitters' Group, Chapel
Dec 19 9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor
Dec 20 9:30am Moms' Bible Study, Parlor
Dec 22 7:00pm Found Wandering Concert
Dec 24 4:00pm, 5:30pm, 8:00pm Services
Dec 25-26 Office Closed for Christmas
Dec 27 6:30pm Pickleball, Gym
Jan 1 Office Closed for New Year holiday

Jan 7 7:00pm Deacons' Meeting, Parlor
Jan 8 5:45-8:00pm Wed Night supper & programs resume
Jan 9,23 9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor
Jan 12 Ordination and Installation of new Elder/Deacons
Jan 17 6:30-9:00pm The Marriage Course, Parlor
Jan 18 11:00am Memorial Service for Donald Jacobs, Visitation at 10:00am in Parlor