

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

December 15, 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 *I Heard The Bells on Christmas* *arr. Coles*

Welcome and Call To Worship **Isaiah 52:7**

Hymn #151 *Go Tell It on the Mountain* *Spiritual*

Prayer of Invocation

Family News

Scripture Reading Isaiah 12:1-6 (p.1078)

Lighting the Third Advent Candle "Joy"

9:00am Marty Chaffee, John Chaffee, Steve Chaffee

10:45am Rob and Sandi Wray

Declaration of Joy (Unison) Isaiah 51:11

The redeemed of the Lord will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

Greeting

Hymn #146 *Joy To the World! The Lord Is Come* *Antioch*

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

Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory *What Child Is This?* *Arr. Smith/Hustad*
Sherry Beebe, Organ
Emil Pilack, Trumpet
Linda Pilacik, Piano

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings and Dedication of Pledges

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading John 1:1-5; Revelation 21:22-25 (p.1645, 1938)

Meditation **Light! Let It Shine!** **Pastor Deborah Watson**

Everlasting *Light*

The Promise of Christmas

By: Lloyd Larson, Mary McDonald, Jay Rouse, Larry Shackley

Everlasting Light
Narration

Narration

My Soul Proclaims
Narration

Bethlehem, O Bethlehem
Narration

Shepherds and Angels
Narration

This Child of Light
Narration

This Is Christ the King
Narration

Everlasting Light

Narrators: **Dean Pappas, Deborah Watson**

Director: **Sherry Matthews Beebe, Minister of Music**

Sound Ministry: **Matt Donadio**

and

The Sanctuary Choir

Soprano: Alicia Beebe, Lana Boyd, Heidi Hartung, Colleen Holmes, Joyce Lewis,
Jean McIntire, Ruth Ellen Patterson, Doris Trescher, Rashmi Vyas
Alto: Diane Chen, Pam Fleming, Sara Mahoney, Lorraine Mattila,
Linda Pilacik, Shiang-Ju Steenhoff
Tenor: Philip Beebe, Glenn Frantz, Peter Phillips, Andrew Steenhoff
Bass: Edward Dickinson, David Holmes, Tom Patterson

Benediction

Prayer Ministry

9:00am Lisa Hoffman

10:45am Linda Behmke

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.

At 10:15am, in between services, all are invited to attend the children's Christmas Pageant, "A Christmas Journey" in the gym. Children age 2 through 5th grade will lead us in the telling of the Christmas story. If you are the parent of a child in our nursery, please pick up your child before going to the gym. Otherwise, you can retrieve your child after the pageant.

TODAY 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.

Next Sunday at 7:00pm Found Wandering Benefit Concert for the Philadelphia Project. Invite your friends!

Advent and Christmas Services and Events:

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
Thur. Dec 19 1:00pm 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: Upcoming Special Events

Dec.

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

- † **I would like to say a BIG Thank You** to all of the cookie bakers, buyers, deliverers, and baggers for all of the cookies donated this year for our community outreach! So many people answered our call for assistance, it was so wonderful and so very much appreciated! The effort couldn't have happened without so many people stepping up to volunteer! Thank you, thank you!
With holiday blessings, Betsy Hayden
- † 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
- † **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 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

Monday, December 16

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

Tuesday, December 17

12:00pm Praying / Bible group, Parlor
7:00pm Session Meeting, Examination of new Elders/Deacons, Parlor
7:00pm Knitters' Group, Chapel

Wednesday, December 18

12:00pm Staff Lunch

Thursday, December 19

9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor
1:00pm Sr. Adults Christmas Carol Sing and Tea, Parlor
4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor

Friday, December 20

9:30am Moms' Bible Study, Parlor
10:00am Women's Bible Study, Chapel
6:15pm Youth: [Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker with NPCYG and Friends at Oaks Regal Movie Theater](#)
(Meet at theater at 6:15))

Saturday, December 21

Sunday, December 22

Fourth Sunday in Advent
8:00am Sunday School, Parlor
8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office
9:00am Worship
10:45am Worship Service
7:00pm Found Wandering Concert

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: ilmpsysh@hotmail.com

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

Dec 24 4:00pm, 5:30pm, 8:00pm Services
Dec 25-26 Office Closed for Christmas
Dec 27 6:30pm Pickleball, Gym
Dec 30 3-5pm Marathon Kickball with the Pastor
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