

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

December 22, 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 *O Sanctissima* *arr. Bish*

Welcome and Call To Worship

Hymn #173 *O Come All Ye Faithful* *Adeste Fideles*

Prayer of Invocation

Family News

Scripture Reading **1 John 4:7-10** (p.1902)

Lighting the Fourth Advent Candle“Love”

9:00am Tom & Valerie Foley, Thomas, Allison, Ra'zad

10:45am Tim & Jennifer Roykouff and Liam, Gerri Wismer

Declaration of Love **1 John 4:11,12 (Unison)**

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. Amen!

9:00am Song *Light of The World* *Daigle*

Youth Singers

Pam Fleming and Sarah Comstock, Accompanists

10:45am Hymn #152 (1,3) *Angels We Have Heard on High* *Gloria*

Greeting

Worship Song *Mighty To Save* *Morgan/Fielding*

Worship Song *Jesus Messiah* *Tomlin*

During the 9:00am service and the 10:45am service, children in K through 5th grades may be dismissed to Children's Sunday School. No Youth Sunday School. Will resume on January 5.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer *Deborah Watson,*
Associate Pastor

Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory *What Child Is This?* *Arr. Peterson*

Pam Fleming, Violin

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Sermon

God Drawing Near
Personalizing Christmas

Steve Weed,
 Pastor

Hymn #171

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn

Benediction

Prayer Ministry

9:00am Linda DiLullo

10:45am John Furlong

Christmas Poinsettia Dedications are listed on pages 6 and 7.

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..

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

Advent and Christmas Services and Events:

Sun. Dec. 22 4th Sunday in Advent

9:00am and 10:45am services

7:00pm Found Wandering Concert

Tues. Dec 24 Christmas Eve

4:00pm Children's Candlelight Service

(Shorter, designed for young families)

5:30pm Family Candlelight Service

(Both children's message and short adult message)

8:00pm Traditional Candlelight Service (Adult message)

Mon. Dec 30

3-5pm Marathon Kickball with the Pastor

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

Save the Dates:

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.

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 FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Poinsettias given in loving memory of	(or in honor of)	By
Donald Jacobs		Kathe Jacobs
Donald Jacobs		Mikki, Alice, & Joanna Edwards
Our parents, George & Helen		Suzanne and Barbara Floyd
In honor of the Worship Band		Ilonka & Jack Comstock
In honor of our granddaughters		Ilonka & Jack Comstock
My Daddy, Oscar J. Brown, Sr.		Wanda Brown
My husband, Oscar J. Brown, Sr.		Addie D. Brown
Hea Ja Kim, beloved Mother		Juen Kim
E. R. Choi		Charlie Choi
Mr. & Mrs. George A. McKinley		Meg McKinley
Mr. Thomas A. Verrecchia		Meg McKinley
Dad, Scott Fleischauer		Owen, Lucy, and Beth
Papa, John Fleischauer		Owen, Lucy, and Beth
My Bill & our daughter Freida		Gerri Wismer
R. Edwin & Bunny Moore		James & Lucille Stretch
Evelyn L. Moore		James & Lucille Stretch
Esther Griffith and		
In honor of Annabelle Davis		
	their great-grandchildren Owen, Emery, Griffin & Bennett Davis	
Our moms, Mary Ann Deranier and Georgette Lubchuk		
	Gaby Anik and Larry Lubchuk	
Jack & Ilonka Comstock's parents and		
Joy & Chuck Boshian		Doreen & Peti Yeremian
My son-in-law, Rob Edson and my brother, John Barr, Jr.		Carol Corner
Our mom & dad, Dorothy & John Barr		Carol Corner and Janet Norcini
Our parents, George & Muriel Corner and		
Our sister, Muriel Corner		George Corner and Mary Walker
Elizabeth Phillips		Jennifer Philips
Our beloved parents & grandparents		Scott, Julie, Connor and Aiden Todd
April Hatch		Stacie Adjaye-Mims and Harry Mims
Joseph Adjaye		Stacie Adjaye-Mims and Dinah Adjaye
Miriam & Francis McIntire/Kenneth Morse		Jean & Dave McIntire
In honor of Alice Morse		Jean & Dave McIntire
In honor of Chuck & Joyce Lewis		their grandchildren and great-grandchild
Amy Tawadros		her family
Craig Charles Lewis	his parents, Chuck & Joyce Lewis and sister Kelly	
Our parents		Chuck & Joyce Lewis
David Arthur Cope		the Cope family
Their parents, Tom & Peg McGarvey and Alex Kapner		the Kapner family

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Our parents, Mr. & Mrs. George H. Heller and Mr. & Mrs. Harold Chamberlain		Mr. & Mrs. Harold L. Heller Debbie Watson
James & Caroline Watson		Karen Pappas
My mother, Betty Engan		Margaret and Isabel Lally
Loved ones, Mum & Dad and Tony		Steve and Teri Weed
Our parents, Warren & Jean Mills and Irv & Shirley Weed		Joey, Glenn, and Heather
Tom Nangle, dear husband and father		Joey, Glenn, and Heather
Thomas Jr., dear son and brother		Wendy Weiner
My mom, Lillian Weiner		Wendy Weiner
My friend, William Aide		Kevin Cope
David Arthur Cope		Kevin Cope
In honor of our grandmothers		your church family
Scott Fleischauer		his grandchildren Sonia, Tai, Mei Mei
Richard Groeneveld		the Porter family
Mark & Dorothy Porter		Gwen Porter
Brett Robertson		



ANNOUNCEMENTS

† Upcoming Discipleship Opportunities:

Wednesday Nights Jan 8, 15 7:00-8:30pm

Youth and Parent workshops led by John Chaffee and Dana Ergenbright

Wednesday Nights starting January 15, 7:00-8:00pm

“That The World May Know” video series, led by Pastor Debbie

Wednesday Nights starting Jan 22, 7:00-8:00pm

The Jesus I Never Knew, by Philip Yancey

Book study led by Pastor Steve

Thursday nights starting Jan 16, 7:00-8:30pm

Mere Christianity, by C.S. Lewis

Book study led by Pastor Steve

- † 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#.VqiLLrLcs

- † **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.

2019 MISSIONARY CAUSES

Mission

4D Ministries – Hank Paulson
Amnion Pregnancy Center
Amoenitas – Scott Todd
Child Evangelism Fellowship, Inc. – North Ireland
Chosen People Ministries (formerly Messiah Now) – Paul Cruz
Cornerstone Christian Academy
CRU (Campus Crusade for Christ) – Leah Darwin
CRU (Campus Crusade for Christ) – Brindleys (Philadelphia Gospel Movement)
CRU (Campus Crusade for Christ) – Matt & Anna Shenk
DiscipleMakers – Rebecca and Dan Hall
El Rancho Del Rey
Esperanza Health Center
Family of Restoration Ministries (was House of His Creation)
Fellowship International Mission/Jos Seminary – C. Tushima
Fellowship of Christian Athletes – Kasey Dougherty
Greater Europe Mission- Liz Loeffler
Habitat for Humanity – Philadelphia
Interserve-USA – Jan & John Kennedy
Intervarsity – Alexis Bishop
Kingdom Connect – Ben Duffy
Kirkwood Camp (Presbytery of Philadelphia)
Neighborhood Crusades Inc.
Presby's Inspired Life
Presbyterian Reformed Ministries International
Wee Kirk
ECO Church Planting and Global Missions Funds
REAP – Granada – Scott Esposito
Redeemed For A Cause Outreach – Sakinah Love
Servant Partners – Dan & Denise Anderson
SIM USA – Jim & Ellie Jewell
The Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota (Standing Rock)
The Philadelphia Project
The Welcome Church – Schauel Steinnagel
Timothy Academy
United World Mission – Nick & Ginny Woodbury
Wycliffe Bible Translators – Al & Barb Shannon
Young Life (Western Philadelphia Suburbs)

Ambassador

Helga Sauter
Alice Antonelli
Marilyn Reed
Danielle Kauffman
Jennifer & Tim Roykouff
Joyce Lewis
Kathy McLean
Jean McIntire

The Bowser Family
Bob Moore

Greg Esterhai
Melissa Esterhai
Scott Todd
Ashley Reed
Helga Sauter
Linda Behmke
Jesse Kennedy
Meg McKinley
Ken & Sally Kapner
Curt Haring
Helga Sauter
Suzanne Morrison
Cathy Callaway
Steve Weed
Scott Todd
Charlie Choi
Sally Kapner
Faithe Hornung
Helga Sauter
Ashley Reed
Sharon Shallow
Jane Murray
Georgia Ward
Helga Sauter
Kim Ishmael
Barbara Montgomery



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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

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

Thursday, December 26

Office Closed

Friday, December 27

10:00am Women's Bible Study, Chapel
6:30pm Pickleball, Gym

Saturday, December 28

Sunday, December 29

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

Monday, December 23

7:00pm Prayer Group, open to all, Steve's Office
Men's Bible Study, Parlor (Resumes Jan 6)

Tuesday, December 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00pm Children's Candlelight Service
(Shorter, designed for young families)

5:30pm Family Candlelight Service
(Both children's message and short adult message)

8:00pm Traditional Candlelight Service
(Adult message)

Wednesday, December 25

Office Closed

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

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 with kid's cooking!
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