

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

December 29, 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 *Passacaglia* **Young**

Welcome and Call To Worship

Hymn #181 *As With Gladness Men of Old* **Dix**

Prayer of Invocation

Family News

Scripture Reading Psalm 84 (p.922)

9:00am David Fraser

10:45am Brint Nicolai

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All the people: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, we thank you for this day and the opportunity to experience your grace yet again. Led by the Holy Spirit, we confess that we have not loved you or our neighbors as ourselves. We confess that we have avoided our own responsibilities of being Image-Bearers and humbly ask that remind us yet again what it means to be the people of God. Please forgive us our sins, and help us to live upright lives. May we live out your kingdom, not as a duty, but as an honor. We pray all this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Greeting

Worship Song *What A Beautiful Name* **Fielding/Ligertwood**

Worship Song *Go Tell It On The Mountain*

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 12.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Steve Weed,
Pastor

Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory

Classic Trio

Young

Sherry Beebe

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:22-40

(p.1591)

Sermon

The Call of The Kadosh

John Chaffee,

Director of Youth Ministries

Hymn #2

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Nicaea

Benediction

Prayer Ministry

9:00am Isabel Lally

10:45am Scott Todd

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..

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

“How To Care For Your Anxious Friend”, led by John Chaffee

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

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The ALPHA Marriage Course begins Friday, January 17. See p. 6 for more information.

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

YOUTH: Upcoming Special Events

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† Upcoming Discipleship Opportunities:

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- † 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
Ken & Sally Kapner
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

2019 CHURCH OFFICERS

THE SESSION with Current Ministry Connections

Pastor Steve Weed – Moderator

Class of 2019

*Charlie Choi – Missions Committee, Chair

*John Kennedy – Personnel, Youth Ministry

Charlene McGrew – Christian Nursery School Board, Chair, Personnel

Mike Morrison – Finance Committee

Class of 2020

*Linda Behmke – Personnel, Chair

*Jack Comstock – Worship & Music, Greeter

Lisa Hoffman – Communications, Children’s Ministry, Youth Ministry

Jo-Anne Kaplan – Clerk of Session, Children’s Ministry

Sue Wenger – Adult Discipleship

Class of 2021

Linda DiLullo - Prayer

Pam Fleming – Children’s Ministry

Clara Louie - Outreach

Dave McIntire – Stewardship & Finance

*Scott Todd – Missions Committee

THE BOARD OF DEACONS with Current Ministry Connections

Class of 2019

Ilonka Comstock – Deacons’ Pantry, Hospitality

Ruth Ellen Patterson – Church Financial Secretary

Pat Svitek – Homebound Communication, Ushering

Class of 2020

Kevin Cope - Transportation

Godfrey Louie – Visitation

Deborah Miller – Ushering

Sharon Shallow – Hospitality, Visitation, Justice & Mercy Ministry

Class of 2021

Valerie Foley – Justice & Mercy Team

*Faithe Hornung – Treasurer, Deacons’ Assist. Fund, Missions

Dee Knight – Visitation, Hospitality

*Ashley Reed – Moderator, Archivist, Deacons’ Assist. Fund, College-age Comm.

* serving second term

Jesus Presented in the Temple

²² When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”), ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons.”

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷ Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

²⁹ “Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
 you may now dismiss your servant in peace.
³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation,
³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:
³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
 and the glory of your people Israel.”

³³ The child’s father and mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. ³⁸ Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.



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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

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 30

3-5pm Marathon Kickball with the Pastor
7:00pm Prayer Group, open to all, Steve's Office
Men's Bible Study, Parlor (Resumes Jan 6)

Tuesday, December 31

Wednesday, January 1

Office Closed New Year's Day

Thursday, January 2

Pre-School resumes
4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor

Friday, January 3

9:30am Moms' Bible Study, Parlor
10:00am Women's Bible Study, Chapel

Saturday, January 4

11:00am Memorial Service for Ron Chaffee at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Brant Beach, NJ

Sunday, January 5

Family Worship

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

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

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