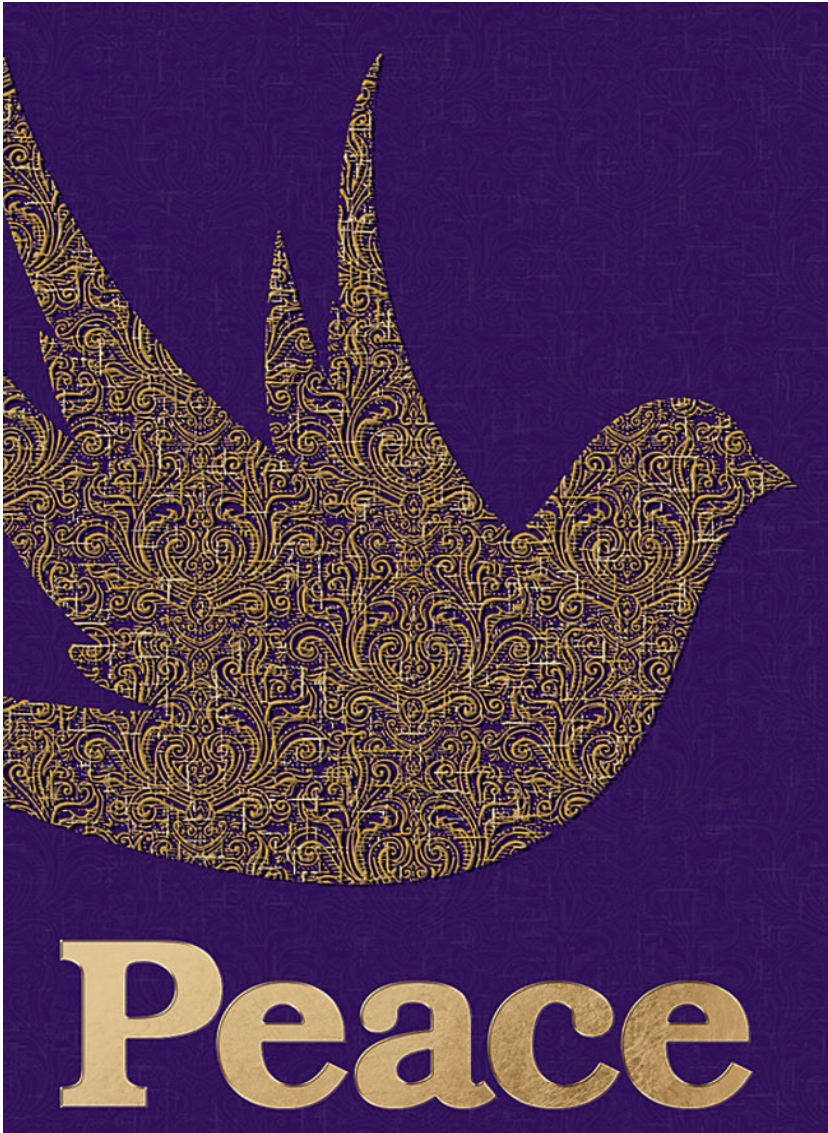


Narberth Presbyterian Church



December 6, 2020

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude *Unto Us* *Dean Pappas*
Welcome and Family News *Pastor Steve Weed*

Invitation to Gifts of Hope

Call to Worship *John 1:1-9* *Catherine & Raphael Bonita, Isabelle, Ella, Sonia*

Hymn#173 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* *Adeste Fidelis*

Prayer of Invocation *Pastor Debbie*

Advent Scripture Reading *Isaiah 9:2,6,7*

Lighting the Second Advent Candle "Peace" *The Hauger Family*

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.

Children's Message *Danielle Kauffman*

Scripture *John 1:19-23; 3:22-30* *Pastor Debbie*

Youth Message *John Chaffee*

Pastoral Prayer *Pastor Debbie*

Sermon *Listening For God's Call* *Pastor Steve*

Invitation To Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up 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, O holy God, creator and ruler of the universe. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in your image and called us to love and serve you.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Born in humility, he came to rule over all. Helpless as an infant, he showed the power of your love. Poor in things of the world, he brought the wealth of your grace. Rejected by many, he welcomed all who sought him.

In his death and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made us people of hope.

According to his commandments:

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory.

Empower us by your Spirit, O God, to be Christ's presence in the world even as Jesus was God-with-us. Give us courage and hope to speak his truth, to seek his justice, and to live together in his peace.

**Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm. In Jesus' Name.
Amen.**

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Benediction

Pastor Steve

Postlude

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
arr. Dean Pappas, Hammer Dulcimer

Bach

Looking Ahead in Advent...

Next Sunday, December 13

Annual Congregational Meeting by Zoom at 11:00am

The Zoom link will be sent that Sunday.

FOUND WANDERING SPECIAL ONLINE PRESENTATION

7:00pm December 13th

Join us for an hour of good tidings and togetherness, as we present previously unreleased music from past Christmas concerts, as well as stories and songs from the band members at home.

Featuring Sarah & Colin Comstock along with the Comstock Sisters, Jake L'Armand, Caleb & Carolyn, Lauren Coen-Iltis & John Iltis, Jon Frost and others...

100% of donations to benefit **Project HOME** www.projecthome.org, a Philadelphia non-profit organization, empowering individuals to break the cycle of poverty and homelessness through affordable housing, employment, health care and education.

Join us at 7:00pm for the pre-show countdown and hang with us afterwards for a post presentation live chat.

Hope to see you there!

SPECIAL SERVICE

On December 16th at 7:00pm, Pastor Debbie and Gerri Wismer will lead a service of remembrance in a Zoom meeting.

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***.

Please email or call the church office to register for this event. 610-664-4880 or

office@narberthpres.org

NOMINEES FOR ELDER AND DEACON

Brint Nicolai – Elder Nominee

I am thankful to call NPC my home Church for my entire life. From my earliest experiences in Sunday School through my teenage years in youth group and now as a parent, I have been blessed by the warmth and guidance of this Church in seeking to follow Jesus more closely. I am honored to be nominated to serve as an Elder and will seek to follow God's leading in creatively and faithfully serving His Church.

Gaby Anik – Deacon Nominee

I was raised a Catholic, was taught about the Holy Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy "Ghost"), and that I needed to be good to get to heaven. I can honestly say that I never doubted that Jesus was not only the Son of God, but that He was God. I didn't understand, but I believed. But I did question why why why why a good God would allow so much pain in the world. I wasn't taught we were born sinners and that the world was broken. It wasn't until I was in an Assemblies of God church (I was searching...) that I "accepted" Jesus into my life. And it wasn't until I was in dire straits years later that I met Him – right there in my kitchen. It was at that moment I understood that it wasn't doing good deeds, having good behavior, or being a good person that would get me into heaven. It was doing and being these things out of love and having a relationship with Jesus – which is deepening every day. I would be humbled to serve as a Deacon in this church that I have come to love.

GIFTS OF HOPE

This Christmas...

Provide rest to all who are weary!

This Christmas instead of giving another box of chocolates or coffee mug to your favorite relative or friend, give a Gift of Hope.

Give a blanket to help a homeless person stay warm!



Give a gift of hope in honor of a loved one, friend or business associate. Help provide food and clothing, health and shelter, or an education. Contribute to faith sharing and church development, promote justice, and improve livelihoods.

Neighborhood Crusades is a ministry based in the Germantown section of Philadelphia that focuses on street corner evangelism, urban missions and evangelism training, school assembly programs, prison presentations, biblical counseling, and relationship enrichment courses. It strengthens families and encourages troubled youth throughout Philadelphia. Your gift of a hat, scarf and gloves will provide comfort and warmth for a person experiencing homelessness this winter.

Your gift of \$3 will provide a fleece blanket for a person suffering from homelessness that will give warmth and comfort during cold winter nights.

Gifts of Hope 2020
Narberth Presbyterian Church
www.npcgiftsofhope.com

FAMILY MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The Way to the Manger - Family Advent Activities! Advent begins Sunday, November 29th

The Way to the Manger is a 25-day family Advent devotional that engages families with the biblical truth of Christmas as they wait for the arrival of the Savior on Christmas Day. Register your family today for this FREE program with all kinds of advent activities. Please register by November 23rd. Advent kits will be available following service on Sunday, November 29th. Please contact Danielle with any questions or concerns. It's not too late to join.

TODAY: DOUGH Holy Night! Sunday, December 6th at 2:00pm

Join us for a fun and interactive experience designed for your family to do at home. Together you will bake a batch of Christmas cookies, and along the way, hear the story of the very first Christmas. Best of all, there's a video that walks you step by step through the entire experience. Please register by November 29th to receive the video link and further instructions. This is a great event for ALL ages! Please contact Danielle with any question or concerns.

A Socially Distant Christmas Pageant! Sunday, December 20th ONLINE VIDEO!

NO! The Children's Christmas Pageant has NOT been canceled. Join Miss Danielle and the NPC kids as they strive to create a virtual Christmas program using smartphones and Zoom! A link to watch our video will be sent out Sunday, December 20th. Stay tuned!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Group and Small Group Gatherings This Fall

This fall the NPC Youth Min will be pivoting toward more small group gatherings on Wednesdays. Our hope is that with a network of congregants and volunteers we can have alternating larger gatherings and small group gatherings each week for MS and HS youth. Our preference is to meet in people's back or side yards rather than at the church property. AND, we would like to know if you would be willing to host a gathering this fall even if you are not a parent of a MS or HS youth. We would hope to foster more relationships across our church's demographic and see what can happen. If you are interested in attending this fall then just set aside your Wednesday evenings for NPC.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

SUNDAY CLASSES

8:00 am - Scripture Discussion-(Zoom meeting)

All are invited to Debbie's class focused on discussing the Scripture passage for each week's worship service and sermon. Come join us via Zoom for what is always a rich time of fellowship and learning. Led by Pastor Debbie Watson

11:00 am - Hebrews: How Jesus was Deeply Jewish, and So is Christianity (Last Class this Sunday)

John Chaffee is leading a Zoom class for people of all ages (youth and all the way up) on the book of Hebrews. At a time in the first century when believers were experiencing a lot of push-back/harassment for their faith, and some were tempted to leave it, and return to traditional Judaism, the writer of Hebrews sought to show how Jesus represented the core of biblical Jewish tradition, even as he transcended it.

Contact John Chaffee for the Zoom link at jchaffee@narberthpres.org

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT THE CHURCH

7:00 pm - "With All Your Heart" Video based Bible Study

God's people often forgot the Lord and relied on themselves when they arrived in the Promised Land. Come to Israel via video - learn how we also forget the Lord, and how God calls us all back.

Led by Pastor Debbie Watson Location: Chapel

Last Class this week.

7:00 – 8:00 pm - ACTS PRAYER GROUP ON ZOOM

Are you looking for a place to be spiritually refreshed? Do you want to learn how to be guided through Scripture meditation and structured prayer? Then please consider joining us as we journey together through the ACTS prayer posture - Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication. Our focus is on praying for Kingdom needs in our nation and God's Church throughout the world. You are welcome to pray silently the entire time or pray out loud as you feel led. So please consider accepting the Father's invitation to sit together with Him in prayer and come as you are able. Please contact Linda DiLullo at ldilullo3@gmail.com or Karen in the church office to get the Zoom link.

COMMUNICATIONS

Prayer

Requests for prayer can be made anytime by calling the church office or emailing to prayer@narberthpres.org. Requests will be posted as quickly as possible for immediate prayer by the Prayer Team.

Small group leaders are encouraged to reach out to the Church office if any meeting resource (voice conference calling or video conference calling) is needed. Small group members are encouraged to remain in contact with each other. Some small groups may continue, others may take a break in this time. Small group leaders are encouraged to communicate with their group as to what you will be doing in this time.

Office: The church office may be contacted by phone at 610-664-4880 from 9 am to 4 pm Monday - Friday with questions, concerns, prayer requests, etc. Messages may also be left at any other time. We love to hear from you.

Giving: Your gifts and tithes make this ministry possible and keep our church strong. Giving may be done at: www.narberthpres.org/give. Giving may be done by texting your gift to 610-642-4831. Gifts and tithes may also be mailed to the church office:

Narberth Presbyterian Church Attention: Financial Secretary
205 Grayling Ave. Narberth PA 19072

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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, December 6

Second Sunday in Advent

8:00am Zoom Sunday School Discussion Class
Led by Debbie

9:00am Online Worship

at www.narberthpres.org

11:00 am - Hebrews: How Jesus was
Deeply Jewish, and So is Christianity
Zoom Class led by John Chaffee- Last week of
this class

Monday, December 7

7:00pm Zoom Prayer Group

Tuesday, December 8

12:00pm Prayer group -Meet in the parking lot

Wednesday, December 9

7:00pm Zoom ACTS Prayer Meeting

Thursday, December 10

Friday, December 11

7-8am Zoom Community Prayer Meeting
for Racial Reconciliation. Zoom link available

Saturday, December 12

Sunday, December 13

Third Sunday in Advent

8:00am Zoom Sunday School Discussion Class
Led by Debbie

9:00am Online Worship

at www.narberthpres.org

**11:00am Annual Congregational Meeting
(Zoom)**

7:00pm Virtual Found Wandering Special

***To join any of the above listed Zoom
meetings, please call the church office at
610-664-4880***

Each Week

Christian Pre-School – 610-664-8890

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

Counseling: Dr. Janet Moore: cell: 484-686-6630 email: ilmpsyched@hotmail.com