



Narberth Presbyterian Church

December 12, 2021

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

December 12, 2021

Prelude

Linda Pilacik, Piano

Welcome and Family News

Pastor Steve

Call to Worship

Luke 2:9-12

Faith Morse (Middle Schooler)

Hymn #150

What Child Is This?

Greensleeves

Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Debbie

Advent Scripture Reading

Isaiah 35:1-6

Tom & Ruth Ellen Patterson

Lighting the Third Advent Candle “Joy”

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.

Song

Once in Royal David's City

Advent Choir

Recognition and Thanksgiving - John Chaffee, Director of Youth Ministries

Jan Kennedy

Dismissal of Children and Youth

Worship Song

The First Noel (See Hymnal #162)

Verses 1,2,4,6

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Passing of Friendship Pads Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming

Advent Choir

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Pastor Steve

Scripture:

Matthew 11:28-30; John 15:11, 16:33

Pastor Debbie

Sermon:

From Weariness To Joy

Pastor Steve

Benediction**Pastor Steve****Postlude****Linda Pilacik, Organ****Prayer Ministry****Sue Wenger**

TODAY, December 12, we will hold our Annual Congregation Meeting at 10:45am, immediately following the 9:30am service in the sanctuary. All are invited to participate, especially members. Childcare and extended Sunday School are provided through 5th grade. As you are able, we strongly encourage your in-person attendance. Those who have pre-registered may participate by Zoom.

Our meeting will include a time of memorial remembrance for members and loved ones who have entered the Church Triumphant in the last year. We will also elect new Elders and Deacons, give an overview of our ministries and mission causes, and discuss the budget for 2022.

7:00pm Wednesday, December 15

A Night to Remember – a very special service of comfort and hope for everyone who is experiencing sadness and loss: whether recent or further in the past. In this season so overtly cheerful, when our hearts sink with sorrow, we may feel strangely out of step – more forgotten and forlorn than festive. If this in any way describes you or someone you know, then to ***A Night to Remember*** is for you. Everyone is welcome for the music, the candle-light, and the spoken word.

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ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND EVENTS:

Sun. Dec. 12 Third Sunday in Advent

9:30 Service

10:45am

Annual Congregational Meeting,
Childcare provided

Wed. Dec 15

7:00pm A Night To Remember, Chapel

A service of comfort and hope

Wed Dec 15

7:00pm Gingerbread Bash in Gym
for children Pre-K to 5th grade

Thurs. Dec 16

11:00am Pre-School Christmas Pageant

Sun. Dec. 19 4th Sunday in Advent

9:30 service

7:00pm

Children's Christmas Pageant concludes the service

Found Wandering Concert

Friday. Dec 24 Christmas Eve

4:00pm

Children's Candlelight Service
(shorter and designed for young families)

5:30pm

Family Candlelight Service

8:00pm

Traditional Candlelight Service

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 5th. After the morning services **on December 19, 2021**, 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. 19. Dedications must be received by December 16 to be included in the bulletin of 12/19.

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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 19, 2021.

ELDER NOMINEES

Jai Cai

The salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ trickled down to me over a period of about 2-3 years as He drew me closer one step at a time. My life was at many crossroads and went through many transitions around 2004-2006. While I was frequently struggling, the Lord spoke to me often, through a bible that was given to me by two missionaries years ago and through many Christians in my life, in particular my wife Chang Liu. Little by little, I see His hands in my life and His salvation for me. I was baptized at Cherry Hill Baptist Church in the winter of 2006. Chang and I came to Narberth Presbyterian Church in 2015 when we moved to this area. We have experienced much growth in our faith in this loving community of fellow Christians. I am blessed to serve the congregation as an elder in the coming years.

Jack Comstock

As a young boy, Church for me was something that I was "expected" to do however as a teenager in the 60's, I walked away trying to find my own "truth". Over the next decade, I would occasionally attend Church however I didn't attend with any regularity until several years later after I was married and had children. I began to get involved on various committees and was elected as a Deacon and even later as an Elder. I was busy building up my "credentials" however my faith wasn't real...it looked good on the outside but it was dead on the inside. It wasn't until several years later, while listening to a sermon series by Tim Keller on being "Born Again" that I discovered what was missing, a real relationship with my Lord and Savior. Ever since that time, I have been on the most incredible journey...I attempt to embrace each day, looking for God at work around me, trying to love those that God places in my path and sharing the good news that has so wonderfully changed by life.

Jim Hornung

I have been a Christian since I was a child, and have been a member of NPC since the early 90's. I work as an electrician and have served as a third-generation fire chief for over 20 years. First and foremost, I am a servant of Jesus Christ and willing to serve in whatever capacity the Lord gives to me.

DEACON NOMINEES

Gwen Blessing

My church background has been in the Methodist church. I was baptized and confirmed in Memphis, TN at Springdale Methodist Church where my family attended. When I was 12 we moved to Arkansas, and as a teenager I became a charter member of a new Methodist church forming where we lived (in a very rural area). Those churches and my family laid the groundwork for my Christian beliefs and the way I have chosen to be a follower of Jesus. I am sure this played a role in my career as a social worker. Before coming to Narberth, I was a member of First United Methodist Church in Pottstown for 30 years and taught children's Sunday School for 15 years. Coming to Narberth Pres has been the best next step in my faith journey. I truly believe it was the Holy Spirit that led me through these doors, and I am blessed to have found this wonderful place and people. At present, I find it very rewarding to be part of the faith journey with my grandson, Jack who also loves this church. I look forward to continuing my service to the Lord as Deacon at Narberth Pres.

Donald Vangore

I was born and raised in the Mennonite Brethren Church. I am the 3rd of 8 children. In my childhood I attended Sunday school regularly and in my teens actively participated in youth meetings and retreats. I accepted Jesus as Savior and Lord. I was baptized in January 1973, at the age of 19. Ever since, I have actively participated in church activities. Before I came to the USA, I used to work as a community organizer in Church's Auxiliary for Social Action(CASA). When I came to the USA I attended Covenant Presbyterian Church and served as usher.

Gerri Wismer

When I was 3 years old my parents took me to Sunday School. My parents never went to church with me but my Dad faithfully took me each week and picked me up when it was over. He did this until I was old enough to walk to church myself. My Sunday School teachers were wonderful and taught us kids about Jesus, how much He loved us and how He died on the cross for our sins. They told us how our sins could be forgiven and that we needed a Savior. They told us how we could ask Jesus to come into our hearts and be saved. When I was 9 years old I asked Jesus to forgive my sins and be my Savior. I was discipled by loving Sunday School teachers and Youth Leaders who loved us and always pointed us to God's word. I loved my church and was married there.

When Bill and I married we went to a Baptist church and together we received Believer's Baptism. After moving to Penn Wynne we visited different churches and joined one where we worshipped for several years. I met Guigui Roberts, a member of NPC , at Lankenau Hospital where I was a nurse and Bereavement Coordinator and she was the Chaplin. We worked together when a baby died or there was a pregnancy loss. She invited Bill and I to come to NPC to hear her preach . We accepted her invite and never left. That was almost 30 yrs ago. We were finally home. It is both an honor and a privilege to serve my Lord as a Deacon. Phil.4:13.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Three Christmas Eve Services Return

In keeping with this year's theme of doing as many things as "normally" as we possibly can, plans are well underway for the **4:00 pm Children's Service**, **5:30 pm Family Service** and **8:00 pm Adult Traditional** Christmas Eve Service on Friday, December 24. Please read the newsletter and listen to Family News for details in the weeks to come.

Found Wandering Benefit Concert Returns, Sunday, December 19 at 7 pm!

Found Wandering Annual Christmas Concert to benefit Redemption Housing (redemptionhousing.org)

Join us for an intimate, cinematic livestream experience, via Narberth Presbyterian Church's youtube channel and foundwandering.com

*Limited in person seating available by reservation only! Call 610-664-4880 to make your reservation.

Gifts of Hope

It's that time of year again, time for Gifts of Hope. The catalogs have been mailed and the website is up at www.npcgiftsofhope.com. Whether making a gift by the mail-in form or the website, both will remain up and ready to use until December 31st. Please join us this year and give the Gift of Hope!

Coats of Encouragement Needed! Do you have any clean, gently used winter coats taking up space in your home? The Lord (and his people) need them! If you do, please bring them to the boxes at the Dove Doors of the Church (on Windsor Avenue), where they will be picked up and distributed through a sister church in Upper Darby. All sizes, child and adult are welcome, and you will be helping ensure that precious people will experience the warmth of God's love through the warmth of your coats, and the prayers that accompany them! Thank you so much!

Dr. Janet Moore has been serving in our Counseling Ministry for over 16 years, working with individuals struggling with a wide range of personal and psychological challenges. Dr. Moore's perspective is that addressing mental health issues is essential to opening our hearts and minds, thereby enabling a closer relationship with God that can sustain us in an imperfect world. You may reach Dr. Moore by leaving a message on her church extension, 610-664-4880 (ext. 121), or at 484-686-6630.

FAMILY NEWS-CHILDREN AND YOUTH

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS: Children and Youth

CHILDREN'S NEWS

NPC's Annual Meeting - Sunday, December 12th - Childcare Available

Parents! If you are planning to attend the Annual Meeting (and we hope you are) please register your child for extended Sunday School by emailing Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org).

**Precious Dreams Foundation Service Project for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders!
Sunday, December 12th**

Join us from 4:00pm - 5:00pm in the NPC gym to create comfort bags (pajamas, socks, pillows, blankets, books, and soft toys) for children in foster care. All our comfort bags will be distributed to children in the Philadelphia area. Hot Chocolate and Cookies will be provided outside following our time together! Please RSVP to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org).

Advent Countdown! - Children's Wednesday Night Program 7:00pm-8:00pm

Come and prepare your heart for the birth of Jesus! Each Wednesday we will read scripture that will help us to discover the significance of the Christmas season. Children will also create new ornaments for the Children's Ministry Christmas Tree in the chapel. This program is best for Pre-K through 5th grade. Come join the fun!

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Children's Christmas Pageant Sing-A-Long! Sunday, December 19th

Our pageant is "live" this year and it's a sing-a-long! Join our awesome children (Pre-K through 5th grade) as they bring to life the Christmas Story and together we sing out Christmas praises! Our pageant will take place in the sanctuary during the 9:30am worship service.

MLK Day of Service for Families! Monday, January 17th

This year we are inviting NPC families to join The Philadelphia Project for a Day of Service! Mark your calendar and stay tuned for details.

YOUTH NEWS

Upcoming Youth Events 2021

12/12 - High School Youth Group - 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

12/17 - High School Ax Throwing Christmas Party at Bury the Hatchet at 7 -8:30 pm

12/29 - Game Day/Night - Board Games / Hang out time. If you're not traveling, break up your week and come on out. Details to come!

Please note that after the Christmas parties, MS and HS events will resume after the New Year.

If you are a youth or college student that would like to meet up with John one last time, please shoot him an email at jchaffee@narberthpres.org.

LOOKING AHEAD - Upcoming 2022 Events

As we transition into the New Year, we are excited for the youth to gather around the themes of Community and Service. Our Sunday School and Youth Group schedules will not change. Along with those avenues for growth in our faith, we also have some opportunities planned to come together as a community for fellowship and service.

Youth Groups - MS and HS Youth groups will continue to meet starting back up the week of January 9th.

Middle School – Wednesdays 7:00 - 8:00 pm in the Youth Room

High School – Sundays from 5:00 – 7:00 pm in the Youth Room

1/5 - Fun Night - In January, we will begin with a bonus Youth Kickoff Event on Wednesday Night Jan 5th. Get out of the house and let off some steam! All ages grades 6-12 are welcome to come for a fun night in the gym for games, competition and a few surprises. More info to come.

1/9 - Sunday School - During Sunday School on **January 9th** we will start with an activity to come together to start off the New Year by focusing on what we want to let go of in our lives and what we want to embrace going forward. What does God say is important to focus on in our life on earth? We will have time to pray and offer prayer intentions for others.

January 16-17th - MLK Weekend of Service – We will have two opportunities to serve!

1/16 - During **Sunday School on January 16th** we will be spending some of our time making sandwiches for the our homeless outreach and listening to a member of our Parkway Ministry share about her experiences serving in Philly. These sandwiches will be delivered that day to our friends on the Parkway. **Please sign up [here](#) to bring food items. You may also bring clothing items to donate.** Items needed are hats, scarfs, gloves, coats, warm socks and winter boots (all adult sizes), as well as blankets.

MLK Day of Service - Monday January 17th We will have the opportunity to serve at The Philly Project. More details and sign-up link to come. Please contact Gina Mehdi for more information.

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, December 12

8:15am **Sunday School**-Parlor
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream
11:00pm **NPC Annual Meeting**, Sanctuary

Monday, December 13

7:00pm **Prayer Meeting** (Zoom)
7:30-9:00pm **Men's Bible Study**, (Zoom) led by
Tim Neilson

Tuesday, December 14

7:00pm **Session Meeting**, Parlor

Wednesday, December 15

7:00pm "A Night To Remember"
A service of comfort and hope.
7:00pm **Gingerbread Bash**, Gym

Thursday, December 16

No regular kickball with the Pastor until the
New Year, Thursday January 6, 4:00-5:00pm
**Thursday Dec. 30, 3-5pm, special
Christmas vacation marathon kickball!

Friday, December 17

11:00 am **Women's Bible Study**
7:00-8:30pm **High School Axe-throwing**
Christmas Party

Saturday, December 18

Sunday, December 19

8:15am **Adult Sunday School**-Parlor
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and
livestreamed, concluding with the
Children's Sunday School Pageant
11:15am **Sunday School Class** Zoom or in
person, Viewing available in Pastor
Steve's Office

7:00pm FOUND WANDERING CONCERT

In-person by reservation and live-streamed

*For a link to 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

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