

December 18, 2022

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude	<i>Introduction and Variations on "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"</i> Jinhee Shim, Organist	<i>Guilmant</i>
Welcome and Family News		Pastor Steve
Call to Worship	Titus 3:4-7	Mark Wenger
Hymn #171	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>	<i>Mendelssohn</i>
Prayer of Invocation		Pastor Debbie
Advent Scripture Reading	1 John 4:7-10 Alyson, Tom, Felix, Julian Burnett	
Lighting the Fourth Advent Candle	"Love"	
<i>Declaration of Love 1 John 4:11,12 (Unison)</i> <i>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!</i>		
The Greeting		
Worship Song	<i>Good Good Father</i> <i>The Blessing</i>	
Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer		Pastor Debbie
Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory	<i>Noel</i> Jennifer Fisher	<i>Tomlin</i>
Doxology and Prayer of Dedication		
Scripture Reading	Luke 1:26-38	Pastor Debbie
Sermon	Childlike Awakening	Pastor Steve

Christmas Pageant

Sunday School Children

Special thanks to our baby Jesus: Grace Nicolai

Closing Song**"Go Tell It On The Mountain"**

Linda Pilacik, piano

Benediction**Pastor Steve****Postlude***God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen**Helman***Jinhee Shim, Organist****Prayer Ministry****Jan Kennedy**

We are blessed to have the Children's Sunday School Christmas Pageant today! Children (K-5th grade) should go directly to the gym at 9:30am. Please note we are not dismissing children from the sanctuary. Following the pageant, parents may pick up their children from the gym.

Join us tonight for the Found Wandering Concert beginning at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary!

ADVENT and CHRISTMAS EVENTS**Sun. Dec. 18 4th Sunday in Advent**

9:00-9:30am Youth Christmas Breakfast in gym, followed by
Christmas party in Youth Room

9:30 Worship Service Children's Christmas Pageant concludes the service

7:00pm Found Wandering Concert

Saturday, Dec 24 Christmas Eve

4:00pm Children's Candlelight Service (battery-operated candles)
(shorter and designed for young families)

5:30pm Family Candlelight Service (live-streamed)

8:00pm Traditional Candlelight Service

Sunday, Dec 25 Christmas Day

9:30am Worship Service (No Sunday School or Childcare today)

Marathon Kickball with the Pastor: Thursday, December 29th from 3-5pm

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DEDICATIONS

**Poinsettias given in loving memory of
(or in honor of)**

By:

James & Caroline Watson	Debbie Watson
Loved ones, Mum & Dad and Tony	Margaret and Isabel Lally
Warren & Jean Mills and Irv & Shirley Weed	Steve and Teri Weed
Tom Nangle, dear husband and father	Joey, Glenn, Eileen, and Heather
Thomas Jr., dear son and brother	Joey, Glenn, Eileen, and Heather
My Bill "Forever in my heart"	Gerri Wismer
In honor of the Worship Band	Ilonka & Jack Comstock
Our parents, George & Helen	Suzanne and Barbara Floyd
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
Tom & Peggy McGarvey and Al Kapner	the Kapner Family
David Arthur Cope	Kevin Cope
In honor of our grandmothers	Kevin Cope
My beloved husband, Joe, and Stepdad	
	Alice Antonelli, Grant and Maddie Fisher
My sister and brother, Pammy and Bill Richardson, and Aunt and Uncle	
	Alice Antonelli, Grant and Maddie Fisher
My Mom & Dad, our Grandparents	Alice Antonelli, Grant and Maddie Fisher

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CLASSES

Sunday Class: Colossians and Philemon at 11:15 am.

We will meet today 12/18. New location: Parlor

Class will not meet on 12/25 or 1/1/2023, but we will resume on January 8th at 11:15am. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Wednesday Class: *The New Testament in Its World* is our current Wednesday Night Class, 37 weeks in length, this video based study will look at the entire New Testament.

We will resume class on January 11th, 2023. For more information, please e-mail or call Debbie Watson (dwatson@narberthpres.org – 610-664-4880 ext.114).

NPC GIVING UPDATE:

Through the end of November, your giving totals 940k, which is 85% of 2022 budget of 1.1 million. That leaves us \$160k short of budget.

We appreciate your giving throughout this year and ask for your help to reach our budgeted need.

Neighborhood Crusades likes to give out hygiene kits to the homeless people they evangelize. Please donate personal size toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, soap, wash clothes, razors, deodorant, shampoo or quart-size ziplock bags. Place them in the box under the bulletin board right outside the sanctuary doors on the Windsor side of the building. Contact Marilyn Reed if you have any questions. 215-776-3598 Thank you!

Gifts of Hope orders are available in the Chapel. They're in a gift wrapped box next to the Justice and Mercy cart.

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INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

Sunday, December 18th is the Children's Christmas Pageant! Join us for our annual pageant taking place this Sunday, December 18th in the sanctuary! Children (K-5th grade) should go directly to the gym on this day. Please note we are not dismissing from the sanctuary. Following the pageant, parents may pick up their children from the gym.

Family Pictures Needed! This Christmas our tree in the Chapel will have a "Family Theme", so please consider adding your family picture to it! Families come in all shapes and sizes - and together we are the Family of God! You can give your 4x6 photo to Danielle OR email your picture to Sara Mahoney (smahoney@narberthpres.org). Pictures do not need to be posed or professional.

Saturday, December 31st is Count Down to Noon! Children (K-5th grade) are invited to join Miss Danielle on New Year's Eve as we Count Down to Noon! Together we will celebrate the final day of 2022 by playing kickball with Pastor Steve, eating pizza, and play a fun game of Sardines! Our time together is from 10:00am - 12:30pm in the church gym! RSVP to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org).

Save the date: ALL Church Retreat! - "LIFE TOGETHER"! All ages are encouraged to attend the NPC All-Church Retreat taking place in Sandy Cove, MD on May 12th, 13th, and 14th! We belong together and we need each other so join us for an amazing adventure away building our lives with each other and with Jesus! Please reach out to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) with questions or to register!

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

Sunday, December 18th is the Youth Christmas Party! Our Youth are invited to the gym for a Christmas Breakfast from 9:00am - 9:30am, then we will head up to the Youth Room for games and fun before watching the Children's Christmas Pageant. Please wear your Ugliest Christmas Sweater for the celebration!

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PRAYER INFORMATION

Prayer Focus:

Music helps us give expression to our experiences of life, and God's faithfulness throughout life. Technology can help that expression to be communicated more beautifully. We are experiencing this today, as our worship, including the Choir, is live-streamed, as well as the Found Wandering Concert, and every week as Jinhee Shim, Linda Pilacik, Sarah Comstock, and all our musicians, are supported and broadcast by Matt Weed and the Tech Team. Please pray for the music and technology ministries of this church to continue to offer and facilitate the good news of God's love – during the Christmas season – and throughout the year!

Notes from Justice and Mercy: Are you able to provide a temporary safe place for a child whose parent needs extra support? Bethany Christian Services has an urgent need for host families who can accommodate children with medical needs, especially those with g-tubes. The hosting may be for an afternoon, an overnight, or a weekend and will allow a single parent a much-needed respite. Contact Val Foley (valerie@vfoley.com) or Jess Gaffga (jessicagaffga@yahoo.com) of the Orphan Care Ministry for more information.

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, December 18

Fourth Sunday in Advent

8:15am **Sunday School** (Parlor)

9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream

Children's Christmas Pageant following service

11:15am **Sunday School Class**, Parlor

7:00pm **Found Wandering Concert**, Sanctuary

Monday, December 19

6:30-8:30pm **GriefShare**, Parlor

Tuesday, December 20

7:00pm **New Elder/Deacon Training**, Steve's Office

Wednesday, December 21

Looking Ahead:

Marathon Kickball with the Pastor:

Thursday, December 29th from 3-5pm

Each Week

Christian Pre-School – 610-664-8890 x118

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: jlmpsych910@gmail.com

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Thursday, December 22

4:00pm **Kickball with the Pastor**

Friday, December 23

11:00am **Women's Bible Study** (In-person)

Saturday, December 24

4:00pm **Children's Candlelight Service**

(battery-operated candles)

(shorter and designed for young families)

5:30pm **Family Candlelight Service** (live-streamed)

8:00pm **Traditional Candlelight Service**

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day

8:15am **Sunday School** (Parlor)

9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream

Stephen N. Weed, Pastor

Deborah Watson, Associate Pastor

Danielle Kauffman, Intergenerational Ministry

Juwan Williams, Intergenerational Ministry

Jinhee Shim, Organist

Colin & Sarah Comstock, Worship Band Ldrs

Linda Pilacik, Interim Choir Director

Matt Weed, Worship Tech. Coordinator

Tim Roykoff, Business Administrator

Karen Pappas, Interim Admin. Assistant

Hugh Barrie, Assistant Property Manager

Joyce B. Nicolai, Bookkeeper

Ruth Ellen Patterson, Financial Secretary

Isabel Lally, Pastoral Visitor

Virginia Davis, Dir. of Pre-School

Chris Marinelli, Weekday Custodian

Michael Ochal, Weekend Custodian