

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

November 24, 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.*

**Extended Prelude 9:45-10:00am**

**Worship Band**

**Welcome and Call To Worship**

**Psalm 103:1-5**

**Hymn #381**

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

*Windsor*

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Family News**

**The Cookie Song**

**Marilyn Reed**

**Scripture Reading**

Psalm 40:1-10

(p.878)

John Hart

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All the people: Thanks be to God!**

**Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, we praise you that the earth belongs to you and everything in it. You have made us in your image and set eternity in our hearts. But we forget that every good and perfect gift comes from your hand. In our speech, there is often more complaining and criticism than thanksgiving and gratitude. We measure the good life by our standard of living and our personal achievements, instead of loving you and loving others. Please forgive us through the cross. Help us to cultivate an eye to see what is good, and true, and beautiful, that we might be a living doxology to you. We pray this in the name of the Jesus, who embodied the life that is truly life, by giving it away. In his glorious Name. Amen.

**Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon**

**Video**

**“Advent Conspiracy”**

**Invitation to the Gifts of Hope**

**Melissa Esterhai**

**Greeting**

**Worship Song**

*Blessed Be Your Name*

*Redman*

**Worship Song**

*Pour Me Out*

*Lake*

*During today's service, children in K through 5<sup>th</sup> grades may now be dismissed to Children's Sunday School and students in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up meet in the Youth Room for Sunday School.*

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

**m,**

Associate Pastor



## Advent and Christmas Services and Events:

### Sun. Dec 1                      First Sunday in Advent

9:00 & 10:45am      Family Worship Services –Communion  
Wed. Dec 5              6:00pm Christmas By Candlelight for all  
Sat. Dec 7              The Great Christmas Cookie Giveaway!  
                                 9:00am Bagging cookies  
                                 11:00am Cookie delivery in Narberth

### Sun. Dec. 8                      Second Sunday in Advent

9:00am and 10:45am Services  
12:00-4:00pm          Dickens Festival in Narberth  
Tues. Dec 10          9:30-3:30 Sr. Adult Trip to Longwood Christmas Exhibit  
Wed. Dec 11          7:00pm A Night To Remember, Chapel  
                                 A service of comfort and hope  
Thurs. Dec 12          10:00am Pre-School Christmas Pageant

### Sun. Dec. 15                      Third Sunday in Advent

9:00am and 10:45am services      Christmas Choir Presentation  
10:15am                  Between services: Children's Christmas Pageant in Gym  
12:15pm                  Annual Congregational Meeting,  
                                 Childcare and Lunch provided  
Fri. Dec 19              1:30pm Sr. Christmas Carol Sing & Tea

### Sun. Dec. 22                      4th Sunday in Advent

9:00am and 10:45am services  
7:00pm                  Found Wandering Concert

### Sun. Dec 24                      Christmas Eve

4:00pm                  Family Friendly Candlelight Service  
                                 (shorter and designed for young families)  
5:30pm                  Family Friendly Candlelight Service  
8:00pm                  Traditional Candlelight Service

# FAMILY MINISTRY: CHILDREN, YOUTH & PARENTS

**NEW! Disciple ME** - Children's Sunday School Curriculum! Elementary-aged children will learn to serve Jesus Faithfully. Kids love the little Minions – they are goofy, funny and faithfully working to carry out whatever the next mission is. God wants us to be just as dedicated to Him! All children and minions welcome.

**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!

**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\*\***

**Jesse Tree Devotions – NEW Wednesday Night Program for children!** Children will be getting a jump start to Advent as we prepare our hearts for Christmas and the celebration of Christ's birth. Together we will look at Bible stories that lead to the birth of Christ and create ornaments to hang on our classroom Christmas tree. We will also be having fun with weekly activities such as creating Christmas cards for our shut-ins and baking cookies! All are welcome!

**A Christmas Journey – Children's Christmas Pageant!** Our annual Christmas pageant will take place on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> between services in the gym. Join Christmas, Joy, Peace, Faith, Hope and Doubt as they set out for Bethlehem to see the birth of our King Jesus. Children age 2 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade lead this special event.

**Save the Dates:**

**Wednesday, November 27 – Soup Supper and Worship! All are encouraged to attend this intergenerational event. There are no individual programs this evening.**

**Sunday, December 1 – Family Worship**

**Friday, December 6 – Parents' Night Out! Children age 4 (and potty-trained) through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to leave their parents at home for a break. PNO is from 6:30pm – 9:00pm in the gym.**

# YOUTH GROUP NEWS

## Weekly Recurring Events

Sunday Mornings - Youth Sunday School at 930am in the Youth Room (Except first Sundays of the month).

Sunday Late Afternoon - HSYG at 4-6pm in the Youth Room.

Wednesday Evenings - MSYG at 630-8pm in the Youth Room.

## Special Events in Each Month

### Nov.

27th - [Thanksgiving Eve Soup Supper and Service.](#)

### Dec.

8th - Last HS Youth Group for 2019 and Annual Train Ride to wander the Christmas Village in Philly.

11th - Last MS Youth Group for 2019.

15th - Last Youth Sunday School for 2019.

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 - 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

# 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  
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 – Schanel 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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **Spiritual Renewal Weekend Follow-Up: Sunday morning opportunity:**  
Let's gather on [Dec 8](#), (you can come at either [9:30](#) or [10:45](#)), to nurture what has begun in us during this Spiritual Renewal Weekend.  
After exploring how to be good listeners to one another, we will share in small groups about our experience during the retreat and how we can best carry that forward. Led by Dana Ergenbright, Location: Parlor
- † **NPC's Friday Morning Moms' Group** has resumed and meets from 9:30 to 11:30 am in the Parlor every other Friday. This fall we are studying the CS Lewis classic, [The Screwtape Letters](#). This is a deep, welcoming, and supportive group of women who pray together, share about life's struggles and successes, and seek to grow closer to Jesus by studying Scripture and helpful books together. We are always open to new faces and encourage inviting new Christians or friends/neighbors/family members who are questioning faith. Coffee, tea, snacks, and free childcare are provided. Our next meeting will be Friday, December 6. Please contact Jess Gaffga ([jessicagaffga@yahoo.com](mailto:jessicagaffga@yahoo.com)) or Jo-Anne Kaplan ([jrgarrid@yahoo.com](mailto:jrgarrid@yahoo.com)) with any questions.
- † **Cookie Time! It's time!** It's that time of year when we begin to prepare for our Great Cookie Giveaway and Narberth's Dickens Festival.  
Start baking those cookies and freeze them. Or freeze the cookie dough so it's ready to bake when needed. We would like 6,000 cookies to bag and give away to our neighbors on **Sat. Dec 7th and at the Dickens Festival on Dec 8th**.  
Volunteers are needed to distribute cookies, if interested please contact Betsy Hayden ([bhayden126@comcast.net](mailto:bhayden126@comcast.net)) or Gaby Anik or Alison Louie.  
We appreciate your help!
- † **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](http://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](mailto:abowser@gmail.com).
- † **Dr. Janet Moore has been serving in our Counseling Ministry** for over 14 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.



**On the Web:**

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**BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST**

***Sunday, November 24***

9:00-10:00am Open Prayer, Steve's Office  
**10:00am Worship Service-One Service Today**  
10:30am Youth Sunday School, Youth Room  
10:30am Children's Sunday School  
**11:30-1:30pm GIFTS OF HOPE GALLERY  
in the Gym**  
4:00-6:00pm Mere Christianity open discussion,  
Q & A with Pastor Steve, Parlor  
4:00pm High School Youth Group

***Monday, November 25***

6:30pm Windsor Bell Choir Rehearsal  
7:00pm Prayer Group, open to all, Steve's Office  
7:30pm Men's Bible Study, Parlor

***Tuesday, November 26***

10:30am Pre-School Thanksgiving Feast  
11:00am Praying / Bible group, Parlor  
7:00pm Missions Committee, Parlor  
7:15pm Newly-elected Elder/Deacon Training,  
Steve's Office

***Wednesday, November 27***

**6:00pm** Soup Supper, followed by  
**Thanksgiving Eve Service in the Chapel at  
7:00**

***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](mailto:jlmpsych@hotmail.com)

**Planning Ahead**-Information and calendar updates 24/7 [www.narberthpres.org](http://www.narberthpres.org)

- Dec 2 6:30pm Windsor Bell Rehearsal, Chapel
- Dec 3 7:00pm Deacons' Meeting, Parlor
- Dec 4 6:00-8:00 Christmas by Candlelight, (includes dinner) Gym
- Dec 5,19 9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor
- Dec 5 7:00pm Safety & Security Team Meeting, Parlor
- Dec 6.20 9:30am Moms' Bible Study, Parlor
- Dec 6 6:30-9:00pm Parents' Night Out, Gym
- Dec 7 9:00am Cookie bagging, followed by 11:00am Cookie Give-a-way

***Thursday, November 28***

Thanksgiving Day  
Office closed

***Friday, November 29***

Office closed

***Saturday, November 30***

***Decorating the Church for  
Advent/Christmas***

***Sunday, December 1***

***First Sunday in Advent***

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor  
8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office  
**9:00am Family Worship and Communion  
Service**  
9:30am Adult Sunday School, Parlor  
**10:45am Family Worship and  
Communion Service**  
4:00pm High School Youth Group