LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

December 11, 2022

Prelude Comfort, Comfort Now My People

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Jinhee Shim, Organist

Welcome and Family News

Pastor Steve

Call to Worship Psalm 51:10,12; Psalm 85:6,7 Ruth Ellen Patterson

Hymn #133 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Veni Emmanuel

Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Debbie

Advent Scripture Reading Isaiah 12 Kelly Watson and Joyce Lewis 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.

The Greeting

Hymn #146 (v.1)

Joy to the World

Antioch

Choir Presentation

Linda Pilacik, Director Justin Crawford, Narrator

Luke 2:8-14

Christ Is Born, Alleluia

Lightfoot

Luke 2: 15-19

Who Is This Child?

Gallina

John 1:1-4

We Bring His Light Denise Corrigan, Flute **Purifoy**

Narration

Carols of Hope and Light

Martin

Children and Youth dismissed to Sunday School.

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Meditation From Thais" Massenet

Denise Corrigan, Flute

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading John 1:6-9

Sermon Spiritual Awakening Pastor Steve

Hymn #173 O Come, All Ye Faithful Adeste Fideles

Benediction Pastor Steve

Postlude Good Christian Men , Rejoice Sergisson

Jinhee Shim, Organist

Prayer Ministry Jim Hornung

TODAY, December 11, we will hold our Annual Congregation Meeting 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.

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 2023.

GriefShare: Our Surviving the Holidays event is today, Sunday, December 11 at 1:30pm and lasts approximately two hours. Light snacks and dessert will be provided. Surviving the Holidays - Help and hope as you navigate the Christmas season Are you wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Christmas? Are you dreading this holiday, knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from past years can't be recreated?

The Surviving the Holidays seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death. You'll learn:

- How to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays
- What to do about traditions and other coming changes
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
- How to discover hope for your future

ELDER AND DEACON NOMINEES

ELDER:

Linda Behmke

I grew up attending a Presbyterian Church, but my faith did not become my own until I was in my mid 20's. Once that happened, I became a Deacon, Elder and Youth Director in my old church. I then moved to Georgia as a full-time volunteer with Habitat for Humanity. When I returned to PA I began attending and joined NPC, that was back in 1992. Since then, I have served as a Deacon and Elder at NPC, worked with the Youth and led the Personnel Committee for many years. I am humbled and honored to be asked to return to Session at this important season of our church.

Nina O'Connor

I was raised in a Christian household and always attended church, but it wasn't until college when I accepted my faith as my own and developed a personal relationship with God and His son. God used a series of life events to draw me closer to Him including the serious illness of my brother and multiple moves across the country. My work as a hospice and palliative care physician is also deeply spiritual to me. My family joined Narberth Presbyterian Church in 2019, and I was blessed to serve on the Safety and Security Committee through COVID. It is an honor to be considered for the opportunity to serve NPC as an Elder.

DEACON:

Ann Saddel

I trusted Jesus Christ as my Savior through the ministry of Cru (Campus Crusade for Christ) while attending college at West Chester. Since then, my husband, Chuck, and I have attended several churches where we both served in various ministries. I have taught Sunday school, VBS, and been involved in many Bible studies, small groups, and women's ministries. Currently, I am serving on the missions committee and the youth committee here at NPC and look forward to serving as a deacon.

Rashmi Vyas

I was born and raised in a Christian home in India. My maternal grandfather was a pastor in our local Church. I grew up knowing Jesus is my friend and savior. I moved to USA in 2014 with my family and we joined Narberth Presbyterian Church (NPC) in 2015. At NPC we were welcomed with open loving arms, and it has become my church home. I have been very fortunate in having friends and family with a strong Christian faith brought into my life by the grace of God. They have played an important role in shaping and growing my own faith. My journey in Christian faith continues to be a work in progress. I am grateful and honored to be considered for the opportunity to serve the Lord and this church as a Deacon.

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 11th. After the morning services on December 18, 2022, 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.

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| Dedications will be listed in the bulletin Dec. 18th. Dedications must be received b December 15th to be included in the bulletin of 12/18. | | |
| | | Name: |
| Attached is \$ | (checks/cash) to be identified as follows: | |
| Given to the glory of G | od and in loving memory (or honor) of: | |
| | (please print) | |
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| | OR | |
| Given to the glory of G | od with thankful joy for His continuing love and grace. | |
| Ву | | |
| | to deliver one (or more) plants after the morning services or | |

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND EVENTS

| Sun. Dec. 11 | Third Sunday in Advent | |
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| 9:30 Worship Service | including "Carols of Hope and Light: by Choir | |
| 11:00am | Annual Congregational Meeting, Childcare provided | |
| 1:30-3:30pm | GriefShare Holiday Remembrance gathering | |
| Wed Dec 14 | 5:45pm Dinner and 7:00pm Adult Bible Study | |
| | 7:00pm Gingerbread Bash in Gym | |
| | for children Pre-K to 5th grade | |
| Thurs. Dec 15 | 11:00am Pre-School Christmas Pageant | |
| | 11:30am Staff Luncheon | |
| Fri. Dec 16 | 1:30pm Sr. Adult Christmas Carol Sing and Tea | |
| 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) | |
| 1 | (shorter and designed for young families) | |
| 5:30pm | Family Candlelight Service (live-streamed) | |
| 8:00pm | Traditional Candlelight Service | |
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| Sunday, Dec 25 | Christmas Day | |
| 9:30am Worship Service | | |

CLASSES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

We will NOT meet on 12/11 but will meet on 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.

Each week, we will travel from the twenty-first century to the era of Jesus and the first Christians, where we will learn about how the message of the Gospel impacted them and their world. All are welcome to the Chapel, from 7-8pm each Wednesday, for all sessions (or as many as you are able).

For 2022, our last class is Dec 14th. 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.

Jim

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!

Dr. Janet Moore is a licensed psychologist with over 30 years of therapeutic expertise. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Bible from Philadelphia College of Bible and a Master's degree in Theology from Denver Seminary. With an understanding of spirituality and faith in clients' lives, she is able to provide spiritually-integrated psychotherapy. Janet offers counseling to adults and couples experiencing such struggles as depression and anxiety, relationship issues, life crisis, grief and personal adjustment problems. She provides compassionate help to survivors of physical, emotional, sexual, and spiritual abuse. Contact Dr. Moore at 610-664-4880 Ext 121, or 484-686-6630, jlmpsych910@gmail.com

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

Children's Christmas Pageant is Sunday, December 18th! Join us for our annual pageant taking place Sunday, December 18th in the sanctuary! Children (K-5th grade) should go directly to the gym on Sunday, December 18th. We will sing through our songs and get costumed. The pageant will take place in the sanctuary following the message.

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.

Gingerbread Bash! Join us as we build gingerbread nativities and watch the Christmas story come to life through - CANDY! PreK or younger may attend with a parent and Kindergarten through 5th grade may participate on their own. Please RSVP to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org).

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 11th - Youth Bowling! All Youth (6th - 12th grade) are invited for a fun time of bowling! Join us at **Wynnewood Lanes beginning at 2:30pm**. Friends are welcome too! Pizza and drinks will be provided.

Sunday, December 18th - 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!*

2022 CHURCH OFFICERS

THE SESSION

Pastor Steve Weed - Moderator

Class of 2022

Jan Kennedy *Mike Morrison Jack Comstock

Class of 2023

*Jo-Anne Kaplan *Sue Wenger Brint Nicolai Jie Cai

Class of 2024

*Linda DiLullo *Pam Fleming *Clara Louie Jim Hornung

THE BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2022

Mike Boccasini *Ruth Ellen Patterson *Pat Svitek Gerri Wismer

Class of 2023

Gaby Anik Gwen Blessing *Godfrey Louie Sandi Wray

Class of 2024

Ray Bellamy Katie Kennedy *Dee Knight Donald Vangore

^{*} serving second term

2022 MISSION CAUSES

Mission

4D Ministries - Hank Paulson

Amnion Pregnancy Center

Cephas Tushima

Child Evangelism Fellowship, Inc. - North Ireland

Chosen People Ministries-Paul Cruz

Cornerstone Christian Academy

CRU City - Brindleys (Philadelphia Gospel Movement)

CRU International-Leah Darwin

Development Associates International

DiscipleMakers – Rebecca and Dan Hall

ECO Church Planting and Global Missions Funds Esperanza Health Center

Fellowship of Christian Athletes – Kasey Doughtery

For Richmond – Matt & Anna Shenk (formerly CRU)

Greater Europe Mission-Liz Loeffler

Habitat for Humanity -N. Central Philadelphia

House of His Creation

InterAct Ministries - Dan & Bev Mayerle

Interserve-USA – Jan Kennedy

Kingdom Connect – Ben Duffy Neighborhood Crusades Inc.

New Horizons/Amoenitas – Scott Todd

Olney Christian School

Presby's Inspired Life (Human Good)

Presbyterian Reformed Ministries International

Rancho Del Rey

REAP Granada-Scott Esposito

Redeemed For A Cause Outreach - Sakinah Love

Servant Partners - Dan & Denise Anderson

The Antioch Partners-Haugens

The Episcopal Diocese of N.Dakota (Standing Rock)

The Philadelphia Project

The Welcome Church – Schaunel Steinnagel

United World Mission - Nick & Ginny Woodbury

World Link

Wycliffe Bible Translators – Al & Barb Shannon Young Life (Western Philadelphia Suburbs) Ambassador

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Scott Todd

Danielle Kauffman

Jennifer & Tim Roykouff

Joyce Lewis

Open

Kathy McLean

Open

Bob Moore

Open Open

Ashley Reed

Open

Helga Sauter

Linda Behmke

Open

Marilyn Reed

Jesse Kennedy

Ken & Sally Kapner Helga Sauter/M. Reed

Marilyn Reed

Open

Suzanne Morrison

Open

Ann Saddel

Charlie Choi

Sally Kapner

Faithe Hornung

Open

Ashley Reed Dave Bellamy

Jane Murray

Helga Sauter

Open

Kim Ishmael

Barb Montgomery

PRAYER INFORMATION

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 11 Third Sunday in Advent

8:15am Sunday School (Parlor)

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

Annual Congregational Meeting

1:30-3:30pm GriefShare Holiday Remembrance gathering, Parlor

2:30pm Youth Bowling!!! at Wynnewood lanes

Monday, December 12

6:30-8:30pm GriefShare, Parlor 7:15-8:30pm Mere Christianity Book Study, Chapel

(last meeting)

Tuesday, December 13

7:00pm Session, Parlor New Members received

Wednesday, December 14

5:45 – 6:45pm Church family supper in the gym

7:00 – 8:00pm Gingerbread Bash, Gym

7:00 – 8:00pm MS Youth Group with Juwan

7:00 – 8:00pm Bible Study, Pastor Steve (Parlor)

"Practicing The Presence of God: Finding God In All of Life"

7:00 - 8:00pm Video Series, Pastor Debbie (Chapel)

"The New Testament In Its World"

11:00am PreSchool Christmas Pageant 11:30am Church Staff lunch

Friday, December 16

Thursday, December 15

11:00am Women's Bible Study (In-person) 1:30pm Senior Christmas Carol Sing and

Tea, Parlor

Saturday, December 17

Sunday, December 18 Fourth Sunday in Advent

8:15am Sunday School (Parlor)

9:30am Worship Service In-person and livestream

Children's Christmas Pageant following service 11:15am Sunday School Class, Parlor

7:00pm Found Wandering Concert, Sanctuary

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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