

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

June 25, 2017

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.

Prelude *Three Short Pieces* **Clarke**

Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Call To Worship **Ephesians 2:8-10**

Worship Song *He Reigns* **Furler/Taylor**

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading **Romans 12:1-8** (p.1763)

9:00am John Hart

10:45am Ruth Ellen Patterson

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All the people: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we praise you as the Author and Source of all good gifts. Thank you that your best gifts come in the form of people, especially the gift of your Son Jesus Christ. We confess that too often we fail to thank you for all your goodness. Out of fear or busyness, we withhold ourselves from others and do not share the gifts of our time, talent, and treasure. Please forgive us through the cross of Christ. By the Holy Spirit, empower us to love and serve one another with generosity and joy, the way you love us. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

The Gloria Patri

The Greeting

Worship Song *No Longer Slaves* **Bethel Music**

VBC Songs **Made For This (1)**
The Maker (2)
God Is For Me (5)

During the 9:00am service, children up to grade 5 may be dismissed to Children's Sunday School.

During the 10:45am service, children in K through 5th grades may be dismissed to the gym for Lighthouse Kids children's church after the hymn/worship song.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Deborah Watson,
Pastoral Associate

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory

Donald Robinson,
Dir. of Contemporary Music

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 1:3-7

(p.1852)

Sermon

Holy Spirit Boldness:

Don't Be Afraid To Use Your Gifts

Steve Weed,
Pastor

Hymn #356

All Creatures of Our God and King

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Benediction

Prayer Ministry

9:00am Mike Morrison

10:45am John Furlong

The Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of God by Izumi Woolley, in loving memory of her father, Toshio Hashimoto.

CDs of today's sermon are available in the Chapel within 15 minutes after the service. Previous Sundays' sermons are available by date in the bin on the small table. Sermons are also available online at our website www.narberthpres.org or podcast through iTunes.

Living into next week: "Use whatever gift you have received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." (1Peter 4:10)

Picnic today in the parking lot!

Join us to celebrate the end of a fantastic week of VBC after the second service in the parking lot. Hamburgers, hot dogs and lots of side dishes. All are welcome!

Wed Nights in June - "Longing For More of the Holy Spirit."

As a follow up to Pentecost, Pastor Steve is leading a Bible Study each Wed night in June on the Holy Spirit. We meet in the parlor from 7:00-8:30, and childcare is provided. All are welcome and each week stands alone.

The last couple of weeks, we have been encouraged to read Acts 1 and 2 and to consider - on the basis of this passage:

1. What are you led to ask for in prayer?
2. What are you led to expect?
3. What are you/we led to live into?

Your presence and participation is very helpful to Pastor Steve and our leadership as we discern God's direction for NPC and how we can be an Acts 29 church!

This week's focus will be on being filled with the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:18-21)

Prayer for Healing (Pastor Steve's Office)

On Sundays from 8 - 8:45 am and after the 9 am service, from 10:15-10:45am, prayer for healing is offered in a confidential, quiet and welcoming environment.

Interested in being part of a small group?

We would like to improve our capacity to include people in existing small groups which are open, and to start new groups. Please sign in the Chapel if you might be interested in participation or possible leadership. Also, if you lead a small group and would welcome new people, please sign.

Next Young Adult Outing - Friday night, June 30.

We will meet at 7:00pm at NPC for a striking time of bowling at Wynnewood Lanes, 7:30-9:30pm. The cost is \$10.00 and covers shoes and all games. Anyone know what a "turkey" is in bowling? Come find out! Clue: Not the name of a poor or awkward bowler. Incentive: Anyone who rolls a turkey will receive \$5.00 from the Pastor and a shout out the following Sunday. Any questions? Contact Britany Smith at 610-393-1735.

Narberth Borough 4th of July Celebration

NPC has traditionally been a part of our town's 4th of July celebration at Narberth Playground. **We are in need of volunteers** to run a children's bounce & slide ride on the 4th, from 10am-2pm. Only a once-a-year commitment!! Please call Joyce at 610-664-4880 ext.111.

Narberth's 4th of July planners also needs some helpers to set up tents and tables on July 3rd between 6-9pm.

Please help continue NPC's presence in this festive community celebration. You don't have live in Narberth to participate. Sign-up sheet in Chapel.

FAMILY MINISTRY: CHILDREN, YOUTH & PARENTS

Sunday Morning Schedule

Infants and Toddlers

- 9:00am-12:15pm: *Nursery* provided in the *Nursery Room* downstairs near the restrooms, and a separate crying/changing room is directly across from the bottom of the stairs.

2 to 3 Year Olds

- 9:00-10:30am: *Hands On Bible, Blue Door Room* downstairs.
- 10:45am-12:15pm: *Spinners!* class, *Red Door Room* downstairs.

4 to 5 Year Olds

- 9:00-10:30am Sunday School *Red door room* (Kindergarten students may attend *Lighthouse Kids*, see below)

Grades 1-3:

These children attend the first part of the worship service with parents and are *dismissed half-way through* to attend:

- 9:30-10:30am: *Rotation Sunday School, Brown Door Room* downstairs.
- 10:45am-12:15pm: *Lighthouse Kids*, downstairs in the *Gym*.

Grades 4-5:

These children attend the first part of the worship service with parents and are *dismissed half-way through* to attend:

- 9:30-10:30am: *Tweens Class*, downstairs in the *Gym*.
- 10:45am-12:15pm: *Lighthouse Kids*, downstairs in the *Gym*.

Grades 6-12:

Upcoming Events:

Intergenerational Summer Class: The Omega Course

An intergenerational class during the second service offered by John Chaffee that draws from the past 6 months of his own personal readings. See announcements for more details.

June 30	Youth Movie Night
July 11-13	HSYG Backpack Trip-NJ/NY border area
July 19	1-6pm YG Day Trip-Wissahickon Creek
July 21	Youth Movie Night
July 23-28	The Phila. Project Mission Trip
Aug 9	YG Day Trip to Ocean City, NJ –Adult volunteers needed☺
Aug 16	Possible YG Backpack trip to Shenandoah or Water Gap
Aug 18	Youth Movie Night

For all youth-related questions, please contact John Chaffee 610-664-4880 x112
jchaffee@narberthpres.org

THE SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

Biblical Background

1 Timothy 3:1-10; Acts 6:1-7; Titus 1:7-9; Luke 22:24-27; 1 Peter 5:1-4

General Ministry of Church Officers

All ministry in the church is a gift from Jesus Christ. Members and officers alike serve mutually under the mandate of Christ who is the chief minister of all. His ministry is the basis of all ministries; the standard for all offices is the pattern of the one who came “not to be served but to serve.” (Matt. 20:28)

One responsibility of membership in the church is the election of officers who are ordained to fulfill particular functions. The existence of these officers in no way diminishes the importance of the commitment of all members to the total ministry of the church. These ordained officers differ from other members in function only.

To those called to exercise special functions in the church—deacons, elders, and ministers of the Word and Sacrament—God gives suitable gifts for their various duties. In addition to possessing the necessary gifts and abilities, natural and acquired, those who undertake particular ministries should be persons of strong faith, dedicated discipleship, and love of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel in the church and in the world. They must have the approval of God’s people and the concurring judgment of a governing body of the church. (Excerpts from the *Book of Order (2009/11)*)

The word *Presbyterian* means rule by Elders or Presbyters.

Facts about Elders and Deacons

- Elders and Deacons are elected to a three-year term of service. After 3 years they are eligible to serve another 3-year term (if willing to serve). After 2 terms, totaling no more than 6 years, Elders and Deacons rotate off active service. This practice guards against burnout and encourages fresh leadership.
- We elect Elders and Deacons at a congregational meeting generally held on the 4th or 5th Sunday of October following morning worship. The slate of Elders and Deacons to be elected is developed by a Nominating Committee, after reviewing suggestions from the congregation. The Nominating Committee is composed of 8 people who well represent the congregation and are selected from major organizations in the church: 2 from Session, 1 from Deacons, 1 from Christian Education, 1 from the Music ministry, 1 from Youth, and 2 from the congregation at large (elected at the congregational meeting the prior October).
- Once elected in October, Elders and Deacons meet with Pastor Steve for 12 hours of training, with a “friendly” examination by the Session in December, and ordination and installation in January.
- Elders and Deacons usually are NPC members for at least 2 years before being elected. Only 1 member of a family serves on the same board at the same time.

Typical Duties of an Elder at NPC

General

- Cultivate a growing personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Discover and use your spiritual gifts to serve God and the congregation.
- Exercise spiritual and visionary leadership for the entire congregation, especially to develop a comprehensive plan for “building disciples in the love of Jesus Christ.”
- Nurture the faith and life of the congregation.
- Lead and staff the major committees.
- Oversee the mission budget and missionary outreach

Specific

- Attend Session meetings on the third Tuesday of each month
 - 7:00-7:30 Worship and prayer
 - 7:30-9:30 Regular business meeting focused mostly on reports of staff members and committee heads
- Attend Elder/Deacon training (usually both boards together) on the second Tuesday of each month, 7-9p.m.
- Serve on, or chair, one committee
- Pray with and for the congregation – at Session meetings, after worship, responding to special needs
- Serve communion
- Attend at least one Presbytery meeting, if able.

Typical Duties of a Deacon at NPC

General

- Cultivate a growing personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Discover and use your spiritual gifts to serve God and the congregation.
- Provide support and care for those who are hurting and in need (Assistance Fund/Visitation).
- Carry out a ministry of practical “helps” in various areas.

Specific

- Attend Deacon meetings on the first Tuesday of each month, 7:30-9:00p.m.
- Attend Elder/Deacon training (usually both boards together) on the second Tuesday of each month, 7:00-9:00p.m.
- Serve on, or chair, one Deacon committee.
- 1-2 hours monthly visitation (usually shut-ins).
- Rotating responsibilities with ushering, counting offerings, flowers, van, meal delivery to shut-ins and others in need, serving communion, as needed, homebound and college communications.

Elders

As there were in Old Testament times elders for the government of the people, so the New Testament Church provided persons with particular gifts to share in governing and ministry. Elders should be persons of faith, dedication and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the church and in the world.

It is the duty of elders, individually and jointly, to strengthen and nurture the faith and life of the congregation committed to their charge. Together with the pastor, they should encourage the people in the worship of God, equip and renew them for their tasks in the church and for their mission in the world, visit and comfort and care for the people, with special attention to the poor, the sick, the lonely and those who are oppressed. They should inform the pastor and the session of those persons and structures that may need special attention. They should assist in worship. They should cultivate their ability to teach the Bible and may be authorized to supply places that are without the regular ministry of the Word and Sacrament. Those duties that all Christians are bound to perform by the law of love are especially incumbent upon elders because of their calling to office and are to be fulfilled by them as official responsibilities. (Excerpts from the *Book of Order* (2009/11))

Recommendations for Elder (Please use the reverse side for Deacons)

The Nominating Committee is receiving recommendations for the offices of Elder and Deacon to begin in January 2018. In light of the description above, if you have individuals to suggest for Elder, please write them down below. Please describe briefly why you believe the individual would be suitable for this office.

It is not necessary to obtain the permission of the person you are suggesting. It is preferable for the Nominating Committee to make the initial contact should this person be nominated.

For the office of Elder:

Name: _____

Reason for recommendation: _____

Name: _____

Reason for recommendation: _____

Name: _____

Reason for recommendation: _____

(Further names may be suggested on a separate paper.)

Please put this form in the collection plate, or drop off in the church office.

Deacons

The office of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, of exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this office.

It is the duty of deacons, first of all, to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress both within and beyond the community of faith. They shall assume such other duties as may be delegated to them from time to time by the session, such as leading the people in worship through prayers of intercession, reading the Scriptures, presenting the gifts of the people, and assisting with the Lord's Supper. (Excerpts from the *Book of Order* (2009/11))

Recommendations for Deacon (Please use the reverse side for Elders)

The Nominating Committee is receiving recommendations for the offices of Elder and Deacon to begin serving in January 2018. In light of the description above, if you have individuals to suggest for Deacon, please write them down below. Please describe briefly why you believe the individual would be suitable for this office.

It is not necessary to obtain the permission of the person you are suggesting. It is preferable for the Nominating Committee to make the initial contact should this person be nominated.

For the office of Deacon:

Name: _____

Reason for recommendation: _____

Name: _____

Reason for recommendation: _____

Name: _____

Reason for recommendation: _____

(Further names may be suggested on a separate paper.)

Please put this form in the collection plate, or drop off in the church office.

At our best, Elders and Deacons seek by the grace of God to be examples of Jesus Christ and models of the quality of life which God desires for the whole church. It is a great privilege and responsibility – we welcome your prayers!

2017 CHURCH OFFICERS

THE SESSION with Current Ministry Connections

Pastor Steve Weed – Moderator Diane Chen – Clerk of Session

Class of 2017

Linda Behmke – Personnel, Chair

*Diane Chen – Clerk of Session, Transition Team

Jack Comstock – Outreach, Greeter, Transition Team

*John Furlong – Worship Committee, Children’s Ministry

Meg McKinley – Finance Committee, Transition Team

Class of 2018

Sam DiLullo – Transition Team

*David Place – Finance Committee, Greeter

Emma Shaw – Young Adult Ministry, Transition Team

*Selim Tawadros – Finance Committee

Scott Todd – Missions Committee

Class of 2019

*Charlie Choi – Missions Committee, Chair

*John Kennedy –

Charlene McGrew – Christian Nursery School Board, Chair

Mike Morrison

THE BOARD OF DEACONS with Current Ministry Connections

Class of 2017

*Carol Bellamy – Church Financial Secretary

Donna Hart – Ushering

*Suzanne Morrison – Deacons’ Pantry

*Julie Todd – Moderator, Deacons’ Assistance, Justice & Mercy Ministry

Class of 2018

Faithe Hornung – Treasurer, Deacons’ Assistance Fund, Missions

*Omar Mehdi – Vice-Moderator, Transportation, Deacons’ Assistance Fund

Ashley Reed – Archivist, College-age Communications

*Gerri Wismer – Homebound Communications

Class of 2019

Ilonka Comstock

Ruth Ellen Patterson

Tim Roykouff - Secretary

Marcy Wells

* serving second term

THE JOY OF SUMMER: GIFTS FOR MINISTRY & MISSIONS

Summer brings us long, light-filled days, children with lemonade stands, high temperatures—and cooling thunderstorms—and often vacations of rest and renewal at home or away. Ministry at NPC continues, with many special activities to mark the season. Whether serving 200 children at Vacation Bible Camp (just concluded), discipling adults on Sunday morning and Wednesday evening, or joining NPC’s young people in compassionate service at the Philadelphia Project, NPC’s friends and members are deeply connected. In addition to ministries based at NPC, we partner with over 35 individuals and mission agencies to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and deed. Throughout the world, our mission partners labor in the joy of the Lord, confident of our prayers and financial support.

NPC has always been blessed to have a very generous congregation. **Your gifts worship God and allow these ministries to happen!** As we move into summer, we encourage you to maintain this generous spirit, making the most of the **various ways to give:**

During worship: Place tithes, offerings and other gifts in the offering plate. (Please make checks payable to Narberth Presbyterian Church.)

Online: Prioritize giving in your budget—give to God first! Go to narberthpres.org and click the “give” button on the upper right side. You can set up recurring gifts using a debit card or e-check. It’s easy...and secure.

By text: Txt the amount of your gift to 610-624-4831. After a one-time setup, you’ll get a receipt in seconds.

By mail:

Send to Carol Bellamy, Financial Secretary
Narberth Presbyterian Church
PO Box 414
Narberth, Pa 19072-0414

Marketable Securities (stocks or bonds):

If you hold stocks or bonds that have appreciated in value, you may find it advantageous to donate appreciated securities to fulfill your pledge or as an extra gift. Donors generally are permitted to deduct the value of appreciated securities as a charitable donation (check with your tax advisor). Please contact either Jim Hoffman, Treasurer, through the church or David Place, Elder, for assistance.

Offering update: Through June 18, 2017, offerings totaled approximately \$466,000, slightly lower than the prior year. We will provide a mid-year update in July. Our 2017 budget for the full year is \$1,161,000, which we trust God to meet through the generosity of His people. Thank you for your generous spirit! Your gifts allow us to engage in significant ministries, welcome many into a loving, Christ-centered community, and offer worship to our great God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **Amnion Pregnancy Center** is looking to hire a speaker for their **RealEd team**, to teach youth about building healthy relationships. The speaker will travel with the RealEd team to local schools and community venues to give the presentation, which incorporates interactive discussions, illustrations and personal stories from genuine, down-to-earth young Christians who have committed or re-committed themselves to abstinence outside of marriage or faithfulness within marriage. If you are over 18, have strong speaking and communication skills, a heart for youth, and daytime availability, we want you! Males strongly encouraged to apply. Please ask your church leaders for more information or contact **Jaime Schwartz** at jschwartz@real-ed.org.

† **The Omega Course: Intergenerational Sunday School Class**

Led by John Chaffee 10:30am, Parlor, starting July 2

When you hear the word “Omega”, what is the first thought that comes to your mind? Chances are, you simply thought “Alpha” right away. In these series of classes, we will be chatting through the “Omega”, the culmination, the summation, the coming together and full integration of Christian spirituality with other parts of life. We will also be diving into how Christianity can be seen as taking us into tomorrow with hope, faith and love as well as a brand new perspective of everything. (Ephesians 1:10)

1. **Hobbit Holes and You** (7/2)-*What is the relationship between theology and spirituality?*
2. **Swingsets on Trains** (7/16)-*How do we grow in our faith and self-understanding?*
3. **Participating in the Sunset** (7/23)-*What does Christianity have to teach us about living here and now?*
4. **Taking Your Idols to Church** (7/30)-*How does church decenter and re-center us?*
5. **Shovels are Good for Your Soul** (8/6)-*Does God really want us to look up to find Him?*

This class is designed for families who attend the 9:00am service.

† **Dr. Janet Moore** has been serving in our Counseling Ministry for the past 10 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.

† **The Tuesday morning men's sermon discussion group** has adjusted their meeting time to 7am (from 6:30), and would welcome new participants. They meet in the Resource Room next to Pastor Steve's office every Tuesday morning. Contact: David Fraser (davidallenfraser@gmail.com)



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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, June 25

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor
9:00am **Worship Service**
10:45am **Worship Service**
12:30pm **Church-wide Picnic-All invited, especially VBC families!, Parking lot**

Monday, June 26

7:00pm Prayer Group, open to all, Steve's Office
7:00pm MBR-Bible Study, Music office
7:30pm Men's Bible Study in Galatians, Resource Center

Tuesday, June 27

7:00am Men's small group, Resource Room
7:00am Men-Sponsored Prayer Breakfast, at Narberth Diner
11-12noon Study & Prayer group, led by Faithé Hornung, Parlor
7:00pm Missions Committee Meeting, Parlor
7:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal

Wednesday, June 28

9:30am Staff Meeting, Parlor
7:00pm **"Learning and Yearning for the Holy Spirit"** June Bible Study. Led by Pastor Steve, Parlor

Thursday, June 29

4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor, Gym

Friday, June 30

10:00am Women's Bible Study, Parlor
Youth Movie Night
7:00pm Young Adult Bowling outing

Saturday, July 1

Sunday, July 2

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor
9:00am **Worship Service-Communion**
10:30am Sunday School, "Omega Course" led by John Chaffee, Parlor
10:45am **Worship Service-Communion**

Each Week

Christian Nursery School – Jennifer Addy, Director, 610-664-8890
2, 3 & 5 Day Programs 9:00am to 11:30am & 11:30am to 3:30pm Extended Day Program, Sept.-May
AA meets 12:30pm, Monday–Friday. Also, Saturday at 12:30pm & Sunday at 4:30pm
Counseling: Dr. Janet Moore: cell: 484-686-6630 email: jlmpsy@hotmai.com

Planning ahead Information and calendar updates 24/7 at www.narberthpres.org

- July 1-27 Debbie Watson away on vacation/study leave
- July 4 Office closed for holiday
- July 10 or 17 YG Parents and Leadership Planning Meeting, Date TBD
- July 13 9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor (last meeting of the summer)
- July 19 1-6pm YG Day trip to Wissahickon Creek, meet @ church
- July 21 Youth Movie Night
- July 23-28 The Philadelphia Project, Youth Mission Trip
- Aug 9 Youth Day trip to Ocean City NJ-some adult volunteers needed ☺
- Aug 10-11 Global Leadership Summit
- Aug 18 Youth Movie Night
- Aug 26 Red Cross Blood Drive