

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

October 23, 2016

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

Lovely Appear
from "The Redemption"

Gounod

Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Call To Worship

Hymn #77

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe Den Herren

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:13-18; Acts 20:28

(p.1524, 1729)

9:00am Jack Comstock

10:45am Kelly Watson

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All the people: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we thank you that you have called us to be your people, not only as individuals, but as a community. Thank you for redeeming us with your blood and regarding us as precious. We ask forgiveness for taking you for granted, and not honoring Christ as Lord of all. Please forgive us for treating the gift of your church with casual indifference. In a world of contentious conversation, help us to model a different spirit. Let us be a gracious community with kindness and respect for all. In all of our wonderful diversity, strengthen us to be one, in the common bond of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Testimony

Diane Chen, Elder

The Greeting

Worship Song

One Thing Remains

Johnson/Gifford/Riddle

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

Trust In You

Daigle, Farren, Mabury

Kerry Catapano and Praise Team

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

John 17:13-23

(p.1680)

Sermon

Family Talk:

Who's The Head of Our Church?

Steve Weed,

Pastor

Hymn #689

The Church's One Foundation

Aurelia

Benediction

Prayer Ministry

9:00am Greg Hein

10:45am Charlie Choi

Thank you for being with us in worship today! To learn more about our church, Welcome Bags are available for newcomers at the front entrance.

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.

Sunday, Nov. 6, after the second service,

There will be a Congregation/Corporation Meeting to elect new Elders/Trustees and Deacons. (Testimonies of nominees on p.5) We will also elect two members from the congregation at large to serve on next year's Nominating Committee, and approve three ministries from which additional members of the Nominating Committee will be selected. In addition, we will review and vote on changes to our corporate documents (Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws). We will be sending out a mailing with additional information in the near term.

Trunk or Treat is a festive time for families to enjoy *goodies!* All you need to do is pick up 5 bags of candy to put in your decorated trunk. ***Sign up in the chapel*** & invite your families, friends and neighbors. ***Monday, October 31st from 6:30 to 7:30PM, NPC gym and parking lot.***

TESTIMONIES OF ELDER/DEACON NOMINEES

For Deacon: Ashley Reed

I was blessed enough to grow up in the church, knowing the love of Christ. I attended a few churches before coming to NPC when I was in Middle School. It was here that I chose to be baptized and grow my child's faith into a more mature one. In 2011 I was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis and it changed my life and my faith. With getting sick, my body started to break down, but my faith was being built up. My new life gave me more time and opportunity to serve at church. I was reminded of God's love and faithfulness through everyone at NPC and it has been instrumental in helping me heal body and faith. I am humbled and honored to be nominated to be a Deacon. I am excited to continue this journey of life with all of you, my church family, my brothers and sisters in Christ.

For Elder: Michael Morrison

I grew up attending a Presbyterian church in Harrisburg, PA. Despite this upbringing and godly grandparents, I still went all the way through high school thinking of myself as a Christian despite skepticism about the validity of the resurrection (not a clue). In my freshman year of college I dated a girl who truly knew Christ as her Lord and Savior and put Him before me. This surprised me and challenged me to look more closely at my beliefs and face my insecurities concerning life ahead. At a Christian retreat over the New Year's weekend of 1975/76 I faced my spiritual reality and accepted Christ as my Lord and Savior. I was foolish for a time and had a go of this Christian life on my own, with poor results. Since my return to walking by faith subsequent to my father's death in 1983, I have (with varying success) committed to letting God's Word guide my life and relationships. I am willing to commit to prayerfully serving on the Session and contributing to the Godly direction of this wonderful body of believers.

For Elder: Charlene Chen McGrew

The gospel came to my family through my grandmother, who as an orphan in China was raised by Christian missionaries. I was taught the gospel as a child: I was a sinner, Jesus Christ, God made flesh, took my sin on him, and died in my place so that I could be free. I knew it, but I had never counted on it until I was in college. I then recognized my need for grace and found my value as God's creation and daughter. I was baptized at Peninsula Bible Church in Cupertino, a community full of grace and insightful teaching. I am grateful that God has continued to show me Himself through my personal relationships and professional work. If confirmed as an elder, my prayer will be for wisdom and grace as I take on this role at NPC where we have worshipped and lived in community for the past 7 years.

**Additional testimonies will be printed next week.

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY

Prayer meeting in Steve's office each Sunday morning 8:00-9:00am.

Sunday School Classes:

8am – Coffee, Cake, and Conversation with Debbie Watson, Parlor

10:30am New 12-week video series on **The Sermon on the Mount**, by Sinclair Ferguson. Led by Norm Johanson, meets in the parlor.

MONDAY

6:30-9:00pm – The Marriage Course (September 26th – November 14th), Parlor

7:00-9:00pm – MBR (Men Being/Becoming Real), Music Office

7:30-9:00pm – Men's Bible Study, Resource Room

7:00-8:00pm – Prayer Group, Steve's Office

TUESDAY

7:00-8:10am Men's Sermon Discussion & Prayer Group, Resource Room

11:00am-12:00noon Prayer, Open to all, Parlor

WEDNESDAY 5:45-8:00pm Dinner and classes

Adult class: 7-8pm: Bible Study and prayer on movie "War Room", led by Gene and Becky McGee. Chapel

FRIDAY

9:30-11:30am Friday Morning Moms' Group. Every other Friday, Parlor

Next gathering on Oct 14

10-11:30am Women's Bible Study Weekly, Parlor/Chapel

6:30 – 9pm Young Adults Fellowship, September 30th – November 11th, Gym

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:

We welcome our new Director of Youth Ministries, John Chaffee. Watch for a chance to get together with parents and students soon!

- 9:30 Youth Sunday School: Battlefield
- 4:00pm HS Youth Group with Dave & Jess
- Youth Fellowship - Wednesday 6-8pm - Catch up over dinner then fellowship and discussion with Alice - Youth Room (2nd Flr.)

Upcoming Youth Events:

11/4-6 *HS Reality Retreat* at NorthBay Adventure camp, NorthEast MD

Grades 9-12: Register NOW for HS Retreat at narberthpres.org

**For all youth-related questions, please contact Dave Bellamy or Jess Gaffga
610-664-4880 x112 youth@narberthpres.org**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **NEW! Adult Basketball in the gym every Thursday** evening at 7:30pm starting on 10/20. All are welcome. If interested, please reach out to John Toner, john.toner325@yahoo.com. thank you.

- † Please join us for the **annual area fundraising banquet for Young Life** in the Western Philadelphia Suburbs. It will be held on October 25th, 6:45pm at the Merion Golf Club's Pavilion. This is a great way to hear all the good work this ministry is doing in the local middle and high schools. Please contact Greg & Tricia Hein if you are interested in attending at trmm1211@msn.com or call us at [610-642-4437](tel:610-642-4437)

- † **YOU ARE INVITED To Young Adult Community Gatherings**
Friday Nights at Narberth Presbyterian Church
September through November 11th
7:00-9:00pm in the Chapel
Dinner is provided – Free! 7:00-8:00
Video “All The Places To Go,” by John Ortberg 8:00-8:20pm
Discussion Groups 8:20-9:00


- † **TRUNK OR TREAT! Monday, October 31, from 6:30-7:30pm**
Trunk or Treat is an alternative to Halloween, a festive time for families to have a light meal, some games and enjoy visiting the cars in the parking lot for goodies!
We have 20 parking spots to fill. Bring your car, truck, etc., to the church parking lot, open the trunk, add some decorations (fall decorations, pumpkins or a sports theme or whatever you have a collection of!) and add about 5-6 bags of candy and you're ready! Invite your families, friends and neighbors to this super event which is open to kids of all ages-even Pastor Steve!

- † **If you are using our wonderful library**, please make sure to sign the books out using the card in the back. Placing the card in the check-out box lets us know where the books are! Thank so much.

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† **Denominational Straw Poll - October 31 to November 14**

As we pray about the next step in our denomination journey, we are eager to hear from you through a Straw Poll. We are asking: do you sense that God is leading you, in the same way that He has led Session, to believe that ECO provides the best future for Narberth Presbyterian Church? Members and regular attenders (people who have signed into the Friendship Pad six or more times from January through September 2016) will receive a letter with instructions on how to participate. Watch your mail next week!

†  **Christmas Choir!** Celebrate the joy of Christmas with other singers on Music Sunday, December 11th. Rehearsals began on **Thursday evening, October 20 at 7:30 pm in the Choir Room.** There is still time to join! All rehearsals will be on Thursdays with the exception of Thanksgiving Day! There will be a bonus rehearsal, that week, on Monday, November 21. Sign-up in the Chapel.

† **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.



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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, October 23

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor

9:00am Worship Service

10:30am Sunday School, Parlor

10:45am Worship Service

4:00pm HS Youth Group

Monday, October 24

6:30-9pm Marriage Course

6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm Prayer Group, open to all, this week,
Pastor's Office

7:00pm MBR-Bible Study, Music office

7:30pm Men's Bible Study in Galatians,
Resource Center

Tuesday, October 25

6:30am Men's small group

7:00am Men-Sponsored Prayer Breakfast, at
Narberth Diner

11-12noon Prayer group, led by Faithe
Hornung, Parlor

7:00pm Missions Committee, Parlor

7:30pm Praise Band rehearsal

Wednesday, October 26

9:30am Staff Meeting, Parlor

5:45pm Wednesday Night Dinner at the Fellowship Café (Gym) Menu:

Cheese Manicotti & garlic bread, salad, fruit, dessert

6:30pm Children's classes (up to grade 5)

7-8:00pm Adult class: "War Room" study

Thursday, October 27

9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor

4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor

7:30pm Choir Rehearsal- for Christmas cantata

Friday, October 28

10:00am Women's' Bible Study, Parlor

7-9pm Young Adult Fellowship - Dinner & Childcare provided!

Saturday, October 29

Sunday, October 30

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor

9:00am Worship Service

10:30am Sunday School, Parlor

10:45am Worship Service

4:00pm HS Youth Group

Monday, October 31

6:30-7:30pm Trunk-or-Treat, Gym & Parking lot

NO Marriage Course tonight

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: jlmpsych@hotmail.com

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

Nov 1 7:00pm Knitters' Group, Resource Room

Nov 1 7:30pm Deacons' Meeting, Parlor

Nov 4 6:30pm Parents' Night Out

Nov 4-6 High School Reality Retreat

Nov 5 9:00am Shepherds' Meeting, Parlor

Nov 6 12:15pm Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary (after 2nd service)

Nov 7 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Nov 10 9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor

Nov 11 1:30pm Sr. Slide Show, Parlor

Nov 15 7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor

Nov 20 12:00-2:00pm Gifts of Hope Gallery, Gym