Narberth Presbyterian Church



December 13, 2020

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude	Christmas Carol Medley Spencer Hurst and Gibson Hu	Cello/Violin Duet	
Welcome and Family News		Pastor Steve Weed	
Call to Worship	Psalm 126; Isaiah 51:11	The Shaw/Martin Family	
Hymn#171 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing			
Prayer of Invocation		Pastor Debbie	
Advent Scripture ReadingIsaiah 12:1-6Dee Knight, Kristopher, Erika, and Nicole Cox			
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.			
Children's Message		Danielle Kauffman	
Scripture	Luke 2:8-20	Pastor Debbie	
Youth Message		John Chaffee	
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Debbie	
Sermon	Good News Runs Faster	Pastor Steve	
Worship Song	<i>How Great Our Joy</i> Sarah Comstock		
Benediction			
Postlude	<i>What Child Is This?</i> Arr. Dean Pappas, Hammer Duk	<i>Greensleeves</i> cimer	

Looking Ahead in Advent...

TODAY, December 13 Annual Congregational Meeting by Zoom at 11:00am The Zoom link will be sent on Sunday.

FOUND WANDERING SPECIAL ONLINE PRESENTATION 7:00pm December 13th

Join us for an hour of good tidings and togetherness, as we present previously unreleased music from past Christmas concerts, as well as stories and songs from the band members at home.

Featuring Sarah & Colin Comstock along with the Comstock Sisters, Jake L'Armand, Caleb & Carolyn, Lauren Coen-Iltis & John Iltis, Jon Frost and others... 100% of donations to benefit **Project HOME** www.projecthome.org, a Philadelphia

100% of donations to benefit **Project HOME** www.projecthome.org, a Philadelphia non-profit organization, empowering individuals to break the cycle of poverty and homelessness through affordable housing, employment, health care and education. Join us at 7:00pm for the pre-show countdown and hang with us afterwards for a post presentation live chat.

Hope to see you there!

WEDNESDAY

SPECIAL SERVICE

On December 16th at 7:00pm, Pastor Debbie and Gerri Wismer will lead a service of remembrance in a Zoom meeting.

A Night To Remember is a service of comfort and hope – for everyone who is experiencing sadness and loss in this season, or earlier in the year. While we often think of loss in terms of death (adults, children, pregnancy), there are other losses that cause our spirits to flag in a season so overtly cheerful, and we may feel more forgotten and forlorn than festive. All are invited to *A Night to Remember*. Please email or call the church office to register for this event. 610-664-4880 or office@narberthpres.org

11:00 am Sunday School Class starting December 20th The Book of Jonah

An angry prophet. A feared and loathsome enemy. A devastating storm. And the surprising message of a merciful God to his people. Come join us on this 4-week study through the Book of Jonah as we discover the powerful Christian message at the heart of Jonah's story. If interested, please contact Sue Wenger at mswenger@yahoo.com for Zoom details.

NOMINEES FOR ELDER AND DEACON

Brint Nicolai - Elder Nominee

I am thankful to call NPC my home Church for my entire life. From my earliest experiences in Sunday School through my teenage years in youth group and now as a parent, I have been blessed by the warmth and guidance of this Church in seeking to follow Jesus more closely. I am honored to be nominated to serve as an Elder and will seek to follow God's leading in creatively and faithfully serving His Church.

Gaby Anik - Deacon Nominee

I was raised a Catholic, was taught about the Holy Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy "Ghost"),

and that I needed to be good to get to heaven. I can honestly say that I never doubted that Jesus was not only the Son of God, but that He was God. I didn't understand, but I believed. But I did question why why why why a good God would allow so much pain in the world. I wasn't taught we were born sinners and that the world was broken. It wasn't until I was in an Assemblies of God church (I was searching....) that I "accepted" Jesus into my life. And it wasn't until I was in dire straits years later that I met Him – right there in my kitchen. It was at that moment I understood that it wasn't doing good deeds, having good behavior, or being a good person that would get me into heaven. It was doing and being these things out of love and having a relationship with Jesus – which is deepening every day.

I would be humbled to serve as a Deacon in this church that I have come to love.

GIFTS OF HOPE

This Christmas...

Provide rest to all who are weary!

This Christmas instead of giving another box of chocolates or coffee mug to your favorite relative or friend, give a Gift of Hope.

Give a blanket to help a homeless person stay warm!



Give a gift of hope in honor of a loved one, friend or business associate. Help provide food and clothing, health and shelter, or an education. Contribute to faith sharing and church development, promote justice, and improve livelihoods.

Neighborhood Crusades is a ministry based in the Germantown section of Philadelphia that focuses on street corner evangelism, urban missions and evangelism training, school assembly programs, prison presentations, biblical counseling, and relationship enrichment courses. It strengthens families and encourages troubled youth throughout Philadelphia. Your gift of a hat, scarf and gloves will provide comfort and warmth for a person experiencing homelessness this winter.

Your gift of \$3 will provide a fleece blanket for a person suffering from homelessness that will give warmth and comfort during cold winter nights.

Gifts of Hope 2020 Narberth Presbyterian Church www.npcgiftsofhope.com

FAMILY MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S MINSTRY

A Socially Distant Christmas Pageant! Sunday, December 20th ONLINE VIDEO!

NO! The Children's Christmas Pageant has NOT been canceled. Join Miss Danielle and the NPC kids as they strive to create a virtual Christmas program using smartphones and Zoom! A link to watch our video will be sent out Sunday, December 20th. Stay tuned!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Dec. 16th - Combined Christmas Zoom from 630-8pm - <u>Here is the link for the</u> <u>Combined Christmas Zoom</u>

My brother, Steve, and I are doing our own series through Advent on Sunday nights that you are welcome to watch either on facebook/youtube live or later in the week. <u>Here is the link to the first one</u>, in which we joke and riff on the Christmas story as it relates to Hope. Each coming Sunday will successively be on Peace, Love and Joy.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

SUNDAY CLASSES

8:00 am - Scripture Discussion-(Zoom meeting)

All are invited to Debbie's class focused on discussing the Scripture passage for each week's worship service and sermon. Come join us via Zoom for what is always a rich time of fellowship and learning. Led by Pastor Debbie Watson

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WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT THE CHURCH

******This week: Special Remembrance Service at 7:00pm by Zoom in place of the ACTS Prayer Group. ACTS will return the next week.

7:00 - 8:00 pm - ACTS PRAYER GROUP ON ZOOM

Are you looking for a place to be spiritually refreshed? Do you want to learn how to be guided through Scripture meditation and structured prayer? Then please consider joining us as we journey together through the ACTS prayer posture - Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication. Our focus is on praying for Kingdom needs in our nation and God's Church throughout the world. You are welcome to pray silently the entire time or pray out loud as you feel led. So please consider accepting the Father's invitation to sit together with Him in prayer and come as you are able. Please contact Linda DiLullo at <u>ldilullo3@gmail.com</u> or Karen in the church office to get the Zoom link.

Debbie's Wednesday class has finished for now. A new session will begin in January.

COMMUNICATIONS

Prayer

Requests for prayer can be made anytime by calling the church office or emailing to <u>prayer@narberthpres.org</u> Requests will be posted as quickly as possible for immediate prayer by the Prayer Team.

Small group leaders are encouraged to reach out to the Church office if any meeting resource (voice conference calling or video conference calling) is needed. Small group members are encouraged to remain in contact with each other. Some small groups may continue, others may take a break in this time. Small group leaders are encouraged to communicate with their group as to what you will be doing in this time.

Office: The church office may be contacted by phone at 610-664-4880 from 9 am to 4 pm Monday - Friday with questions, concerns, prayer requests, etc. Messages may also be left at any other time. We love to hear from you.

Giving: Your gifts and tithes make this ministry possible and keep our church strong. Giving may be done at: <u>www.narberthpres.org/give</u> Giving may be done by texting your gift to 610-642-4831. Gifts and tithes may also be mailed to the church office: Narberth Presbyterian Church Attention: Financial Secretary 205 Grayling Ave. Narberth PA 19072

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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, December 13 Third Sunday in Advent 8:00am Zoom Sunday School Discussion Class Led by Debbie 9:00am Online Worship at www.narberthpres.org 11:00 am – Congregational Meeting-Zoom 7:00pm Virtual Found Wandering Special

Monday, December 14 7:00pm Zoom Prayer Group

Tuesday, December 15

Wednesday, December 16

7:00pm "A Night To Remember" Service of comfort and hope

To join any of the above listed Zoom meetings, please call the church office at 610-664-4880

Thursday, December 17

Friday, December 18 7-8am Zoom Community Prayer Meeting for Racial Reconciliation. Zoom link available

Saturday, December 19

Sunday, December 20 Fourth Sunday in Advent 8:00am Zoom Sunday School Discussion Class Led by Debbie 9:00am Online Worship 11:00am NEW Sunday School Class on Jonah

Each Week

Christian Pre-School – 610-664-8890 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: <u>ilmpsych@hotmail.com</u>