



Narberth Presbyterian Church

January 16, 2022

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude		Linda Pilacik, Organ
Welcome and Family News		Pastor Steve
Call to Worship	Hebrews 12:1-3	Sara Mahoney & son Jack
Hymn #92	<i>“Crown Him With Many Crowns”</i>	<i>Diademata</i>
Prayer of Invocation		Pastor Debbie
Scripture Reading	Ephesians 3:14-21	Mary O’Connor
Prayer of Confession		Pastor Steve
Silent Prayer and Assurance of Pardon		
Worship Song	<i>“Give Us Clean Hands”</i>	<i>Hall</i>
Worship Song	<i>“Let Us Be Known By Our Love”</i>	
(Children and Youth dismissed for Sunday School)		
Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer		Pastor Debbie
<i>Passing of Friendship Pads</i>		
<i>Presentation of Tithes and Offerings</i>		
Offertory	Wonder Of The Season Dean Pappas (Solo & Guitar)	<i>Lucy</i>
Doxology and Prayer of Dedication		
Scripture Reading	Hebrews 2:1; 3:12-14; 10:23-25,35,36; 11:6	Pastor Debbie
Sermon	<i>“When It’s Hard To Believe In God’s Love”</i>	Pastor Steve
Song	<i>“Here I Am To Worship (Light of the World)”</i>	<i>Hughes</i> <i>Linda Pilacik-Piano</i>
Song	<i>“Glorify Your Name”</i>	<i>Adkins</i> <i>Linda Pilacik-Piano</i>
Benediction		Pastor Steve
Postlude		Linda Pilacik, Piano

NEW DEACON BIOGRAPHIES

****Today, Sunday January 16th, immediately following the Benediction there will be a brief in person congregational meeting to elect 3 new Deacons.**

Ray Bellamy

I was born into a loving Christian family and attended the Methodist church in Cheverly, Maryland, where I was baptized and received my confirmation. My Christian beliefs and values were, and continue to be, developed by exposure to the Bible, spiritual teachings, an active prayer life, and being with fellow believers. In 2004, I married and moved to Narberth and began looking for a church home. In 2007, I attended the Explorer's class and subsequently became a member of NPC. I feel fortunate and blessed to have been a part of our church family for the past 15 years. NPC is truly a unique and wonderful spirit-filled place. It is an honor to be chosen to be a deacon and I look forward to serving the congregation as a faithful disciple of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Katie Kennedy

I have attended Narberth Presbyterian Church for my entire life, growing up just two blocks away. My parents Richard and Joyce Nicolai were steadfast in their dedication to having my family at church every week and that undoubtedly served as a strong foundation for my organic faith. In attending nursery school through youth group (where I eventually met my husband Jesse) and married shortly after college, this congregation is in every way a second family to me.

I always firmly believed that Jesus Christ was my Lord and Savior but in sixth grade at a youth retreat in Saratoga, New York, I claimed that much more wholeheartedly and remember discussing it with Glen Taylor (our youth director at the time) and feeling a sizable shift in my life. From there, I felt God's presence in some of the most intimate ways during many summers serving the youth on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation in North Dakota.

I love Narberth Presbyterian Church. This church family has covered me in love so many times throughout my life, whether praying over my wedding to Jesse or walking alongside us in the birth of our children Rawson and Hallie and the life changing events of the last year. I am honored and thrilled to serve as a Deacon.

Sandi Wray

My Christian journey started in a little church in Red Hook, New York. My mom and dad were loving faithful attendees, so I was baptized in the Episcopal Church. I remember it was an active church giving back to the community with spaghetti and turkey dinners. In Sunday school I was given a strong Christian foundation that emphasized the life of Jesus Christ. I remember we memorized a lot of scripture. When I was 12 years old we changed churches to attend St. John's Dutch Reformed Church in Upper Red Hook. My father was the Superintendent of Sunday School, and we were very involved. However, I do not remember a defining moment when I knew I was born again and what that meant. After my mom died in 1970, I lost my way and floundered in my walk. Then in 1978 I went to a home-based Bible study and for 30 years I took classes and studied the Bible. My faith in God and knowledge of who I am in Christ grew tremendously. I taught children fellowship for a while when our kids were young and served in many different roles as needed. In 2018 Rob and I started attending NPC and knew we had found a place where we experienced God's love in action. We made a commitment, after taking the Explorers class, to join. For my entire life as I look back, I see God's hand and influence at so many times and I am eternally grateful. Growing in faith and sharing that faith with others is one of my greatest desires. Being nominated to be a deacon has truly honored me and I trust I can serve God and my church well.

FAMILY NEWS-CHILDREN

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS: Children CHILDREN'S NEWS

Live Out Loud - NEW Sunday School Program! Squish, boing, chomp, splat! The only thing better than hearing these sounds is making them yourself! Children K-5th are encourage to make some noise during Sunday School and “Live Out Loud” in our new series. Together we will bring the early stories of Jesus’ life come alive with sound effects. The sounds of the story won’t be the only thing making noise, though. As kids hear about the wisdom, love, and compassion that Jesus showed, they’ll learn that following his example will help them to “Live Out Loud” so other people take notice and wonder who made them so extraordinary!

Children’s Wednesday Night Program - Bible and Craft! Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to attend "Bible and Craft" from 7:00pm - 8:00pm in RM 107. Each week we will learn a new Bible story and complete a fun Bible Craft.

MLK Day of Service with The Philadelphia Project! Thank you to those who signed up to serve with the Philadelphia Project on Monday, January 17th. Looking forward to this meaningful day!

God’s Love in all Seasons Workshop! Moms of Little Children (age 3 and under) are invited to attend a special workshop, led by Clara Louie, on finding God’s love in different spiritual seasons. We will meet 5 consecutive Sundays beginning Sunday, February 6th in the NPC Parlor from 3:30pm - 5:00pm. Please RSVP to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org).

Christian Preschool Registration: Registration for the 2022–2023 school year at NPC Christian Preschool will open to current preschool and church families beginning Monday, January 31. We offer two, three and five day options from 9-12 noon for morning preschool, an extended day option until 3pm and afternoon Kindergarten Enrichment for children who attend morning Kindergarten. If you are interested in a play-based preschool in a nurturing Christian environment, please reach out to learn more. Email director Virginia Davis at preschool@narberthpres.org or call 610-664-8890.

Dr. Janet Moore has been serving in our Counseling Ministry for over 16 years, working with individuals struggling with a wide range of personal and psychological challenges. You may reach Dr. Moore by leaving a message on her church extension, 610-664-4880 (ext. 121), or at 484-686-6630.

FAMILY NEWS-YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH NEWS

Parents, please look for an email with a link for an Information Form for all youth coming your way. We appreciate your help in gathering updated information on our students. If you do not receive an email, please contact Lisa Hoffman at lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net. Thanks!

Youth Groups - MS and HS Youth Groups

**** Please note our times have changed slightly due to trying to allow time for students to eat dinner at home instead of together. ****

Middle School – Wednesdays 7:00 - 8:00 pm in the Youth Room (note new start time!)

High School – Sundays from 6:00 – 7:30 pm in the Youth Room (note new times!)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bring your Donations to Sunday School this week!

1/16 - During Sunday School today January 16th we will be spending some of our time making sandwiches for our homeless outreach and listening to a member of the Parkway Ministry share about her experiences serving in Philly. These sandwiches will be delivered today to our friends on the Parkway. Students are bringing the food and clothing items to donate.

1/16 – High School Youth Group – New Time – 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm starting in the gym

1/17 - MLK Day of Service - Monday January 17th - We have the opportunity to work on service projects at The Philly Project in Mount Airy. Families should sign up directly on your own and choose their project. Spots are filling up, so go to www.thephillyproject.org/mlkday to register. This is a FREE day of service, but donations are welcomed. Everyone is required to wear a mask and families must bring their own water and lunch. After you register, you will receive a release form and confirmation from TPP. It is really easy!

1/19 – Middle School Youth Group – New time – 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Youth Room

1/23 – Sunday School – Starting this week, we'll be starting a series "Back to the Basics" including some Christian How-To's. For four weeks we'll talk about topics like "How to be sure you're a Christian", "How to experience God's love and forgiveness" and more.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Mornings

8:15 am class-Please join us - live in the NPC Parlor, or via Zoom, for a time of conversation focused on the scriptures for that day's worship service. All are welcome! Contact Debbie Watson for more details dwatson@narberthpres.org.

11:15 am class - Join us via Zoom for a lively in-depth study of the **Gospel of John** (Chapters 14 – 21) that will include an overview and active group discussion of each chapter with applications for everyday life. Explore questions like, "In what ways do we still see the Spirit advocating on behalf of those who suffer oppression and injustice in the world today?" And "What does Mary Magdalene's role in this story say about how God views the value of men and women in his new creation?" This 8-week study is led by Mark Wenger with assistance from Charlie Hurst. For the Zoom link, contact Mark at markfwenger@yahoo.com.

Wednesday Nights 7:00-8:00 pm

“Bringing God’s Shalom to a World in Crisis: The Death & Resurrection of the Messiah” What was life like for the disciples in the months leading up to Jesus’ death on the cross? What was going on in the world in Israel? Did everyone believe the same things? Were faithful Jews affected by social trends, other religious beliefs, politics, or commerce? What might have been some of their temptations? Fears? Hopes? Come learn about all this and more, as we walk that journey to Jerusalem and the Cross with Jesus and his reluctant disciples. We’ll begin in a fishing boat on the Sea of Galilee and go from there! Led by Debbie Watson. This class meets in-person (masks) and via Zoom. Please contact Donya in the Church Office (610-664-4880 x119) to sign up for the Zoom link.

“Persevering With Joy During Covid.” Pastor Steve will lead a 7-week study of Philippians. Philippians is Paul’s most joyful letter, yet it was written from a Roman prison. Just as we face the challenges of an unending pandemic, Paul faced a difficult confinement which he did not choose. Yet within those limitations, Paul persevered with joy through his faith in Jesus Christ. Perseverance without joy equals drudgery and exhaustion; joy without perseverance is shallow and fleeting. Like Paul, how can we combine both? Spoiler alert: Paul said, “For me to LIVE is Christ.” With whatever limitations we may be facing, together let’s deepen our relationship with Christ through this amazing little letter. This class meets in-person (masks).

Prayer Focus:

Esperanza Health Center seeks to provide high-quality, affordable health care in Jesus' name, and are committed to the promotion of their community's health and well-being. Please pray for those who seek care, and for the staff, as daily, in Jesus' name, they do the following:

- **Provide holistic care** for our patients—care that looks at the needs of the whole person, including physical, social, emotional and spiritual well-being.
- **Ensure that care is available and affordable to all**, without regard for economic or social status or ability to pay.
- As a Patient-Centered Medical Home, **develop partnerships with each of our patients** to pursue total health.
- Work together with the Church and local organizations to **bring healing and wholeness to our North Philadelphia community**.

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, January 16

MLK Day of Service for Children & Youth

8:15am Sunday School-Supporting Homeless
Outreach Programs

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

10:45am Congregational Meeting to Elect New
Deacons

11:15am Sunday School

6:00-7:30pm HS Youth Group Mtg. (Lisa
Hoffman & Team)(Gym)

Monday, January 17

7:30-9:00pm Men's Bible Study (Zoom)

All Day- Day of Service at Philly Project in
Mount Airy

Tuesday, January 18

7:00pm Session Meeting (Parlor)

Wednesday, January 19

7:00-8:00pm Adult classes (Debbie, Steve)

7:00-8:00pm Children's class with Danielle

7:00-8:00pm MS Youth Group (Lisa Hoffman &
Team)(Youth Room)

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: jlmpsych@hotmail.com

Thursday, January 20

4:00-5:00pm **Kickball with the Pastor**

Friday, January 21

11:00 am Women's Bible Study

Saturday, January 22

Sunday, January 23

8:15am Sunday School-Parlor

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

11:15am Sunday School "Back to Basics"

6:00-7:30pm HS Youth Group Mtg. (Lisa
Hoffman & Team)(Gym)

*For a link to any listed Zoom meetings, please
call the church office at 610-664-4880*

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