



Narberth Presbyterian Church

December 5, 2021

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude Linda Pilacik

Welcome and Family News Pastor Steve

Call to Worship Isaiah 9:2,6,7a Lisa Hoffman

Hymn #173 *O Come All Ye Faithful* *Adeste Fideles*

Prayer of Invocation Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading Isaiah 11:6-9; Colossians 1:19,20
Jeff & Lexi Archer & Family

Lighting the Second Advent Candle "Peace"

Declaration of Peace: Prayer of St. Francis (Unison)

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Hymn #170 It Came Upon A Midnight Clear" (v.1,3)
Children come forward during hymn

Children's Message Danielle Kauffman

Worship Songs *God With Us* *Sons & Daughters*

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer Pastor Debbie

Passing of Friendship Pads Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *I Wonder As I Wander*
Tom Patterson, Baritone, Linda Pilacik, Piano

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture:

Romans 12:14-21

Sermon:

Getting Even With Kindness

Pastor Steve

Invitation To Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O holy God, creator and ruler of the universe. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in your image and called us to love and serve you.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Born in humility, he came to rule over all. Helpless as an infant, he showed the power of your love. Poor in things of the world, he brought the wealth of your grace. Rejected by many, he welcomed all who sought him.

In his death and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made us people of hope.

According to his commandments:

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory.

Empower us by your Spirit, O God, to be Christ's presence in the world even as Jesus was God-with-us. Give us courage and hope to speak his truth, to seek his justice, and to live together in his peace.

Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm. In Jesus' Name.

Amen.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Communion

Pastor Debbie

Hymn # 171

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn

Benediction

Pastor Steve

Postlude

Linda Pilacik, Organ

Prayer Ministry

Jan Kennedy

Next Sunday, December 12, we will hold our Annual Congregation Meeting at 11:00am, 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. As you are able, we strongly encourage your in-person attendance. If you cannot attend the meeting in person, but would like to participate, you can respond to an email that will go out on Monday in which you will receive a link to participate by Zoom.

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 2022.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND EVENTS:

Sun. Dec. 5 Second Sunday in Advent

9:30am Service

12:00-4:00pm

Saturday, Dec 11

Dickens Festival in Narberth

Delivery of "Christmas Cream of the Crop TO GO"

Sun. Dec. 12 Third Sunday in Advent

9:30 Service

11:00am

Wed. Dec 15

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Thurs. Dec 16

Annual Congregational Meeting,
Childcare provided

7:00pm A Night To Remember, Chapel

A service of comfort and hope

7:00pm Gingerbread Bash in Gym

for children Pre-K to 5th grade

11:00am Pre-School Christmas Pageant

Sun. Dec. 19 4th Sunday in Advent

9:30 service

7:00pm

Children's Christmas Pageant concludes the service

Found Wandering Concert

Friday. Dec 24 Christmas Eve

4:00pm

5:30pm

8:00pm

Children's Candlelight Service

(shorter and designed for young families)

Family Candlelight Service

Traditional Candlelight Service

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 5th. After the morning services **on December 19, 2021**, 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**.

Dedications will be listed in the bulletin Dec. 19. Dedications must be received by December 16 to be included in the bulletin of 12/19.

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Christmas Poinsettias

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Attached is \$ _____ (checks/cash) to be identified as follows:

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory (or honor) of:

(please print)

By _____

OR

Given to the glory of God with thankful joy for His continuing love and grace.

By _____

_____ I would be happy to deliver one (or more) plants after the morning services on Sunday, December 19, 2021.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Three Christmas Eve Services Return

In keeping with this year's theme of doing as many things as "normally" as we possibly can, plans are well underway for the **4:00 pm Children's Service**, **5:30 pm Family Service** and **8:00 pm Adult Traditional** Christmas Eve Services on Friday, December 24. Please read the newsletter and listen to Family News for details in the weeks to come.

Found Wandering Benefit Concert Returns, Sunday, December 19 at 7 pm!

Found Wandering Annual Christmas Concert to benefit Redemption Housing (redemptionhousing.org)

Join us for an intimate, cinematic livestream experience, via Narberth Presbyterian Church's youtube channel and foundwandering.com

*Limited in person seating available by reservation only! Call 610-664-4880 to make your reservation.

Christmas Choir

Come and sing in the Christmas Choir on December 12th, the third Sunday in Advent. We will be singing the Prelude and the Offertory. Rehearsals will be after church on November 21, 28, and December 5 from 11 am to 12 noon in the Choir loft. All singers are welcome! Contact Dean Pappas (610) 256-3125 to sign up or with questions.

Gifts of Hope

It's that time of year again, time for Gifts of Hope. The catalogs have been mailed and the website is up at www.npcgiftsofhope.com. Whether making a gift by the mail-in form or the website, both will remain up and ready to use until December 31st. Please join us this year and give the Gift of Hope!

Coats of Encouragement Needed! Do you have any clean, gently used winter coats taking up space in your home? The Lord (and his people) need them! If you do, please bring them to the boxes at the Dove Doors of the Church (on Windsor Avenue), where they will be picked up and distributed through a sister church in Upper Darby. All sizes, child and adult are welcome, and you will be helping ensure that precious people will experience the warmth of God's love through the warmth of your coats, and the prayers that accompany them! Thank you so much!

Full Wednesday Night Ministries have resumed

5:45 pm **Dinner** in the Gym with appropriate distancing and safety measures

7:00 pm **Children's Class**- Danielle Kauffman

7:00 pm **Middle School Bible Study, Pizza** in the Gym- John Chaffee

7:00 pm **"How To Grow in Sharing Your Faith"** led by Steve

7:00 pm **"From Fear to Freedom: Living as Sons and Daughters of God"** led by Debbie

FAMILY NEWS-CHILDREN AND YOUTH

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS: Children and Youth

CHILDREN'S NEWS

Sunday, December 5th is Family Worship

All children and youth (K-12th grade) are encouraged to worship and participate in communion with their church family. Special Christmas Worship Bags will be available for younger children and a children's sermon will be provided too. Childcare for infants through Pre-K is available as usual.

Advent Countdown! - Children's Wednesday Night Program 7:00pm-8:00pm

Come and prepare your heart for the birth of Jesus! Each Wednesday we will read scripture that will help us to discover the significance of the Christmas season. Children will also create new ornaments for the Children's Ministry Christmas Tree in the chapel. This program is best for Pre-K through 5th grade. Come join the fun!

An Illustrated Advent Devotional for Families - Advent began Sunday, November 28th

This Advent devotional is an opportunity for families to take time each week during the Advent season to be intentional and focus on their faith. Children will receive one devotional per family during Sunday School. If your family would like to receive one in the mail please email Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org).

NPC's Annual Meeting - Sunday, December 12th - Childcare Available

Parents! If you are planning to attend the Annual Meeting (and we hope you are) please register your child for extended Sunday School by emailing Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org).

NEW - Precious Dreams Foundation Service Project for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders! Sunday, December 12th

Join us from 4:00pm - 5:00pm in the NPC gym to create comfort bags (pajamas, socks, pillows, blankets, books, and soft toys) for children in foster care. All our comfort bags will be distributed to children in the Philadelphia area. Hot Chocolate and Cookies will be provided outside following our time together! Please RSVP to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org).

Gingerbread Bash - Wednesday, December 15th

Children PreK through 5th grade are welcome to attend this fun, hands-on Christmas event! Join Miss Danielle on Wednesday, December 15th, in the gym, from 7:00pm - 8:00pm as we hear the Christmas Story, sing songs, and build Gingerbread Nativities! Please RSVP to dkauffman@narberthpres.org.

Children's Christmas Pageant Sing-A-Long! Sunday, December 19th

Our pageant is "live" this year and it's a sing-a-long! Join our awesome children (Pre-K through 5th grade) as they bring to life the Christmas Story and together we sing out Christmas praises! Our pageant will take place in the sanctuary during the 9:30am worship service.

YOUTH NEWS

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

- Sunday School Women of the Bible, and then the Book of Daniel.
- MSYG - Wednesdays, 6:30-8pm Book of Hebrews.
- HSYG - Sundays, 5-7pm Book of Hebrews.
- MS White Elephant Christmas Party on Fri, Dec. 10th, 7-8pm.
- HS Axe Throwing Christmas Party on Fri, Dec. 17th, 7-8:30pm.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

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 for a lively in-depth study of the **Gospel of John** from 11:15 am - 12:15 pm via Zoom or via live-stream from the Parlor. The class will include both teaching and active group discussion with applications for everyday life. Explore questions like, "Why did Jesus invite such an unconventional interaction with the Samaritan woman?" And "Why does Jesus ask the man with a 38-year disability if he wants to be made well?" Led by Mark Wenger with assistance from Charlie Hurst and Andy Littmann. For the Zoom link, contact Mark at markfwenger@yahoo.com. This class will not meet on Dec 12, however will meet Dec 19 and then be off for 2 weeks, resuming in January.

Wednesday Nights, 7:00-8:00pm

Pastor Steve is leading an in-person class on "**How To Grow In Sharing Your Faith.**" In one sentence, our goal is to be inspired and trained to share the good news of Jesus Christ in word and deed, in an atmosphere of encouragement and gentle accountability. There will be Bible Study, sharing, and mutual encouragement. We will also pray for our friends and neighbors to be drawn to Christ, and for each of us to grow in our personal witness. If you have interest or questions, please email Pastor Steve at sweed@narberthpres.org or text at (610) 761-0061.

From Fear to Freedom: Living as Sons and Daughters of God, by Rose Marie Miller, is the basis of a 12 - week book study this Fall. If you've ever worried about not measuring up, as a Christian, then this class is for you! You will need a book, which you can pick up at church, or order yourself. \$12 donation per book. If you need a book scholarship, let Pastor Debbie know at dwatson@narberthpres.org.

7:30-9:00pm MONDAY Men's Bible Study Zoom Meeting

We are beginning a new study using 2 references, both by Jerry Bridges;

The Pursuit of Holiness and *Transforming Grace*.

Led by Tim Neilson. All are welcome to join. To contact Tim, text 610-613-5572 or email mytn1122@gmail.com

FRIDAY Morning Ladies' Bible Study: Each Friday from 11am to 1:00pm

This group meets in-person in the Parlor. This group is open, all ladies are welcome.

Contact Isabel Lally: 610-659-6663 or Cathy Callaway at cathy.callaway5@gmail.com

PRAYER TIME - OPEN TO ALL

- **Monday Evening:** 7:00-8:00pm Facilitated by Dana Kaminstein
Contact the office at 610-664-4880 to receive the Zoom link

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, December 5

8:15am **Sunday School**-Parlor
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream
11:00am **Choir Practice**, Choir room
11:15am **Sunday School Class** Zoom or in person,
Viewing available in Pastor Steve's Office

Monday, December 6

7:00pm **Prayer Meeting** (Zoom)
7:30-9:00pm **Men's Bible Study**, (Zoom) led by
Tim Neilson

Tuesday, December 7

7:00pm **Deacons' Meeting**

Wednesday, December 8

5:45 pm **Dinner** in the Gym with appropriate
distancing and safety measures
7:00pm **Children's Class**- Danielle Kauffman
7:00pm **Middle School Bible Study**- John
Chaffee
7:00pm **"How To Grow in Sharing Your Faith"**
led by Steve
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and Daughters of God"** led by Debbie

Thursday, December 9

4:00 – 5:00 pm **Kickball with the Pastor**,
Gym. Please wear your face covering
7:00pm **Choir Practice**

Friday, December 10

11:00 am **Women's Bible Study**
7:00-8:00pm **Middle School Christmas Party**

Saturday, December 11

Sunday, December 12

8:15am **Adult Sunday School**-Parlor
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and
livestreamed
11:00pm **NPC Annual Meeting, Sanctuary**
*Note: No Sunday School class this week, -will resume
next week*
4:00-5:00pm **Service Project for children 3rd
to 5th grade in gym**

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

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

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