



Narberth Presbyterian Church

October 25, 2020

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude Music Kathy McLean

Welcome and Family News Pastor Steve Weed

Call to Worship Psalm 34:1-8 Stephanie & Ben Nicholson
and family

Hymn # *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven* *Lauda Anima*
Sherry Beebe, Organ

Prayer of Invocation Pastor Debbie

Children's Message Danielle Kauffman

Scripture Reading John 14:12-21 Pastor Debbie

Youth Message John Chaffee

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Debbie

Sermon The Promise of His Presence Pastor Steve

Worship Song *Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me* *Robinson*

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Savior he will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead

Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Benediction

Pastor Steve

Postlude

Sherry Beebe

FAMILY MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Wacky Wednesday for Kindergarten - 5th grade!

All elementary aged children are encouraged to attend "Wacky Wednesday" from 4:30pm - 5:30pm in the NPC parking lot! Everyone wears a face covering (covering nose and mouth). Hope to see you there!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Group and Small Group Gatherings This Fall

This fall the NPC Youth Min will be pivoting toward more small group gatherings on Wednesdays. Our hope is that with a network of congregants and volunteers we can have alternating larger gatherings and small group gatherings each week for MS and HS youth. Our preference is to meet in people's back or side yards rather than at the church property. AND, we would like to know if you would be willing to host a gathering this fall even if you are not a parent of a MS or HS youth. We would hope to foster more relationships across our church's demographic and see what can happen. If you are interested in attending this fall then just set aside your Wednesday evenings for NPC.

NPC CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

Narberth Presbyterian Church Christian Preschool is excited to announce that we opened our doors for in-person instruction on Tuesday, September 15th. We have been implementing contactless drop-off and health screens as well as following the CDC guidelines for preschools. We have limited space available for children who are 18 months- PreK. For more information please email preschool@narberthpres.org or visit our website: www.narberthpres.org/school.

Christina Platt

Preschool Director

School Office: 610-664-8890

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

SUNDAY CLASSES

8:00 am - Scripture Discussion

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

11:00 am - Hebrews: How Jesus was Deeply Jewish, and So is Christianity

John Chaffee is leading a Zoom class for people of all ages (youth and all the way up) on the book of Hebrews. In the New Testament, Hebrews is an often overlooked book that is rich with Old Testament references and imagery. As a follow-up to Mark Wenger's course on Romans, Hebrews makes a lot of sense, because together, these books present different angles on the same Jesus and Christian faith. At a time in the first century when believers were experiencing a lot of push-back/harassment for their faith, and some were tempted to leave it, and return to traditional Judaism, the writer of Hebrews sought to show how Jesus represented the core of biblical Jewish tradition, even as he transcended it. Our plan is to focus on one chapter each week, discussing where Hebrews makes unique statements in the New Testament, and chatting about how our ancient faith still is miles ahead of us today.

Contact John Chaffee for the Zoom link at jchaffee@narberthpres.org

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT THE CHURCH

7:00 pm - "Walking with God in the Desert"

Pastor Debbie is hosting a Bible Study focused on how God taught (and still teaches) his people in the desert. This in-person study, which has a video component, is open to everyone above Middle School age. Join us in the Chapel, where we will meet – wearing masks and safely distanced – for a new opportunity to learn for ourselves what it is to walk with God in our own "deserts." In accordance with current safety precautions, there will be no childcare for this gathering.

Led by Pastor Debbie Watson

Location: Chapel

7:00pm "How Is Your Faith?" Bible Study

Wednesday nights at 7:00pm, Pastor Steve is leading a new in person Bible Study at the church entitled, "How Is Your Faith?" Each week there is biblical teaching on the importance of faith, but the emphasis will be on personal application, prayer, and encouraging one another in this time of covid-19. Our goal is practical, biblical encouragement, with gentle accountability in our relationship with God and others. All are welcome!

While pre-registration is not required to attend, please be in touch with Karen at the office or Pastor Steve if you are interested or have any questions.

COMING SOON:

“An American Lament”

8-Week Zoom Discussion Group - Mondays at 7:00 pm

Starting November 9th

Since we have had such positive feedback from those who have already gone through this study, we are once again offering an opportunity for people to journey through the 40-day devotional, “An American Lament”. It is an in-depth study of racial justice and reconciliation. Each day, you will be drawn into a time of prayer, Scripture reading, reflection, and response led by various Black and white pastors and leaders. Learn more about the history of slavery and Jim Crow in America and the challenges that still exist today in areas such as criminal justice, drug sentencing, housing, education, and health. Consider how God may be calling you to respond both as an individual and as part of the greater Church. Enjoy an opportunity to come together with fellow Christians to hear one another’s thoughts and reflections on the readings. This small group opportunity will be offered on Monday nights via Zoom. Each discussion section will be limited to 10 people. Depending on the level of interest, discussion groups may also be offered on additional days. Facilitators will be Dave Bellamy and Marilyn Reed. If you are interested, please contact Sue Wenger at mswenger@yahoo.com.

UPDATE FROM SAFETY AND SECURITY

Together, We Did it! We give our heartfelt thanks to our members, friends, and volunteers who made for a safe and uplifting live worship experience on Oct 18th when we resumed our in-Sanctuary worship service at 9:30 that was also live streamed. It was great to see you back! Everyone was respectful of NPC 's four pillars of health and safety including proper mask-wearing, social distancing, hand-sanitizing, and checking in at our screening stations. Thank you!

The Way Remains Clear! Dr. Nina O'Connor and our team continue to monitor our local health conditions and COVID Trends using data from the Pennsylvania Department of Health. Local case counts and hospitalizations are rising slowly, so continued attention to masking is critical. The Safety and Security Team will continue to provide updates to NPC leadership. *Please pray for continued stabilization of this pandemic and for health and safety in our community.*

Expect Some Adjustments. We learned some things from our reopening and will be making a few adjustments starting Sunday, Oct 25th, to ensure things run even smoother:

- **Volunteers Will Check-In Earlier.** Volunteers are expected to arrive at 8:45 for screening to get situated before our Congregants start arriving at 9:00 am.
- **Congregants Please Check-In Earlier.** With doors opening at 9am and Prelude music starting at 9:15, we would be grateful if most of you will check-in and be seated in the Sanctuary by 9:15 to avoid congestion at the screening stations as the Service begins at 9:30.
- **Temperature Taken as You Enter.** With the crisp Fall upon us, once you are checked in outside, expect to have your temperature taken by one of our health screeners once you enter the Front and Windsor doors.
- **Please Sit Closer to the Front.** We will rope off the first five pews to maintain a buffer between speakers and singers and congregants. Behind the buffer, there are several rows in the front that are available for seating. Our ushers will encourage congregants to fill more seats up front while ensuring social distancing.

Oct 25th Registration. To date, 81 “Yes” RSVPs have been received to attend the Oct 25th in-person worship service, leaving ample capacity for more members and friends to join us this Sunday. Congregants will be required to check in and pass through a brief health screening before entering the church. Social distancing and mask wearing are required at all times on church property. *Remember, weekly registration for upcoming worship services open on Sundays and close on Fridays. Be on the look-out for an e-mail invitation this Sunday afternoon from NPC to register on-line or by calling the church at 610-664-4880 to manually register.*

What It Looks Like? A video was created to show how worship will be familiar and different as we seek to minimize potential for Covid-19 infection while celebrating worship together again in our beautiful Sanctuary: [Click Here for Video](#)

How Can I Prepare? If you choose to return, please take a few minutes and review NPC’s guidelines that are posted on NPC’s website ([click here](#)) including two important documents: 1) Reopening Frequently Asked Questions; and 2) Guidelines and Protocols for Worship. *Please pray for a continuation of safe in-person worship services at NPC through the Fall and Winter. Please remember, there is no pressure for friends and members to resume in-person*

COMMUNICATIONS

Prayer

Requests for prayer can be made anytime by calling the church office or emailing to prayer@narberthpres.org. 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: www.narberthpres.org/give. 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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Office hours 9:00am to 4:30pm Mon-Th.
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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, October 25

8:00am Zoom Sunday School Discussion Class

Led by Debbie

9:30am In-person Worship

(registration required)

Worship Service also available online

at www.narberthpres.org

11:00 am - Hebrews: How Jesus was

Deeply Jewish, and So is Christianity

Zoom Class led by John Chaffee

Monday, October 26

7:00pm Zoom Prayer Group

Tuesday, October 27

12:00pm Prayer group -Meet in the parking lot

Wednesday, October 28

4:30-5:30pm “Whacky Wednesday”, Children’s
Ministry K-5th

7:00pm Zoom ACTS Prayer Meeting

7:00pm “Walking In the Desert With God” In-

person video series, led by Debbie Watson,

7:00pm “How’s Your Faith” Bible Study, led by

Pastor Steve

Thursday, October 29

Friday, October 30

7-8am Zoom Community Prayer Meeting

for Racial Reconciliation. Zoom link available

Saturday, October 31

Heritage Presbytery Meeting

Zoom link available

Sunday, November 1

Communion Sunday

8:00am Zoom Sunday School Discussion Class

Led by Debbie

9:30am In-person Worship resumes

(registration required)

Worship Service also available online

11:00 am - Hebrews: How Jesus was

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***To join any of 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

Counseling: Dr. Janet Moore: cell: 484-686-6630 email: jlmpsy@hotmial.com