

Offertory

Wonder of The Season

Lucy

Dean Pappas

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading Romans 12:1,2; Hebrews 10:35-11:2,6 (p.1763, 1874)

Sermon

2020 Vision

Exercising Faith In The Midst of Doubt

Steve Weed,

Pastor

Hymn #612

How Firm A Foundation

Foundation

Benediction

Prayer Ministry

9:00am Sue Wenger

10:45am Deborah Miller

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

Wednesday Nights started January 15, 7:00-8:00pm

“That The World May Know” video series, led by Pastor Debbie

Wednesday Nights starting Jan 22, 7:00-8:00pm

The Jesus I Never Knew, by Philip Yancey

Book study led by Pastor Steve

Thursday nights started Jan 16, 7:00-8:30pm

Mere Christianity, by C.S. Lewis

Book study led by Pastor Steve

FAMILY MINISTRY: CHILDREN, YOUTH & PARENTS

Childcare and Sunday School

2 yr olds & 3 yr olds meet in The Blue Door Rm (#105) during the 9:00 service. We use David C. Cook – Bible in Life Curriculum. Children enjoy play, snack, craft and lesson!

4 yr olds through PreK meet in The Red Door Rm (#107) during the 9:00 service. **Please note the younger classes combine during the 10:45 service in RM #107** We use David C. Cook – Bible in Life Curriculum. Children enjoy play, craft and lesson!

Kindergarten through 5th grade meet in the gym. They begin in service with their families and are dismissed following our Worship Songs. We use “The Story” curriculum for kids. Elementary aged Sunday School takes place at both services.

Our Nursery (Rm #104) is available at the 9:00 and 10:45 worship services. This room is best for infants through 23 months.

Please sign your child in and out of each classroom

The Story – Sunday School Curriculum for K-5th grade beginning Sunday, Jan 12th!

The Story curriculum provides Sunday School lessons that are Bible-centric and fun! Following the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20 our lessons are designed to meet the mandate from Christ, making disciples and teaching them to obey His commands.

SLIMED! A NEW Wed. Night Children’s Program beginning Wed., January 8th!

Sometimes in life it feels like we’ve been slimed. Sometimes it’s because of decisions we make, sometimes it’s from decisions others make that hurt us. Through the life of Jacob, kids will learn that when we stick to God, He can make something beautiful out of any “slimy” situation. We will have weekly slime projects too! All are welcome to join the fun! We meet in RM 107 beginning at 7:00pm.

MLK Day of Service for 4th & 5th graders on Monday, January 20th! Join us at NPC for a morning of service. We will meet at 10:00am in the gym and end our time with pizza. Please RSVP to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org).

VBC 2020 - Monday, June 15th through Friday, June 19th! More details soon!

YOUTH: Upcoming Special Events

Jan.

5th - HS Youth Group Resumes.

8th and 15th – 7:00-8:30pm Wed. Night Programs “How To Care For Your Anxious Friend”

12th - Youth Sunday School Resumes.

30th - Youth Staff Outing at 7pm.

Feb. 15th Church-wide Skating Party 5:30-7:30pm

Feb. 26th - Ash Wednesday, the Start of Lent

Mar. 20-22nd - HS Pocono Cabin Retreat

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS*

Childcare provided

Children and Youth classes on all Wednesday Nights

Wednesday Nights “That The World May Know” Video-based Bible study led by Pastor Debbie

Jan. 15th – Feb 19th 7:00 – 8:00 pm

This 6-week video-based Bible Study, “That the World May Know” that is filmed on site in the Middle East. It is an excellent 3-part series. In Part I, entitled “God Heard Their Cry”, you will learn about the historical background and religious/cultural context of God’s people in bondage. In the process, you will be invited to consider how the Lord might be speaking into our own life, as individuals, and in our shared life as this congregation. Part II (God’s people being shaped in the Desert) and Part III (God’s people learning to remember God) will follow at the conclusion of Part I.

Meets in the Chapel

Wednesday Nights The Jesus I Never Knew by Philip Yancey, a book study led by Pastor Steve.

Starts January 22 and runs for 11 weeks, until April 1, 7:00-8:15pm.*

Author Philip Yancey is widely considered one of the most gifted and respected Christian authors of our time. His books appeal to Christians, skeptics, and seekers. In The Jesus I Never Knew, Yancey says that he put aside his presuppositions and took a long, fresh look at Jesus in the Gospels. The result is a very compelling book about the life of Jesus, which won the Gold Medallion Christian book of the year in 1996, and which Lewis Smedes describes as “probably the best book about Jesus in the 20th century.” The goal of our time together will be not only to be informed about the person and ministry of Jesus in the gospels, but to grow in our faith, and to open ourselves more fully to his living presence. **Meets in the Parlor**

** All Wed night classes will not meet on Ash Wed, Feb 26, which will be a service.*

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Book of Revelation Demystified

January 19 - May 17th 10:40—11:40 am

666. Beasts, harlot, and dragon. Premillennialism, amillennialism, and postmillennialism. Tribulation and rapture. Armageddon. Apocalypse. Y2K. Left Behind. If these images dominate our impression of the book of Revelation, no wonder we shy away from it. Revelation is, however, about the present as much as it is about the future. It confronts us with the choice between true and false worship, perseverance and compromise, repentance and rebellion, salvation and judgment. Revelation is about discipleship and our engagement with the world, even as it anticipates God's grand finale in the New Jerusalem.

Join us for a chapter-by-chapter study that highlights the key themes of this letter. With the help of images and symbols from the Old Testament, and information regarding the religious, political, and economic realities of the Roman Empire, we will begin to appreciate, on the one hand, the book's ironies, caricatures, and warnings, and, on the other, its grandeur, encouragement, and promise.

Demystified, Revelation is a wonderful letter with a very straightforward message.

Led by Diane Chen; Parlor.

THURSDAY NIGHTS

Knowing What You Believe: Mere Christianity by CS Lewis

Jan 16th – Mar 26th 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Pastor Steve will lead a book study on the Christian classic, Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis. This class has wide appeal: for seekers, for those new to Christian faith, as well as for seasoned believers. Lewis appeals to both mind and heart. His "apologetic" is not only to know Christ, but to receive his life, and to grow in his likeness. Many regard Mere Christianity as the most compelling and winsome summary of the Christian faith in the last 100 years.

Along with a careful and patient reading of the book, there will be ample use of scripture, discussion, and practical application, as we seek to draw nearer to Christ and to one another. We are living in a time of extreme cultural currents and upheaval. If ever there was a time for Christians to develop a more grounded faith, and a more robust life in Christ, it is NOW. Not too late to join us this week!

Childcare provided

Meets in Parlor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **2020 MLK Interfaith Commemoration this Thursday, Jan 23, at 6:00pm in Bodek Lounge, Houston Hall at the University of Pennsylvania**
This event features a presentation of MLK Community Service awards, performances from Dhamaka, Evan Thomas, & Shabbatones and guest speakers Dr. Tony Campolo and Dr. Ron Sider. All are welcome to attend.
- † **Amnion's "Make Change for Life" Baby Bottle Collection and Diaper Drive: Sunday, January 26** marks the beginning of NPC's annual fund raiser for Amnion Pregnancy Center. Baby bottles will be available to be taken home, filled with loose change, **cash, or checks** and returned (full or empty) to NPC by Sunday, **February 16**. Amnion could use the following donations: newborn and size 6 disposable diapers, baby lotion, body wash, shampoo, baby oil, and diaper bags. All donations may be dropped off in the chapel or church office. Any questions, please contact Alice Antonelli at arichardson1@gmail.com
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- † **From Justice & Mercy Team: "Blind Eyes Opened" is a first-of-a-kind Christian documentary that dives deep into the sex trafficking industry in the U.S.** The film exposes the darkness that fuels demand, highlights survivors' transformations through Christ, engages lawmakers, law enforcement, organizations, ministries and experts across the country committed to ending the atrocities, all while showing Christ as the hope for all involved. "
There is a one-time showing at the Regal King of Prussia Theater on January 23rd, Thursday at 7:00pm.
- † **BULLETIN REUSE & RECYCLING**
Not taking your bulletin home? Help us save money and conserve resources by dropping it into one of our new **Bulletin Boxes** located at each main exits from the sanctuary. *Want to go completely paper-free?* Access the bulletin online at www.narberthpres.org using your mobile phone (simply click the front-page link to open this week's bulletin). This reuse and recycling effort is an initiative of our new Creation Care Committee, which seeks to mobilize our church to care for God's creation. For more information or to get involved with the church's new Creation Care Committee, please contact abowser@gmail.com.
- † **NPC** is a church that strives to make the gospel accessible to all and is a community where people of all abilities are welcome. We are growing in how we enfold our members with special needs. Please contact Elder Linda DiLullo at ldilullo3@gmail.com or (610) 453-3420 for more information or to let us know how we may support your needs.

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- † **ALL Church Ice Skating - Saturday, February 15th!** Are you ready for some skating?! Join us from 5:30pm-7:30pm at The Philadelphia Skating Club (220 Holland Avenue Ardmore, PA) on Saturday, January 26th. The cost is \$25 per family/\$12 person and we have the rink to ourselves. **There will be lessons available** at no additional cost, and pizza/snacks, drinks, and skates are included. Please note: no hockey pucks or sticks are permitted; comfortable clothing is best; gloves/mittens are a good idea; younger children are encouraged to wear a bike helmet and/or knee/elbow pads. RSVP to John (jchaffee@narberthpres.org) by Friday, February 14.
- † **The ALPHA Marriage Course began Friday, January 17.**
The ALPHA Marriage Course provides husbands and wives tools to build and strengthen a vibrant relationship over time. On 7 successive Friday evenings (6:30-9pm), beginning on January 17th through February 28th, couples enjoy a nice dinner at a table for two, watch a brief video presentations by Nicky and Sila Lee, and talk with each other about important issues that can get swept under the carpet in the rush of daily life. This is not a large group activity; rather, you and your spouse work only with each other. The cost for 7 weeks of dinner and the course materials is \$100 per couple. It's a bargain! So, whether you have been married a short time, or for many years, this course is a great investment in your relationship! There is still time to join this session.
Please contact Debbie (dwatson@narberthpres.org or 610-664-4880 ext.114) to sign up, and check it out at http://us.alphausa.org/Groups/1000056818/The_Marriage_Course.aspx#.Vq-iLLIrlCs
- † **HELP WANTED:** We are currently recruiting for a Weekend Custodian to clean the church, do room setup, and other projects - Friday night, Saturday and Sunday. If you are interested, or would like to refer a qualified candidate please reach out to Linda Behmke, Personnel Chair at lrbehmke@yahoo.com
- † **Dr. Janet Moore has been serving in our Counseling Ministry** for over 14 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, January 19

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor
8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office
9:00am Worship Service
9:30am Children's Sunday School, Gym
9:30am Youth Sunday School, Youth Room
10:40am Adult Sunday School Class, Parlor
10:45am Worship Service
4:00pm High School Youth Group

Monday, January 20

Office Closed
10:00am MLK Day of Service: 4th and 5th graders
7:00pm Prayer Group, open to all, Steve's Office
7:30pm Men's Bible Study, Parlor

Tuesday, January 21

12:00pm Prayer Time, open to all, Parlor
7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor
7:00pm Knitters' Group, Chapel

Wednesday, January 22

9:30am Staff Meeting, Parlor
5:45pm Wed Night supper:
7:00-8:00pm "That The World May Know" video series, led by Pastor Debbie, Chapel
7:00pm The Jesus I Never Knew book study begins, led by Pastor Steve, Parlor
7:00pm Children's programming and childcare
7:00pm Middle School Youth Group

Thursday, January 23

9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor
4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor
7:00-8:30pm Mere Christianity Book Study, with Pastor Steve, Parlor
Childcare provided
7:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal
7:30pm Adult pick-up basketball

Friday, January 24

9:30am Moms' Bible Study, Parlor
10:00am Women's Bible Study, Chapel
6:30-9:00pm The Marriage Course, Parlor
6:30pm Pickleball, Gym

Saturday, January 25

Sunday, January 26

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor
8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office
9:00am Worship Service
9:30am Children's Sunday School, Gym
9:30am Youth Sunday School, Youth Room
10:40am Adult Sunday School Class, Parlor
10:45am Worship Service
4:00pm High School Youth Group

Each Week

Christian Pre-School – 610-664-8890 Director: Christina Platt
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 in the Choir Room

Counseling: Dr. Janet Moore: cell: 484-686-6630 email: jlmpsych@hotmail.com

Planning Ahead-Information and calendar updates 24/7 www.narberthpres.org

Jan 28 7:00pm Outreach Team Meeting
Jan 28 7:00pm Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 30 7:00pm Youth Staff Outing
Feb 1 4-6pm Private use of gym
Feb 2 2-5pm Private use of Sanctuary, Recital
Feb 4 7:00pm Deacons' Meeting, Parlor
Feb 7,21 9:30am Moms' Bible Study, Parlor

Feb 7 6:30-9:00pm Parents' Night Out, Gym
Feb 11 7:00pm Elder/Deacon Training, Parlor
Feb 13, 27 9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor (All-day quilting event on the 27th)
Feb 15 5:30-7:30pm ALL Church Ice Skating party. See Announcements for details
Feb 18 7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor
Feb 21 6-7:30pm Pre-School Dinner "Around the World", Gym