

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

When I Survey
(Celtic)
Kerry Catapano
Kathy McLean, Piano

Watts

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 13:8-13; John 13:34,35 (p.1787, 1675)

Sermon

The Practice of Love – How?

Steve Weed,
Pastor

Prayer Ministry

(Linda Pilacik, Piano)

(* congregation stands)

Solo

**Light of The World*

Hughes

Overwhelmed

Weaver

Breathe

Barnett

I Exalt Thee

Sanchez

**Glorify Your Name*

Adkins

Benediction

During the prayer ministry time after the sermon, all are invited either to come forward to pray for others, or to come forward to receive prayer, or to remain in your seats and worship God. May this be a time for each of us to respond to God's love in Jesus Christ as we are led by the Holy Spirit.

During this season of Lent, the sermon series is “Learning To Love Well: The Defining Mark of a Christian.”

The messages are based on Jesus’ words in John 13:34,35; “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

March 10 Becoming Holy Lovers

March 17 God’s Love And The Fear of Rejection

March 24 God’s Love And Self-condemnation

March 31 The Practice of Love – How?

April 7 The Persistence of Love

April 14 The Power of Love

* There are small flyers outlining this Lenten series available throughout the church as a tool to invite friends to join us.

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

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.

FAMILY MINISTRY: CHILDREN, YOUTH & PARENTS

The Life of Jesus - Children's Sunday School Curriculum! Kids will discover that we can follow Jesus' example and live like he did. From the manger to the cross, children will study Jesus' life to get a better understanding of who Jesus is and why we can trust him as our Savior.

2 year olds & 3 year olds enjoy an age appropriate lesson in The Blue Door Room (RM #105) during the 9:00 service only and meet in The Red Door Rm (RM #107) at 10:45.

4 year olds through PreK meet in The Red Door Room (RM #107) during both the 9:00 and 10:45 services.

Our Nursery 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****

Children VS. Youth CHANGE WARS! This year we are turning our **Lenten Offering** into a competition with **CHANGE WARS - Children VS. Youth!** Who will bring in the biggest tithe?! You can help both teams by putting your loose change in the clear plastic bins marked "Children" OR "Youth". Bins are in the Narthex or downstairs. The winning team will enjoy an Ice-cream "Sunday" party!! All money will go to support The Philadelphia Project. May the best team win!

4th & 5th grade LOCK IN! RSVP today for an evening of fun at NPC. All 4th & 5th graders are invited to join us on **Friday, April 26th** from 6:00pm - 11:00pm for food, fun, fellowship, and a GAME TRUCK. The cost is \$20 per child to defer the cost. You won't want to miss this! RSVP to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) - hope to see many of you there!

NEW - VBC Registration is available online! Are you ready for this summer's MANE event?! Join us Monday, June 17th – Friday, June 22nd from 1:30pm-4:30pm for ROAR VBC – Life is Wild and God is Good! Online Registration is open as of March 17th. Please visit our church website to register your child or register to volunteer: www.narberthpres.org

Save the Date:

- **Friday, April 5th - Parents' Night Out!** Featuring kickball with Pastor Steve. This event is best for children age 4 through 5th grade. Join us from 6:30pm - 9:00pm for food, fun, and a movie - Ralph Breaks the Internet.
- **Sunday, April 14th** - Palm Sunday and children sing at the 9:00 service.
- **Sunday, April 21st** - Children's Easter Party 9:00 & 10:45 services.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

Middle School Girls Group, Sunday, March 31st @12-1:30pm -

Join us for lunch and a time to hang out! We're going to meet every other Sunday - from noon to 1:30pm at the Groeneveld's

LENTEN RESOURCES

Jesus opened his public ministry with the words, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Repent—turn around—reconsider how you are living. Lent is an invitation to do so, and to return to the One who waits to be gracious to each of us. In doing so, we say with John the Baptist, “He (Christ) must increase, but I must decrease.” With hopeful joy as we journey towards Good Friday and Easter, consider some of the following resources.

Daily readings:

- Bread and Wine: Readings for Lent and Easter—short selections by authors such as Dietrich Bonhoeffer, G. K. Chesterton, Dorothy Day, Thomas a Kempis, Thomas Merton, Mother Theresa, Amy Carmichael, and others.
- Reflecting the Glory: Meditations for Living Christ’s Life in the World by N.T. Wright. Meditations on passages from the Gospel of John, Romans, 1 and 2 Corinthians, and others. Either is available through www.amazon.com (new or used).

Online prayer guide: Praying Lent 2019—a Creighton University online ministry <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/> (or google “Praying Lent 2019”) A daily guide of prayers, scripture readings and written reflections from this respected Catholic source.

Other resources: Consider reading a 20th-century Christian classic

- Life Together by Dietrich Bonhoeffer
- Celebration of Discipline by Richard Foster
- Mere Christianity by C. S. Lewis
- Knowing God by J. I. Packer
- Desiring God’s Will by David Benner
- Generous Justice by Tim Keller
- Good News about Injustice by Gary Haugen
- The Hole in our Gospel by Richard Stearns

Additional suggestions from John Chaffee

- Album: “Of Man” by Cool Hand Luke
- Books:
 - Silence by Shusaku Endo
 - The Spiritual Exercises by Ignatius of Loyola
 - No Man Is An Island by Thomas Merton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **Did you submit your Music Ministry Questionnaire?** Hopefully you received the email sent to NPC members and friends inviting you to complete a questionnaire to help us explore our music ministry for the years ahead. The online link to the questionnaire will be active until March 31st. If you have questions or need help accessing the questionnaire, please contact Dave McIntire at dmcintire@narberthpres.org or 610-299-3134. Thanks for your input!
- † **Pickleball is happening! April 19th is the next date. 6:30pm in the Gym.**
- † **Choir Singers Needed!**
Singer are needed for a Choir for Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Rehearsals will be on Thursday evenings from 7:30-8:15pm in the Choir Room.
Rehearsal dates: March 14, 21, 28, and April 4, 11.
- † **The Marriage Course** will be offered here at NPC starting April 26th for a 7-week video series that includes dinner.
- † **Sign up now! April 27: Personal Retreat Day at St. Raphaela's Retreat House in Haverford, PA** Cost: \$25.00 Time: 9:30-3:30 Sign-up in Chapel. Any questions, contact Jean McIntire jean.mcintire49@gmail.com
- † **Transportation Ministry seeking volunteers**
The Deacons are looking for volunteers to provide transportation for those who need a ride to get to church on Sunday or other events. Each volunteer would only be called on at the most, once a month, hopefully less. If you are willing to help in this way, please contact **Kevin Cope** at kevindavidcope@gmail.com or 215-510-0459.
- † **Please visit the library table** – All new selections and Lenten devotionals, and books for children.
Also, Easter books on display in **Children's Library on 2nd floor.**
Contact person: Helen Moffa: helenmoffa@gmail.com

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- † **Opportunity to Serve: Jennifer Bonovitz has been faithfully serving the homeless people of Philadelphia for many years. We need additional volunteers to come along side Jennifer in this ministry providing food and fellowship. Sandwiches and beverages are given to approximately 50 men at Logan Circle. There is a coordinator there to direct as you arrive. **If you want more information, can make sandwiches and/or give out the food, please sign up in the Chapel.****
- † **Religion Behind Bars: Transformation, Rehabilitation & Criminal Justice Reform**
On Thursday, April 4th (7pm) in the Warner Library of Eastern University, Dr. Byron Johnson (Baylor University) will share how virtue and character are developed inside prison through religious groups led by convicted criminals. Come learn about this positive and restorative approach – that fosters social connectedness and support, service to others, spiritual experience, personal integrity, and identity change – and how it may help to effect real and lasting change in people who find themselves within the criminal justice system. All are welcome to attend.
- † **Action Alert!** The Casa de Migrantes runs one of the largest shelters for migrants in Tijuana, providing shelter, food, health care, job training, etc. to deported and returned migrants from the US and people seeking to cross into the US. Tijuana (and the Casa de Migrantes) has been completely inundated by asylum seekers fleeing Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras, because of very high levels of violence in those countries. Casa de Migrantes is asking for volunteers to work and live in Tijuana to help shelter, feed, care for, and provide training for migrants. Potential volunteers should either be fluent Spanish speakers or have a good command of practical Spanish.



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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, March 31

Fourth Sunday in Lent

8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office

8:00am Sunday School Class, Parlor

9:00am Worship Service

9:30am Youth Sunday School

10:45am Worship Service

12:15-2:15pm Explorers' Class, Parlor

4-6pm High School YG

Monday, April 1

6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm Prayer Group, open to all, Steve's Office

7:00pm MBR-Bible Study, Music room

7:30pm Men's Bible Study, Parlor

Tuesday, April 2

7:00am Men-Sponsored Prayer Breakfast, at Narberth Diner

11:00am Praying with the Bible group, Parlor

7:00pm Deacons' Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, April 3

9:30am Staff Meeting, Parlor

5:45-6:45 Dinner:

7:00-8:00 Class:
Christian Spirituality, John Chaffee, Sanctuary (5-weeks)

7:00-8:00pm Class:

Gospel of John, led by Clara & Godfrey Louie, Resource Room (5-weeks)

7:00-8:30pm Classes:

Sermon on the Mount, led by David Fraser, Chapel (10-weeks)

Each Week

Christian Nursery School – 610-664-8890

2, 3 & 5 Day Programs 9:00am to 11:30am & 11:30am to 3:30pm 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@hotmai.com

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

Apr 9 7:00pm Elder/Deacon Training, Parlor

Apr 11,25 9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor

Apr 12 1:30pm Sr. Video Trip to Holy Land, Parlor

Apr 17 7:00pm Holy Week Contemplative Service, Sanctuary

Apr 18 7:30pm Maundy Thursday Holy Communion and Tenebrae Service, Sanctuary

Apr 19 12:00pm Community Good Friday Service, Sanctuary

Apr 19 6:30pm Pickleball, Gym

Apr 21 7:30am Sunrise Service followed by breakfast, 9:00am and 10:45am Services

Apr 23 10:30-4:00 Sr. Adult trip to Pearl Buck House

Thursday, April 4

4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor

7:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal

7:30pm Adult pick-up basketball

7:30pm Easter Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Friday, April 5

9:30am Moms' Bible Study, Parlor

10:00am Women's Bible Study, Chapel

6:30-9:00pm Parents' Night Out, Gym Wernersville Retreat

Saturday, April 6

Wernersville Retreat

Sunday, April 7

Fifth Sunday in Lent

8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office

8:00am Sunday School Class, Parlor

9:00am Worship Service-Communion and Family Worship

9:30am Youth Sunday School

10:45am Worship Service-Communion and Family Worship

12:15-2:15pm Explorers' Class, Parlor

4-6pm High School YG