

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

January 12, 2020

In preparation for worship, please take time to silence all electronic devices, and quiet our thoughts, so that we all may focus our hearts and minds on the Lord.

Prelude *Praise* *Martin*

Welcome and Call To Worship *Psalm 27:1,4*

Hymn #62 *Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise* *St. Denio*

Prayer of Invocation

Family News

Scripture Reading Mark 1:35-39; John 5:19,30 (p. 1553, 1654-5)
9:00am Isabel Lally
10:45am Georgia Ward

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All the people: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we praise you that you are the one true living God. In you, we live, and move, and have our being. Please forgive us for not cultivating our relationship with you as the supreme goal of life. We confess that we have been conformed to the pressures and distractions of this world, instead of being transformed by the renewal of our minds. Please forgive us through Jesus Christ, who died to bridge the gap between who we are, and who we could be and should be. May the Holy Spirit draw us back into the arms of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Greeting

10:45am Worship Song *Praise The Lord Ye Heavens Adore Him* *Marshall*

Worship Song *Living Hope* *Johnson/Wickham*

9:00am Ordination and Installation of New Elders and Deacons

New Elders: **Anne Barr, Jan Kennedy**

Elders renewing for 2nd term: **Mike Morrison**

New Deacons: **Mike Boccasini, Mark Wren**

Deacons renewing for 2nd terms: **Ruth Ellen Patterson, Pat Svitek**

9:00am Hymn #689 *The Church's One Foundation (1,2,4,5)* *Aurelia*

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Deborah Watson,
Associate Pastor

Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory *My Eyes are Dry / Create in Me a Clean Heart* *Green*
Steve Harrison, Piano

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading Hebrews 12:1-3 (p. 1877)

Sermon 2020 Vision
Pulled In Every Direction But Up Steve Weed,
Pastor

Hymn #532 *Be Thou My Vision* *Slane*

Benediction

Prayer Ministry 9:00am Clara Louie
10:45am Scott Todd

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 Jan 8, 15 7:00-8:30pm

“How To Care For Your Anxious Friend”, led by John Chaffee

Wednesday Nights starting 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 starting Jan 16, 7:00-8:30pm

Mere Christianity, by C.S. Lewis

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The ALPHA Marriage Course begins Friday, January 17. See p. 9 for more information.

The ALPHA Marriage Course provides husbands and wives tools to build and strengthen a vibrant relationship over time. On 7 successive Friday evening (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! 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-iLLrLcs

Announcements

† **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.

† **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. For more information or to get involved with the church's new Creation Care Committee, please contact abowser@gmail.com.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

Questions

Do you believe in One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and do you boldly declare Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and acknowledge Him Lord of all and Head of the Church?

Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the Word of God, and, inspired by the Holy Spirit, the unique witness to Jesus Christ and the authority for Christian faith and life?

Will you receive, adopt, and be bound by the *Essential Tenets* of ECO as a reliable exposition of what Scripture teaches us to do and to believe, and will you be guided by them in your life and ministry?

Relying on the Holy Spirit, do you humbly submit to God's call on your life, committing yourself to God's mission, and fulfilling your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture and guided by our confessions?

Will you be governed by our church's polity and discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, and will you be accountable to your fellow elders, deacons and pastors as you lead?

Do you promise to be faithful in maintaining the truth of the Gospel and the peace, unity, and purity of the Church?

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

For Elders: Will you be a faithful elder, watching over the people in their worship, nurture, and service to God?

For Deacons: Will you be a faithful deacon, serving the people, urging concern and directing the people's help to those in need?

For the Congregation: Do we, the covenant partners of this congregation, accept these persons as elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ according to the Word of God and the Constitution of our church?

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

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.

Kids Cook-In on Wednesday, January 8th! Elementary-aged children are encouraged to join us as we prepare the meal for Wednesday Night Programming. We begin at 4:30pm in the gym kitchen.

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. 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 Night Jan 15 7:00-8:30pm

Youth and Parent workshop led by John Chaffee

"How to Care for Your Anxious Friend" – This second of two classes is geared completely toward you gaining the insights and the tools to care for people you may already know need your help. Anxiety, shame, anger... all of these things can fester within us and sometimes we don't see the very practical ways that Christianity helps us to be the Christ to one another. So, whether you are a youth that sits at a lunch table or on the bus with friends, an adult who likes to sit with friends and talk over coffee, or a grandparent who wants to help another person out, these nights will address all of these spheres of life at the same time. These will be open-dialogue based AND include Q+A. **Meets in Gym**

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.

Childcare provided

Meets in Parlor.



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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, January 12

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor
8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office
9:00am Worship Service
Ordination and Installation of new
Elder/Deacons
9:30am Children's Sunday School, Gym
9:30am Youth Sunday School, Youth Room
10:45am Worship Service
4:00pm High School Youth Group

Monday, January 13

9am-4pm *Parlor reserved for Intersarsity Staff*
7:00pm Prayer Group, open to all, Steve's Office
7:30pm Men's Bible Study, Parlor

Tuesday, January 14

(No elder/deacon training this month)

Wednesday, January 15

5:45pm Wed Night supper
7:00-8:30pm "How To Care For Your Anxious Friend", led by John Chaffee, Gym
7:00-8:00pm "That The World May Know"
video series, led by Pastor Debbie, Chapel
7:00pm Children's programming and childcare
7:00pm Middle 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 20	10:00am MLK Day of Service: 4 th and 5 th graders
Jan 21	7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor
Jan 22	9:30am Staff Meeting, Parlor
Jan 22	7:00pm <u>The Jesus I Never Knew</u> book study begins, Parlor
Jan 23	9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor
Jan 24	9:30am Moms' Bible Study, Parlor
Jan 28	7:00pm Outreach Team Meeting
Jan 28	7:00pm Mission Committee Meeting
Jan 30	7:00pm Youth Staff Outing
Feb 7	6:30-9:00pm Parents' Night Out, Gym

Thursday, January 16

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

Friday, January 17

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

Saturday, January 18

11:00am Memorial Service for Donald Jacobs, Visitation at 10:00am in Parlor, Reception following service in gym

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