

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

March 8, 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

Meditation

Vierne

Welcome and Call To Worship

Hymn #60

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

Prayer of Invocation

Family News

Scripture Reading

John 6:30,31,35-40

(p.1657)

9:00am Georgia Ward

10:45am Linda Pilacik

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All the people: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, every week we sing the Doxology, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Yet we forget to acknowledge you as the source of all that we have. Too often we make plans within the narrow orbit of our own self-sufficiency. We have made you too small in our eyes, and pushed you to the edges of life. Please forgive us and revive us. In our anxious world, surprise us with your grace. Stir us to pray for miracles of your power. Then turn us inside-out to be messengers of your blessing to the world. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Invitation to Confirmation

John Chaffee,
Director of Youth Ministry

Greeting

Worship Song

Build Your Kingdom Here

Rend Collective

Worship Song

Pour Me Out

Lake

Worship Song

We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

Moore

During the 9:00am service and the 10:45am service, children in K through 5th grades may be dismissed to Children's Sunday School. During the 9:00am service, 6th grade and up meet in the Youth Room for Sunday School.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Deborah Watson,
Associate Pastor

Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
Maxwell Birch, Organ

JS Bach

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Matthew 14:13-21

(p.1520)

Sermon

Miracles of Jesus – Yesterday and Today
Unleashing the Gifts of God

Steve Weed,
Pastor

Hymn

I Am The Bread of Life

Toolan

Benediction

Prayer Ministry

9:00am Isabel Lally
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.

After 35 years of faithfulness to God and outstanding service to NPC, Sherry Beebe is retiring as our Minister of Music on Sunday, March 29. To celebrate Sherry and her wonderful ministry, we will hold one combined celebration service at 10:00 a.m. There will be a time of recognition and tribute for Sherry during the service (before the children and youth leave for Sunday School). Prior to the service, there will be an extended prelude (from 9:30-9:55 a.m.), led by the Worship Band. Immediately after the service, there will be a reception in the chapel to continue our expression of appreciation for Sherry.

Lenten Sermon Series – 2020
“Miracles of Jesus – Yesterday and Today”

March 1 “Dare To Dream Again” (Healing of blind Bartimaeus) Mark 10:46-52

March 8 “Unleashing the Gifts of God” (Feeding of the 5000) Matthew 14:13-21

March 15 “Mustard Seed Faith” (Healing of the boy with seizures)
Mark 9:14-29; Matthew 17:19-21

March 22 “When the Tomb Becomes a Womb” (The raising of Lazarus from the dead) John 11:1-6, 17-27, 32-44

March 29 “God’s Greatest Joy” (The return of the Prodigal Son)
Luke 10:1,2, 17-24; Luke 15:11-24; 19:10

April 5 “Revolution of Peace” (The healing of Malchus’ ear)
John 18:1-11; Luke 22:49-51

April 12 “The Greatest Miracle of All” (The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead)

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****

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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****

Walk in His Ways – A NEW Wednesday Night Children’s Program began Wednesday, March 4th! Lent can be meaningful for kids too. Through lessons based on parable stories, children will find their part in the Kingdom Work of Jesus. We will have a fun craft each week too. Hope to see many of you there!

Children’s Lenten Offering to support the Stenton Family Manor! The children are collecting items to donate to Philadelphia’s only family shelter. If you would like to contribute please leave your items in the bins on the stage. Our collection will run now through Easter Sunday, April 12th.

Items Needed: Tissues, Hand Sanitizer, Hand Soap for bathrooms, gently used or new board games, children’s puzzles, coloring books, new crayons, new washable markers, children’s craft supplies.

Mission Possible! Changing the World with God! VBC 2020 is set to run Monday, June 15th - Friday, June 19th from 2:00pm - 4:30pm. Mission Possible is all about encouraging children to see that they can be a part of God’s mission to love people and tell them all about His love! We will be learning each day from new mission partners who have hearts for helping others. Get ready to go all over the world (and close to home) to share God’s love! Online Registration will begin for volunteers and participants on Sunday, April 5th. Visit the church website to sign up! VBC is best for children age 4 (by June 1st, 2020) through those entering 5th grade (2020-2021 school year).

Save the date! Parenting Seminar - Growing a Family Culture - will be held on Friday, April 17th at 7:00pm here at NPC. Please note childcare will not be provided.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We at NPC are seeking to be prudent, prayerful, and non-panicky as we respond to the Coronavirus Disease. This week we have installed 8 new hand sanitizer stations throughout the church, including 2 in the sanctuary. We appreciate the preventive actions recommended by the Center For Disease Control (CDC) to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Wash your hands often and vigorously with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

We are praying for God's mercy and grace to stop the spread of this virus. We are praying for clear and accurate information so that we may respond well as a church and community. We are also praying for the faith to be able to identify a special purpose God may have in mind in these difficult days.

Finally, as a very warm and friendly congregation, we want to respect the fact that we may need to be less demonstrative in sharing our love with one another. Perhaps we can use the Elbump greeting, or find some other creative way to express our regard for one another!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **Sign up now!**
- † **American Red Cross Blood Drive, Sponsored by: NPC**
Monday, March 16 2:00pm – 7:00pm
Location: Narberth Presbyterian Church – Gymnasium
Sign up at www.Redcrossblood.org
or call 1-800-RedCross
USE THE SPONSOR CODE:
NarberthPresby
- † **Adult Ice-Cream Social:** NPC Disability Ministry will be hosting our first *Friends for Life* event on Friday, March 20 at 6:30-8:00 p.m. in our wheelchair-accessible parlor. Bring your friends, particularly those with disabilities, and enjoy an evening of fun games, fellowship, a brief Bible lesson, and make-your-own ice-cream sundaes.
- † **Communion and Baptism Class for 3rd - 5th grade!**
Beginning Sunday, **March 29th** during the 9:00 Sunday School hour, Communion and Baptism Class will be offered. This class will run for five consecutive weeks and will conclude on Sunday, April 26th with a special time together for children, parents and our pastors directly following the second service. Children will be baptized and welcomed to the Lord's Table on Sunday, May 3rd during the 9:00 worship service. This class is open ALL children but best for older elementary ages. Please note, for children who are not ready for this step or have already gone through this class, another Sunday School program will be available for them. If your child is interested in learning more about communion and baptism, and you have not yet contacted Danielle, please do so. dkauffman@narberthpres.org
- † **SILENCE!** Does that command bring back bad memories from your childhood? Are we ever silent? It's a real challenge in our world but did you know that silence can reduce stress and lower your blood pressure? Why not come for a weekend of prayerful silence at the **Jesuit Retreat Center in Wernersville**? It is sure to be a weekend that will refresh and renew your soul. Arrive anytime on Friday, April 24 (dinner at 5:30, orientation at 7) and return Sunday afternoon, April 26. Cost of \$180 covers a private room and meals. No experience necessary! Contact Dave Bellamy at dbellamy@narberthpres.org or 610-520-9382 for more information. Register online at narberthpres.org by April 12.

2020 MISSIONARY CAUSES

Mission

4D Ministries – Hank Paulson
Amnion Pregnancy Center
Amoenitas – Scott Todd
Child Evangelism Fellowship, Inc. – North Ireland
Chosen People Ministries (formerly Messiah Now) – Paul Cruz
Cornerstone Christian Academy
CRU (Campus Crusade for Christ) – Leah Darwin
CRU (Campus Crusade for Christ) – Brindleys (Philadelphia Gospel Movement)
CRU (Campus Crusade for Christ) – Matt & Anna Shenk
DiscipleMakers – Rebecca and Dan Hall
El Rancho Del Rey
Esperanza Health Center
Family of Restoration Ministries (was House of His Creation)
Fellowship International Mission/Jos Seminary – C. Tushima
Fellowship of Christian Athletes – Kasey Dougherty
Greater Europe Mission- Liz Loeffler
Habitat for Humanity – Philadelphia
Interserve-USA – Jan & John Kennedy
Intervarsity – Alexis Bishop
Kingdom Connect – Ben Duffy
Kirkwood Camp (Presbytery of Philadelphia)
Neighborhood Crusades Inc.
Presby's Inspired Life
Presbyterian Reformed Ministries International
Wee Kirk
ECO Church Planting and Global Missions Funds
REAP – Granada – Scott Esposito
Redeemed For A Cause Outreach – Sakinah Love
Servant Partners – Dan & Denise Anderson
The Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota (Standing Rock)
The Philadelphia Project
The Welcome Church – Schauel Steinnagel
Timothy Academy
United World Mission – Nick & Ginny Woodbury
Wycliffe Bible Translators – Al & Barb Shannon
Young Life (Western Philadelphia Suburbs)

Ambassador

Helga Sauter
Alice Antonelli
Marilyn Reed
Danielle Kauffman
Jennifer & Tim Roykoff
Joyce Lewis
Kathy McLean
Jean McIntire

The Bowser Family
Bob Moore
Ann Saddle
Greg Esterhai
Melissa Esterhai
Scott Todd
Ashley Reed
Helga Sauter
Linda Behmke
Jesse Kennedy
Meg McKinley
Ken & Sally Kapner
Curt Haring
Helga Sauter
Suzanne Morrison
Cathy Callaway
Steve Weed
Scott Todd
Charlie Choi
Sally Kapner
Faithe Hornung
Ashley Reed
Sharon Shallow
Jane Murray
Georgia Ward
Helga Sauter
Kim Ishmael
Barbara Montgomery



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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, March 8-Spring Forward 1 hour!

8-10am Breakfast in the Gym!
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
10-10:45am Breakfast in the Gym!
10:40am Adult Sunday School Class, Parlor
10:45am Worship Service
12:15pm Explorers' Class with lunch provided
4:00pm High School Youth Group

Monday, March 9

7:00pm Prayer Group, open to all, Steve's Office
7:30pm Men's Bible Study, Parlor (Open to new members)

Tuesday, March 10

12:00pm Prayer Time, open to all, Parlor
7:00pm Elder/Deacon Training and other ministry leaders, Chapel

Wednesday, March 11

5:45pm Wed Night supper: Pasta (meat sauce and non-meat sauce), salad, bread, dessert
7:00-8:00pm "Fire On The Mountain" video series, led by Pastor Debbie, Chapel
7:00-8:15pm The Jesus I Never Knew book study, led by Pastor Steve, Parlor
7:00pm Children's programming and childcare
6:30pm Middle School Youth Group

Thursday, March 12

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

Friday, March 13

6:30pm Pickleball, Gym

Saturday, March 14

Sunday, March 15

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
12:15pm Explorers' Class with lunch provided
4:00pm High School Youth Group

Monday, March 16

2-7pm Red Cross Blood Drive, Gym

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

Mar 16,30 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Chapel
Mar 17 7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor
Mar 20 9:30am Moms' Bible Study, Parlor
Mar 20 1:00pm Sr. Adult Slide Show
Mar 20 6:30-8:00pm "Friends For Life" event, Parlor
Mar 24 Missions Committee

Mar 24 Outreach Team
Mar 26 9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor
Mar 27 6:30pm Pickleball, Gym