

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

		January 8, 2023
Prelude	All Glory Be to God on High Jinhee Shim, Organist	arr. Haan
Welcome and Family News		Pastor Steve
Call to Worship	Matthew 11:25-30	Jay & Tina Field
Hymn #92	Crown Him with Many Crowns	Diademata
Prayer of Invocation		Jan Kennedy
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 40:25-31	Mike Ochal

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you are the One who created the stars, and called them each by name. You are the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth, and you do not grow weary. You are the One who raised Jesus from the dead, and we crown him with many crowns. Yet even with this glorious reality, so often we are indifferent or distracted by worldly pursuits. We have made you too small in our eyes. Please forgive us and awaken us to your glory. By the Holy Spirit, turn this sanctuary into a place of healing, that you might meet us in our weakness and pour in your strength. In Jesus' Name. Amen

Silent Prayer and the Assurance of Pardon Reception of New Members (*See page 4*)

The Greeting Worship Song

What A Beautiful Name NPC Worship Band

Children and youth dismissed to Sunday School

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Jan Kennedy

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

You Are With Me Sarah Comstock, Vocals and Guitar

Spencer Hurst, Vocals and Piano

McCracken/Jordan

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading	Mark 4:35-41	Jan Kennedy
Sermon	Is Our God Too Small?	Pastor Steve
Invitation for Prayer		
Solo	Weary Traveler Sarah Comstock	
Worship Song	Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me NPC Worship Team	
Prayer of Thanksgiving		Pastor Steve
Hymn #519	It Is Well with My Soul	Ville Du Havre
Benediction		Pastor Steve
Postlude	Fanfare	Helman
	Jinhee Shim, Organist	
Prayer Ministry		Linda DiLullo

Day Retreat of Solitude in Community. Weary in body or soul? Longing for more time with Christ? Desiring to start your year with a rhythm of rest and work, receiving and ministry? Join us for our second day of prayer retreat set aside on NPC's church calendar on **Saturday January 21, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**. Through guided spiritual practices of solitude, reflection, and prayer, we will seek to attune to the *Presence of God* through the Holy Spirit and Scripture, as we continue the Road to Emmaus With Jesus (Luke 24:13-29). Event will take place at NPC. Cost (\$35) includes lunch, and scholarship is available. Registration and fees are due by Sunday January 15. Sign up in the chapel, or contact Linda DiLullo at <u>Idilullo3@gmail.com</u> or 610-453-3420.

"Book of the Month" As Pastor Steve comes into the homestretch of ministry at NPC, one of his endeavors this winter and spring is to lead a "Book of the Month" study. The first book for 2023 is entitled: **"Getting To Know God's Voice: A 31-Day Interactive Journey"** by Jenny Randle.

The theme of this practical study is to "discover the Holy Spirit in your everyday life." Brief daily readings are required as well as attendance in a 5-week class. Short and sweet and strong! If you are interested, please sign up in The Chapel or contact Pastor Steve at sweed@narberthpres.org or the church office at 610-664-4880. Date and time of class TBD, but it is likely to be offered at two different times each week.

Next Explorer's Class for newcomers to NPC will begin on **Sunday, January 29, 11:00-12:45**. The class will run for 6 weeks, through Sunday, March 6. Light brunch and childcare are provided. Please be in touch with Pastor Steve or Debbie or contact the church office.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Dinah Adjaye, originally from Ghana, has recently moved from Pittsburgh to Penn Valley. Dinah is retired from a background in education. She was invited to NPC by her daughter Stacie, also a member at NPC. Dinah comes to us from East Liberty Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh.

Nicole Bley lives in Narberth with her daughter Ava, a first grader, who was recently baptized and welcomed to the Lord's Table. Nicole works as an account manager for Group Benefits with Global Advisor Services. She is also pursuing a degree in law.

Justin Crawford has recently moved to Wynnewood with his wife Amy and four children, ranging in age from 13 -22. Amy is pursuing ordination in the Episcopal Church through seminary studies. Justin serves as Director of Operations with Dew Wealth Management. Justin and Amy come from Good Samaritan Episcopal Church in Paoli, where Justin served in a variety of leadership positions.

Jay and Christine (Tina) Field live in Haverford, and have two grown sons, Andrew and Will. Tina works as a recruiter at Korn Ferry, while Jay is recently "retired", but works part time with JoS A. Bank and Stretch Funeral Home. Jay and Tina come to us from Wayne Presbyterian Church.

Mike Ochal recently moved to Philadelphia and works at NPC as our new weekend Sexton. Mike is also a student and small business owner. He comes to NPC from a Roman Catholic background, but this is Mike's first church membership.

Anne Putnam lives in Wyndmoor and began "attending" NPC online during the pandemic. She works as one of the owners for Nota Bene, a company that makes software for academic research and writing. Anne comes to us from an Episcopal background, most recently All Hallows Church in Wyncote.

Jason and Vicki Sanders live in Havertown with their two boys Ezra (4) and Calvin (2). Vicki works as a Genetic Counselor at CHOP, while Jason works as Lead Designer/Creative Director at Cybernautic, Inc. Jason and Vicki come to us from Park Community Church in Chicago.

Ansley White lives in Haverford and works as a Preschool Teacher at Bright Horizons. Ansley comes from a Presbyterian background, but NPC is her first church membership. From her first days at NPC, Ansley has been very involved in our music ministry.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

Books of the Bible a NEW Sunday School Curriculum! Beginning Sunday, January 8th children will learn a few books of the Bible along with some simple hand motions and a tune to memorize them all. "Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him." Proverbs 30:5

Paper Plate Bible Animals! This NEW Wednesday Night children's program begins January 11th. Each week children will create a new animal from a paper plate and hear a Bible story that relates to the animal they made. We meet in RM 107 from 7:00pm-8:00pm.

MLK JR. Day of Service is January 16th! All 3rd, 4th, 5th graders are invited to the church for a morning of service from 10:00am - 12:00pm. Lunch will be provided! Please RSVP to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) by Wednesday, January 11th.

Save the date: ALL Church Retreat! - "LIFE TOGETHER"! All ages are encouraged to attend the NPC All-Church Retreat taking place in Sandy Cove, MD on May 12th, 13th, and 14th! We belong together and we need each other so join us for an amazing adventure away building our lives with each other and with Jesus! Please reach out to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) with questions or to register!

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

NEW Youth Girls Group - All Youth Girls (6th-12th grade) are encouraged to attend a special Kickoff Event just for them on Sunday, January 22nd. We will meet in the church gym directly following worship and walk to the McGrew's home, here in Narberth from 11:00am-12:30pm. Together we will enjoy fellowship, food, and focus on discipleship. Please RSVP by Monday, January 16th to Lisa Hoffman (Lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net) or Danielle Kauffman (dkauffman@narberthpres.org). More details coming soon!

High School Youth Group - Sunday, January 8th High School Youth Group will resume from 7:00pm-8:00pm. Please note there is no Youth Group on January 1st.

Middle School Youth Group - Wednesday, January 11th all Middle Schoolers are encouraged to join Juwan in the Youth Room from 7:00pam-8:00pm.

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CLASSES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Men's groups forming: Anyone interested in a possible men's group please sign up in the chapel (days and times TBD).

11:15am Sunday Class: Our class has ended. Stay tuned for upcoming plans.

Wednesday Class: *The New Testament in Its World* is our Wednesday Night Study. Class resumes on January 11th.

37 weeks in length, this video based study will look at the entire New Testament. Each week, we will travel from the twenty-first century to the era of Jesus and the first Christians, where we will learn about how the message of the Gospel impacted them and their world.

All are welcome to the Chapel, from 7-8pm each Wednesday, for all sessions (or as many as you are able). Only the Bible is needed. All the reading is found in its pages. Following each video there will be a time of interactive conversation based on what we have just seen/heard. If you would like to understand the NT at a deeper level, here is one opportunity to do that. There is no cost, other than your time, so please join the group! For more information, please e-mail or call

Debbie Watson (dwatson@narberthpres.org - 610-664-4880 ext.114).

There will be a grief support group on the fourth Monday of the months of January through March. This grief group will be an informal gathering to share whatever is on your heart (i.e., open discussion). Those grieving the death of a loved one or friend are welcome (former attendance of GriefShare is not required). The first session will be held on **Monday, January 23** from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in the chapel of the church. No need to RSVP, just show up as you are able. Please reach out to either Gerri Wismer (geewis46@gmail.com) or Alice Antonelli (arichardson1@gmail.com) for additional information.

Neighborhood Crusades likes to give out **hygiene kits** to the homeless people they evangelize. Please donate personal size toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, soap, wash clothes, razors, deodorant, shampoo or quart-size ziplock bags. Place them in the box under the bulletin board right outside the sanctuary doors on the Windsor side of the building. Contact Marilyn Reed if you have any questions. 215-776-3598 Thank you!

PRAYER INFORMATION

Missions Prayer Focus: Amnion Crisis Pregnancy Center, located in Drexel Hill and Norristown, offers counseling to those who have undergone an abortion, whether recently or long ago, and provides support to those who make the decision to place their child for adoption, or to parent their babies. Pray for those who provide the counseling, that they will be both kind and competent in their interactions with those who seek their help. Pray also for the clients to be encouraged, and drawn to the Lord as he comes to them through the ministry of Amnion staff and volunteers.

Dr. Janet Moore is a licensed psychologist with over 30 years of therapeutic expertise. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Bible from Philadelphia College of Bible and a Master's degree in Theology from Denver Seminary. With an understanding of spirituality and faith in clients' lives, she is able to provide spiritually-integrated psychotherapy. Janet offers counseling to adults and couples experiencing such struggles as depression and anxiety, relationship issues, life crisis, grief and personal adjustment problems. She provides compassionate help to survivors of physical, emotional, sexual, and spiritual abuse. Contact Dr. Moore at 610-664-4880 Ext 121, or 484-686-6630, jlmpsych910@gmail.com

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, January 8

9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream No 11:15 Sunday School this week

Monday, January 9

7:00pm New Elder/Deacon Training, Steve's Office

Tuesday, January 10 7:00pm Elder/Deacon/Staff Training, Parlor

Wednesday, January 11

5:45 – 6:45pm Church family supper in the gym 7:00 – 8:00pm Children's class (K-5th) with Danielle 7:00 – 8:00pm MS Youth Group with Juwan 7:00 – 8:00pm Video Series, Pastor Debbie (Chapel) "The New Testament In Its World"

Thursday, January 12 12:30 – 2:30 pm Full Staff Meeting, Parlor 4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor

Friday, January 13 11:00am Women's Bible Study (In-person)

Saturday, January 14 9:00am – 2:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive

Sunday, January 15 8:15am Sunday School (Parlor) 9:30am Worship Service In-person and livestream

No 11:15am Sunday School Class this week

Each Week

Christian Pre-School – 610-664-8890 x118 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: jlmpsych910@gmail.com

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