



Narberth Presbyterian Church

January 22, 2023

Scripture Reading	Galatians 6:9, Ephesians 2:8-10, 5:15-17, 1 Corinthians 15:58	Pastor Debbie
Sermon	Does My Little Life Matter?	Pastor Steve
Hymn #234	<i>Christ the Lord Is Risen Today</i>	<i>Easter Hymn</i>
Benediction		Pastor Steve
Postlude	<i>Toccata in G Major</i> <i>Jinbee Shim, Organist</i>	<i>Dubois</i>
Prayer Ministry		Jack Comstock

CHOIR Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! You may have this opportunity at choir rehearsal which meets in the **Choir Room at 11:00am or directly following the worship service.** Linda Pilacik.

TODAY: Please join us for a free brunch at 11:15 in the Parlor. **Sakinah Love from Redeemed for a Cause** will be sharing about her anti human trafficking ministry. Children may eat with their parents and then go to childcare. You don't need to sign up for brunch, just come if you can!

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.

New Class on Wednesday nights at 7:00: "Pastor Steve's All-Time Favorites." Steve will share some of his favorite sermons, books, and readings over the last 40 years. There is no homework, and each class stands by itself, so please come as you are able. Right now, we are focusing on Pastor Steve's #1 favorite Christian book, *The Song Of Ascents*, the spiritual autobiography of E. Stanley Jones.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

Books of the Bible a NEW Sunday School Curriculum! Each week children will learn a few books of the Bible along with some simple hand motions and a tune to memorize all 66. *“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.

The Philadelphia Project Blitz Weekend for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders! It’s time to begin the registration process for this special weekend of service that will take place on Friday, April 28th - Sunday, April 30th. For more information, please reach out to Danielle.

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

Youth Girls Kickoff Event is TODAY, Sunday, January 22nd - 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. For more information, please reach out to Lisa Hoffman (Lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net) or Danielle Kauffman (dkauffman@narberthpres.org). All are welcome!

Middle School Youth Group! Middle School Youth Groups meets each Wednesday evening from 7:00pm-8:00pm in the Youth Room. Each week offers games, lessons, and fun! All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are encouraged to attend and bring a friend!

High School Youth Group! Each Sunday, all 9th-12th graders are encouraged to come enjoy time together from 7:00pm-8:00pm in the Youth Room. Join us for a time of community, theology, and an on opportunity to know, live, and share your faith.

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CLASSES

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: Starting **January 22**, join us for a thought-provoking look at the **book of Daniel**, with stories about people living out their faith while under cultural pressure, and stories of amazing visions, miracles and prophecy. This 12 week class will have some teaching but mostly engaging discussion. We will meet in the Copy Room and have a Zoom option for those who can't be there in person. Led by Mark Wenger and Charlie Hurst. Please contact Mark at markfwenger@yahoo.com for the Zoom link.

Wednesday Class: *The New Testament in Its World* is our Wednesday Night Study. 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).

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"Book of the Month" – Monday nights starting January 30th at 7:15pm. 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. The book study will run from January 29th to February 27th 7:15-8:30pm.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 27th through March 10th, couples enjoy a nice dinner at a table for two, watch a brief video presentation 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 \$110 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: <https://alphausa.org/the-marriage-course/>

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!

Notes From Justice and Mercy The Chestnut Foundation is looking for home improvement assistance to reach its goal of having an accessible room modification for Ben, a shower modification to make it easier to get in and out of it, and financial aid to cover increasing accessibility needs for their 2010 and 2011 handicapped vans. They say, "Thank you and God bless all of you at NPC for your continued support."

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, jlmpsy910@gmail.com

NPC Christian Preschool will open registration for the 2023-2024 school year for current preschool families and church families on Monday, January 30. Our preschool offers two-day, three-day, and five-day options for children aged 18 months to pre-kindergarten. The school day runs from 9am-12pm from mid-September to early-June. We also offer afternoon programming (12-3pm) through Lunch Bunch for preschoolers and Kindergarten Enrichment for morning kindergarteners, and we have a wonderful six-week summer camp that runs from June 27 – August 3, 2023. To receive more information as well as the link to register, please reach out to director Virginia Davis at preschool@narberthpres.org or 610-664-8890.

PRAYER INFORMATION

Missions Prayer Focus: Locally, **Habitat for Humanity's** mission is to transform lives and the city by building and repairing homes in partnership with families in need and uniting all Philadelphians around the cause of affordable housing. Habitat's vision is a city where all Philadelphians live in safe, affordable homes.

Globally, Habitat's vision is a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Their global mission statement: Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope. Please pray for everyone who works together to make safe, affordable housing possible for more and more people – in Philadelphia, and throughout the world.

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, January 22

8:15am Sunday School (Parlor)
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream
11:00am Choir Rehearsal
11:15 Redeemed for a Cause brunch, Parlor
11:15 Sunday School, The book of Daniel, Copy Room
7:00-8:00pm High School Youth Group

Monday, January 23

6:30 – 8:00pm Grief Support Group, Chapel

Tuesday, January 24

7:00pm Missions Committee Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, January 25

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”
7:00 – 8:00pm “Pastor Steve’s All-Time Favorites”,
Pastor Steve (Parlor)

Thursday, January 26

4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor

Friday, January 27

11:00am **Women’s Bible Study** (In-person)

Saturday, January 28

Sunday, January 29

8:15am Sunday School (Parlor)
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream
11:00am Choir Rehearsal
11:15 – 12:45 Explorer’s Class, Parlor
11:15am Sunday School Class, The book of Daniel, Copy Room
7:00-8:00pm High School Youth Group

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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