

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

April 8, 2018

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

Sherry Beebe

Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Call To Worship **Colossians 3:1-3; Hebrews 11:1**

Hymn #62

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading

John 20:10-18

(p.1686)

9:00am Dana Ergenbright

10:45am Will Esterhai

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All the people: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, on this Sunday after Easter, the shouts of victory are often more subdued. We have a way of returning to "normal" and forgetting your mighty act of raising Jesus from the dead. Please forgive us for our lack of focus and failure to listen. Through the death and resurrection of Christ, forgive our sins, reignite our passion for you, and our care for the needs of others. As we eat the bread of your body, and drink the cup of your blood, show us what it means to be the church, people made alive in Christ. In his Name. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

The Greeting

Worship Song

Because He Lives

Maher

During the 9:00am service, children up to grade 5 may be dismissed to Children's Sunday School.

6th grade and up meet in the Youth Room for Sunday School.

During the 10:45am service, children in K through 5th grades may be dismissed to the gym for Lighthouse Kids children's church after the hymn/worship song.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Deborah Watson,
Pastoral Associate

Commissioning of Emma Shaw and student team: Silk Road Global Program

Passing of Friendship Pads

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Dimensions
Sarah Comstock

Jess Ray

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:28-35

(p.1643)

Sermon

**Think Outside The Tomb:
A Resurrection Community**

Steve Weed,
Pastor

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Worship Song

Mercy Tree

Nordhoff/Neale

Invitation To Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe. At your word the earth was made and spun on its course among the planets. Your hand formed us from the dust of the earth and set us among all your creatures to love and serve you.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, whom you sent to save us. He came with healing in his touch, and was wounded for our sins. He came with mercy in his voice, and was mocked as one despised. He came with peace in his heart, and met with violence and death.

By your power he broke free from the prison of the tomb, the one who was dead now lives. The one who humbled himself is raised to rule over all creation, the Lamb upon the Throne. The one ascended on high is with us always, as he promised.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ.

Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again. Amen.**

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn #247

The Day of Resurrection

Lancashire

Benediction

Prayer Ministry

9:00am Sue Wenger
10:45am Linda Behmke

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God by Julie Todd, in loving memory of her mom, Norma Procopiow and by Scott Todd, in loving memory of his dad, Herbert E. 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

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.

Next Sunday, at 10:45, the students from Cornerstone Christian Academy will sing!

Sermons in Lent: Following Jesus

February 18	Baptized Again For The First Time
February 25	In The Wilderness: Testing
March 4	Why You Were Called
March 11	Pausing To Reconnect
March 18	Breathing Grace
March 25	Disarming Humility
April 1	The Biggest April Fool: Christ Is Risen!

For further exploration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we encourage you to read the following 7 chapters in the New Testament: Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20,21; Acts 1; 1Corinthians 15. Read with an open mind and a praying heart, and ask Christ to reveal himself to you. See what happens...

FAMILY MINISTRY: CHILDREN, YOUTH & PARENTS

Children 9:00 Worship Service

2's & 3's - 9:00 am: Gospel Light, Blue Door Room downstairs

4's & 5's - 9:00 am: Gospel Light, Red Door Room downstairs

Grades K-2 Gospel Light, Gym (9:00 only)

Grades 3-5 Communion and Baptism Class, Brown Door Room (9:00 only)

Children 10:45 Worship Service

2 to 5 year olds - 10:45 am: Gospel Light, Red Door Room downstairs

Grades K-5 - 10:45 am: Gospel Light, Brown Door Room

Thank you to ALL who helped to make the children's Lenten Offering such a success. The children exceeded the amount of items we thought possible. What a blessing you are to our church and community!

Upcoming Events:

† UPDATE - Communion and Baptism Class

Beginning Sunday, April 8 during the 9:00 Sunday School hour, Communion and Baptism Class will be offered. This class will run through the month of April and will conclude on Sunday, May 6th 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, June 3. This class is open to ALL children who would like to participate. Please note, for children who are not ready for this step, another class for them will run on Sunday as well in the Brown Door Room. 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

† Next PNO: Friday, May 4

† *Save The Date* VBC - June 18 through June 22! 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

If you are interested in volunteering please email Danielle

dkauffman@narberthpres.org

Registration for VBC "Shipwrecked" is online at www.narberthpres.org (scroll down to the "Shipwrecked" logo and click on that)

FAMILY MINISTRY: CHILDREN, YOUTH & PARENTS

Youth Grades 6-12:

- 9:30am Youth Sunday School
- 10:30am Confirmation Class
- 7:00-9:00pm Middle School YG on 3rd Fridays
- 4:00pm Sunday HS Youth Group

John is leading the HS students on retreat this weekend April 6-8, so no Sunday School or Confirmation Class this week. Resumes next week.

For all youth-related questions, please contact John Chaffee 610-664-4880 x112 jchaffee@narberthpres.org

2018 Confirmation Students and Mentors

Student

Anna Costantino
Mikaela Curyto
Kaelin Edge
Keira Edge
Allison Foley
Mei Mei Groeneveld
Faith Hauger
Anna Howard
Emily Anne Kucharczuk
Madison Louie
Aryanna Rusavage
Anusha Vyas
Sophia Weatherwax
Luke Lachenmayer
Adam Herrenkohl
Jimmy Hoffman
Will Hoffman
Thomas Kaplan
Brendan McGrew
Noah Mulugeta
Yannick Segal

Mentor

Sue Wenger
Lia Howard
Alison Louie
Susan Costantino
Beth Fleischauer
Charlene McGrew
Kelly Herrenkohl
Lalitha Naveen
Julie Todd
Clara Louie
Lisa Hoffman
Betsy Hayden
Melinda Groeneveld
John Kennedy
Jim Hoffman
Mark Wenger
Charlie Hurst
Dave Bellamy
Andy Zakhari
David Place
Sean McGrew

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **Registration for VBC is now online!** Go to www.narberthpres.org and click on the VBC logo.
- † **New Wednesday Night Book Study has started.** *You'll Get Through This: Hope and Help for Your Turbulent Times*, by **Max Lucado**, explores what it means to go through hard times as a believer, and offers a view of God that is hopeful, but not sugar-coated. Intertwined with the story of Joseph in Genesis, *You'll Get Through This* will bring encouragement, comfort and challenge. All are welcome to join the study. Books are available in the Chapel, next to the sign-up sheet. 7:00pm Led by Debbie Watson. (April 4 – May 23)
- † **New Thursday Night Book Study started April 5.** **Spiritual Direction** by Henri Nouwen. As mentor and coach, the author explores three essential movements in the Christian life – looking within our hearts, looking to God through Scripture and prayer, and looking outward to others in community and service. Who am I? Who is God? Who is my neighbor? A great book for getting into shape spiritually after Easter!
Not too late to join us! (off April 12, resume April 19)
Sign-up sheet and books are available for those who decide to participate.
Thursday 7:00-8:30pm in the Parlor, led by Pastor Steve. (April 19 – May 24)
- † **“A Day Away” – personal retreat at St. Raphaela Retreat Center.**
Wednesday, April 11th. **Registration forms on the table in the Chapel.**
Contact: Jean McIntire 610-304-3929 or the church office 610-664-4880.
- † **Connect with God** - We invite you to a weekend of prayerful silence and reflection at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Wernersville. Arrive anytime on **Friday April 20 and return Sunday April 22 about 3pm.** Cost of \$150 covers private room and meals. No experience necessary. Contact Dave Bellamy at dbellamy@narberthpres.org or [610-659-2063](tel:610-659-2063) for more information. Register at www.narberthpres.org. Registration deadline is April 2.
- † **Habitat for Humanity Work Days:** We have been invited to participate in Philadelphia Habitat's Faith Build, where we will be working side by side with not only future homeowners but also members of other faith communities! Opportunity for small work crews of 5 – 6 volunteers on **May 12th** are needed, with possible dates in later months as well. If you are interested (and at least 16 years old with a parent accompanying you) please reach out to Linda Behmke at either 610-283-7453 or lrbehmke@yahoo.com.
- † **Unbound:** Personal prayer sessions to experience freedom in Christ, are available on Sundays at 10:45 am with Gene and Becky McGee and on Wednesday evenings with Dana and Maria Kaminstein at 7 pm. Sessions available by appointment only. Contact Gene (267-446-9598), Becky (215-287-3844), Dana (610-247-4825), Maria (610-247-4927).

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† **SAVE THE DATE - SUNDAY JUNE 10th**

This will be a historic Sunday of worship, fellowship and a vote on the Session's recommendation to seek gracious dismissal with property from PCUSA to ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians. Everyone is welcome; active members will vote. Stay tuned for details.

† **Invitation to runners and walkers of all kinds – on Fridays at 6:00pm**

Are you interested in being part of a weekly running/walking group? At least a few of us are already excited about getting together once a week at Lower Merion Track on Fridays at 6:00pm. Why the track? Nice, even surface, kinder than pavement, and regardless of running ability or age, we can “be together” while pursuing our individual fitness. We can also be a bright and friendly witness to anyone we happen to meet along the way. Please contact Pastor Steve if interested sweed@narberthpres.org or sign up in Chapel.

† **UPDATE - Communion and Baptism Class**

Beginning Sunday, April 8 during the 9:00 Sunday School hour, Communion and Baptism Class will be offered. See p.6 for more details.

† **Young Adult Fellowship!** Now meeting every other Friday night with a variety of social activities and service projects and pot-luck dinners. Next gathering is Friday, April 13. Contact person: Mike Boccasini (631-487-2827).

† **Dr. Janet Moore** has been serving in our Counseling Ministry for the past 13 years, working with individuals struggling with a wide range of personal and psychological challenges. Dr. Moore's perspective is that addressing mental health issues is essential to opening our hearts and minds, thereby enabling a closer relationship with God that can sustain us in an imperfect world. You may reach Dr. Moore by leaving a message on her church extension, 610-664-4880 (ext. 121), or at 484-686-6630.

† **Sunday Coffee Hour after the 10:45 service (for the 3rd Sunday of the month) needs a volunteer!** Please contact Karen Pappas or Debbie Watson at 610-664-4880. Margo Lee, who has served for many years in this ministry, will be traveling this year and can no longer do coffee hour. Please consider this serving opportunity-about 1 hour, once a month!

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, April 8

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor
8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office
9:00am Worship Service –Communion
9:30am Children's Sunday School, downstairs
No Youth Sunday School, resumes next week
No Confirmation Class, resumes next week
10:45am Worship Service-Communion
Youth return from retreat this afternoon

Monday, April 9

7:00pm Prayer Group, open to all, Steve's Office
7:00pm MBR-Bible Study, Music office
7:30pm Men's Bible Study in Gal., Copy Room

Tuesday, April 10

7:00am Men's small group, Resource Room
7:00am Men-Sponsored Prayer Breakfast, at Narberth Diner
11:00am Prayer Group, Parlor (open to all)
7:30pm Praise Team Rehearsal
(NO Elder/Deacon Training this month)

Wednesday, April 11

9:30-3:00pm Personal Retreat Day @ St. Raphaela, Haverford
5:45 Wed Night meal Menu: Chicken, salad, fruit, dessert (gluten-free also)
7:00pm Adult Ed. Classes:
Book study: "You'll Get Through This" by Max Lucado, Led by Debbie Watson, Chapel and
Continuing video series, "Christian Liberty and the Grace of God", led by Norm Johanson, Parlor

Each Week

Christian Nursery School – Jennifer Addy, Director, 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–Friday. Also, Saturday at 12:30pm & Sunday at 4:30pm
Counseling: Dr. Janet Moore: cell: 484-686-6630 email: jlmpsych@hotmail.com

Planning ahead Information and calendar updates 24/7 at www.narberthpres.org

Apr 16,30 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
Apr 20 9:30am Moms' Study Group, Parlor
Apr 20-22 Wernersville Retreat
Apr 21 2:00pm Karen Bachmann/Bob Moore Wedding
Apr 26 9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor
Apr 27 9:30am Sr. Adults' trip to Hagley Mills, DE

Thursday, April 12

9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor
NO Kickball with the Pastor, resumes next week
NO Book Study this week: Resumes next week, April 19

Friday, April 13

10:00am Women's Bible Study, Chapel

Saturday, April 14

Sunday, April 15

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor
8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office
9:00am Worship Service
9:30am Children's Sunday School, downstairs
9:30am Youth Sunday School, Youth Room
10:30am Confirmation Class, Youth Room
10:45am Worship Service-Cornerstone Christian Academy singing