

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

September 1, 2019

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

Psalm 19
Sherry Beebe

Marcello

Welcome and Call To Worship

Hymn #95

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Diadem

Prayer of Invocation

Family News

A Striking Announcement

Danielle Kauffman

Scripture Reading

John 1:29-34

(p.1647)

9:00am Emmy Davis
10:45am Noelle Wren

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All the people: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, through Jesus Christ, you invite us to follow you. You call us to a new life, and you grant us a new name. We confess that too often we settle for complacency, instead of growth. We fail to see ourselves and others the way you see us. Please forgive our sins and our lack of trust. By the Holy Spirit, open our eyes to see how you look at us - with unfailing love and persistent grace. Turn our idle questions into a burning quest to know you better and to be more like Jesus. In His wonderful Name. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

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.

Greeting

Worship Song	<i>Who You Say I Am</i>	<i>Fielding/Morgan</i>
Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer		Deborah Watson, Associate Pastor
Passing of Friendship Pads		
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory	<i>Glorious</i> Colin & Sarah Comstock	<i>Cageless Birds</i>
Doxology and Prayer of Dedication		
Scripture Reading	John 1:35-42	(p.1647)
Sermon	Identity: How Does Jesus Look At You?	Steve Weed, Pastor
Worship Song	<i>I Will Change Your Name</i>	<i>Butler</i>
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 and triune God, whom we worship as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In Jesus Christ you spoke the word that brought the world into being. By the Holy Spirit you brought order out of chaos and breathed life into your creatures.		
In his ministry on earth, Jesus cared for all, forgiving their failures, healing their hurts, and nurturing their faith, giving himself in utter sacrifice for those he loved. He inspired ordinary people to Spirit-filled living, and displayed in his life, death, and rising again the power of your Spirit.		
Nurture us at this table, O God, that we may grow to the stature of Jesus Christ. By the Holy Spirit, help us surrender more of ourselves to you, that we might know the freedom of your will. Help us to love you above all else and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves.		
Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm. Amen.		

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

Prayer of Preparation

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn #532

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

Benediction

Prayer Ministry

9:00am Isabel Lally

10:45am Deborah Miller

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents, by Carol and Harold Heller.

Today on this first Sunday of the month, we celebrate Holy Communion. As Presbyterian Christians, we invite all who profess faith in Jesus Christ to receive communion, regardless of denominational affiliation or membership in this church. At both services you are invited to receive communion by coming forward down the center aisle. We break off a piece of the bread (gluten free available), dip it in the cup and eat, then return to your seat by the outer aisles. At the discretion of parents, our children are welcome to receive communion.

Today is FAMILY WORSHIP. Children K - 5th grade will remain in service to worship with their family. Busy bags are available at the entrance along with special children's bulletins! Infants through PreK have normal programming today.

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.

Starting today, Pastor Steve has a new sermon series, "Called To Flourish: How Christ Is Formed In Us." Jesus said, "The thief comes only to steal, kill, and destroy, but I have come that you may have life, and life to the full" (John 10:10). Christianity is all about life, not religion.

How do we cultivate life with Jesus? More importantly, how is the life and character of Jesus reproduced in us? If the risen Jesus suddenly appeared in the flesh today, and could personally shape us and train us at NPC, what would that look like? What would be the "curriculum" of our spiritual formation? If Jesus is our coach (and he is), what's the fitness plan? And for what purpose?

To answer these questions, we will study several of the poignant and powerful life lessons of Simon Peter. In all his frailty and humanity, Simon Peter is one of us, and also living proof that change is possible. By God's grace, Jesus accepts us as we are, but does not leave us there. Peter eventually became a "rock." Through his brokenness, he was blessed to be a blessing. And so are we.

FAMILY MINISTRY: CHILDREN, YOUTH & PARENTS

ACTIVATE Your Faith! - Children's Sunday School Curriculum! *Beginning Sunday, September 8th!* Elementary-aged children will begin to put their faith into action this fall. Get ready to Walk in Wisdom, Love, Truth, and Faith! AND with many new and exciting service projects! All are welcome to ACTIVATE. Sunday School takes place during the 9:00 and 10:45 services.

2 yr olds & 3 yr olds meet in The Blue Door Rm (#105) during the 9:00 service.

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****

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****

Today is Family Worship at both services. There is not Sunday School for K-12th grade but childcare is available as usual for infants through PreK. Busy bags and children's bulletins are available for elementary aged children.

ALL CHURCH BOWLING! It's back and with more lanes! This event is for everyone so please RSVP to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) OR John (jchaffee@narberthpres.org). Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 8th from 2:30pm - 4:30pm at Wynnewood Lanes (2228 Haverford Road, Ardmore)! The cost is \$20 per family or \$10 for a single bowler and this price includes snacks, fountain drinks, pizza, and bowling shoes! Prizes will be awarded to TOP bowlers! See YOU there!

Praise Party! NPC's Spiritual Renewal Weekend Children's Program- Hey kids are you ready for an awesome party? ALL children in Kindergarten through 5th grade are encouraged to attend NPC's Spiritual Renewal Weekend with their families and get ready to PARTY! Games, music and moon-bounce are just a few things we will do as we praise God for ALL He does for us! Hope to see many of you at the party! Save the date for October 18th, 19th and 20th! You won't want to miss this! Stay tuned for further details.

Save the Dates:

Sunday, September 8th – Sunday School Kickoff for Children & Youth AND Bowling

Thursday, September 12th – Kickball with the Pastor

Friday, September 13th – Intercession Prayer for Children and Youth beginning at 7:00 pm in the Youth Room.

Sunday, September 15th – Blessing of the Children during the 9:00 and 10:45 services

Friday, October 4th – Parents' Night Out

Friday, October 18th - Sunday, October 20th - Spiritual Renewal Weekend with SPECIAL PROGRAMMING FOR CHILDREN! (Infants - 5th grade)

Friday, November 1st – Sunday, November 3rd – The Philadelphia Project Blitz Weekend for 3rd - 5th grade

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP FALL OFFERINGS

Sunday Morning Classes:

- **8:00am Class** – All are invited – whether you attend weekly, or drop in from time to time! We share coffee, cake, and conversation focused on the scripture passages for each week’s worship service and sermon. If you are an early bird, we would love for you to join us in the comfortable setting of the Parlor, for what is always a rich time of fellowship and learning.
Pastor Debbie Watson facilitates the group. Parlor
- **9:30 -10:30 am Sunday School Class on I and II Samuel**
Please join us for a group study of I and II Samuel this fall. As described in the NIV Application Commentary that we will be using, “The books of Samuel offer something for everyone: kings and prophets, great battles and greater heroes, action and romance, loyalty and betrayal, the mundane and the miraculous. In Samuel, we meet Saul, David, Goliath, Jonathan, Bathsheba, the witch of Endor, and other unforgettable characters. And we encounter ourselves. For while the culture and conditions of Israel under its first kings is vastly different from our own, the basic issues of humans in relation to God, the Great King, have not changed. Sin, repentance, forgiveness, adversity, prayer, faith, and the promises of God—these continue to play out in our lives today”.

The class will be discussion-based and led by a rotating group of class members. We look forward to having you join us. Questions? Email Sue Wenger at mswenger@yahoo.com. Parlor

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP FALL OFFERINGS

Wednesday Night Classes This Fall Starting September 11 at 7:00pm

- **Debbie Watson:** “The Least of These” grows out of Debbie’s heart, and her doctoral studies. The classes will alternate between the biblical grounding of all our giving (to benefit other Christians, as well as our neighbors near and far), and in-person (or virtual) visits by people engaged in ministries to the least, the last, the forgotten. This is a great way to be encouraged and inspired as both a recipient and channel of God’s blessings. Come for any or all of our gatherings! Everyone is welcome – from senior high school students to senior citizens! **7:00-8:00pm September 11-October 16.**

- **Clara Louie:** What does the story of two widows and a prominent landowner in the countryside of Judah have to teach us about the issues of shame, exclusion, loss, and hopelessness? How can the story of a few ordinary folks become the light and hope in a time of social and religious degradation? How did God work out his eternal plan of salvation through simple people carrying out their mundane roles? Come find out as we study the Biblical *Book of Ruth* together. This is a 6-week interactive Bible study from **7:00-8:00pm September 11-October 16.**

- **Steve Weed: Knowing What You Believe: Mere Christianity** by CS Lewis: On Wednesday nights this fall, Pastor Steve will lead a book study on the Christian classic, Mere Christianity by CS 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. Our class runs for 11 Wednesday nights, **7:00-8:15 pm September 11-November 21.**
Sign-up sheet for this class in Chapel

Each Wednesday night before the classes, a supper is provided in the gym from 5:45-6:45pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **Donations of personal size toiletries for Neighborhood Crusades** can be placed in the donation box under the bulletin board right outside the sanctuary door on the Windsor Ave. side of our building. Items needed at this time include lotion, washcloths, toothbrushes and toothpaste, combs, and disposable razors. Thank you!

NEW Explorers' Class begins Sunday September 22 12:15 to 2:30pm.

A new 5-week Explorers' Class will begin on Sunday afternoons, Sept. 22, led by Pastor Steve and Debbie. The Explorers' Class is designed for newcomers and provides a warm, welcoming atmosphere for discussing our relationship with Christ, opportunities and mission of NPC, and what it means to be Presbyterian Christians. Lunch is provided and childcare as needed. **Sign up in Chapel.**

Childcare and lunch provided

- † **There is a new sign-up sheet in the Chapel for September/October dates for ministry to folks who are homeless in Philadelphia.** If you are available for one or more time slots, please stop over and sign up. Thanks!
- † **This Wednesday, September 4th 7-8:30pm in the Parlor,** Cathy Callaway will lead a time of conversation about faith and life. Got questions about life, the Bible, or the Lord? Bring them on Wednesday night! (Childcare is not provided this week.)
- † **"Day to Stop Trafficking!" Friday, September 6 9:30-4:00**
The Salvation Army
4050 Conshohocken Avenue
Philadelphia PA 19131
The Salvation Army drop-in center for trafficked women in Kensington is hosting a training day for new volunteers on September 6th. Details and other ways to serve are on our city ministry page:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/new-volunteer-training-serve-at-new-day-drop-in-center-tickets-60879963610?ref=eios>

Youth Events: September

Wednesday 9/4 Youth Ministry Volunteer Training #2

TBD "How to Help Your Friends in the Easiest Way Possible" Special Night...

Sunday, 9/8 THE FALL KICKOFF!!!

2:30-4:30pm Bowling at Wynnewood Lanes

October

Oct 4-6 Middle School Retreat

November

Nov 1-3 High School Retreat

SERMON NOTES

September 1, 2019 Pastor Steve Weed

Identity: How Does Jesus Look At You?

John 1:29-34

John 1:35-42

Summary and Introduction

Today we begin a new series of messages on spiritual formation, “Called To Flourish: How Christ Is Formed In Us.” We will consider the process by which Jesus Christ shaped Simon to become Peter, the “Rock,” and how Christ is likewise formed in each one of us. Jesus said, “When a pupil is fully trained, he or she will be like the Master” (Luke 6:40). Today we begin with a message on “Identity: How Jesus Looks At You,” because spiritual formation begins with learning to see ourselves as Christ sees us, and finding our identity in him. Christ sees us not only as we are, but as we shall become by his grace. This process of spiritual formation is a dynamic cooperation between God’s promise to change us, and our need to actively trust and obey.

A working definition of spiritual formation

“Christian spiritual formation refers to the intentional communal process of growing in our relationship with God and becoming conformed to Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.” (James Wilhoit, Spiritual Formation As If The Church Mattered).

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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, September 1

8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office
9:00am Worship Service-Communion and Family Worship
9:30am Children's Sunday School
10:45am Worship Service-Communion and Family Worship

Monday, September 2

Office closed for Labor Day
7:00pm Prayer Group, open to all, Steve's Office
7:00pm MBR-Bible Study, Music room

Tuesday, September 3

7:00am Men-Sponsored Prayer Breakfast, at Narberth Diner
11:00am Praying / Bible group, Resource Room
7:00pm Deacons' Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, September 4

7:00-8:30pm -2 weeks-Come join in conversations about faith and life. This Wednesday and next Wednesday. Led by Cathy Callaway, Parlor (No childcare these 2 weeks)
7-8:30pm Youth Volunteer Training #2, Youth Room

Thursday, September 5

(Kickball finished until Sept 12.)
7:30pm Adult Basketball, Gym
7:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Friday, September 6

10:00am Women's' Bible Study, Parlor

Saturday, September 7

Sunday, September 8

8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office
9:00am Worship Service
Sunday Fall "Kickoff" of Youth and Children's programs
9:30am Children's Sunday School
9:30am Youth Sunday School
10:45am Worship Service
2:30pm BOWLING

Each Week

Christian Pre-School – 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-Saturday & Sunday at 4:30pm

Counseling: Dr. Janet Moore: cell: 484-686-6630 email: jlmpsych@hotmail.com

Planning Ahead-Information and calendar updates 24/7 www.narberthpres.org

Sept 9 7:30pm Men's Bible Study resumes, Parlor
Sept 11 5:45pm Wednesday Night Supper and Classes resume
Sept 12,26 9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor
Sept 12 4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor resumes
Sept 15 Both Services: Blessing of the Children
Sept 19 9:15am Pre-School Board Meeting, Chapel
Sept 24 10:00 am-3:00 pm St. Trip to Valley Forge National Park
Oct 4 1:00-3:00 pm Sr. Slide Show featuring southern England
Oct 18-20 Spiritual Renewal Weekend