

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

January 26, 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 *Thanks Be To Thee* *Handel*

Welcome and Call To Worship

Hymn #52 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* *Ellacombe*

Prayer of Invocation

Family News

Video: Amnion Pregnancy Center

Invitation for Baby Bottles

Alice Antonelli

Scripture Reading Psalm 1; Isaiah 26:3 (p.843, 1096)

9:00am Jane Murray

10:45am Lana Boyd

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All the people: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, one of the church fathers has said: "The glory of God is a human being who is fully alive; and life consists in beholding God." Lord, we confess that we have not fixed our eyes on you. We have short attention spans for you and your word, and we have settled for many glances instead of a long gaze. Please grow us deeper. Forgive us for allowing so many distractions to divert our love for you and for others. We love you Lord. Help our lack of love. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Greeting

Worship Song *One Thing Remains* *Johnson/Gifford/Riddle*

Worship Song *Raise A Hallelujah* *Bethel Music*

Worship Song *Way Maker* *Osinachi*

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

Red Sea Road
Sarah Comstock

Holcomb

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:1; Hebrews 12:1,2

(p.1862, 1877)

Sermon

2020 Vision

More Than A Slogan: Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus

Steve Weed,
Pastor

Hymn #311

God Has Spoken by His Prophets

Ode To Joy

Benediction

Prayer Ministry

9:00am Anne Barr
10:45am John Furlong

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Patricia Todd, by Scott and Julie Todd and the family.

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.

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****
We use David C. Cook – Bible in Life Curriculum. Children enjoy play, craft and lesson!

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****

The Story – Sunday School Curriculum for K-5th grade beginning Sunday, Jan 12th!

The Story curriculum provides Sunday School lessons that are Bible-centric and fun! Following the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20 our lessons are designed to meet the mandate from Christ, making disciples and teaching them to obey His commands.

SLIMED! A NEW Wed. Night Children’s Program beginning Wed., January 8th!

Sometimes in life it feels like we’ve been slimed. Sometimes it’s because of decisions we make, sometimes it’s from decisions others make that hurt us. Through the life of Jacob, kids will learn that when we stick to God, He can make something beautiful out of any “slimy” situation. We will have weekly slime projects too! All are welcome to join the fun! We meet in RM 107 beginning at 7:00pm.

VBC 2020: Monday, June 15th - Friday, June 19th from 2:00pm - 4:30pm

YOUTH: Upcoming Special Events

Jan.

30th - Youth Staff Outing at 7pm.

Feb. 15th Church-wide Skating Party 5:30-7:30pm

Feb. 26th - Ash Wednesday, the Start of Lent

Mar. 20-22nd - HS Pocono Cabin Retreat

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS*

Childcare provided

Children and Youth classes on all Wednesday Nights

Wednesday Nights “That The World May Know” Video-based Bible study led by Pastor Debbie

Jan. 15th – Feb 19th 7:00 – 8:00 pm

This 6-week video-based Bible Study, “That the World May Know” that is filmed on site in the Middle East. It is an excellent 3-part series. In Part I, entitled “God Heard Their Cry”, you will learn about the historical background and religious/cultural context of God’s people in bondage. In the process, you will be invited to consider how the Lord might be speaking into our own life, as individuals, and in our shared life as this congregation. Part II (God’s people being shaped in the Desert) and Part III (God’s people learning to remember God) will follow at the conclusion of Part I.

Meets in the Chapel

Wednesday Nights The Jesus I Never Knew by Philip Yancey, a book study led by Pastor Steve.

January 22, runs for 11 weeks, until April 1, 7:00-8:15pm.*

Author Philip Yancey is widely considered one of the most gifted and respected Christian authors of our time. His books appeal to Christians, skeptics, and seekers. In The Jesus I Never Knew, Yancey says that he put aside his presuppositions and took a long, fresh look at Jesus in the Gospels. The result is a very compelling book about the life of Jesus, which won the Gold Medallion Christian book of the year in 1996, and which Lewis Smedes describes as “probably the best book about Jesus in the 20th century.” The goal of our time together is not only to be informed about the person and ministry of Jesus in the gospels, but to grow in our faith, and to open ourselves more fully to his living presence. **Meets in the Parlor**

** All Wed night classes will not meet on Ash Wed, Feb 26, which will be a service.*

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Book of Revelation Demystified

January 19 - May 17th 10:40—11:40 am

666. Beasts, harlot, and dragon. Premillennialism, amillennialism, and postmillennialism. Tribulation and rapture. Armageddon. Apocalypse. Y2K. Left Behind. If these images dominate our impression of the book of Revelation, no wonder we shy away from it. Revelation is, however, about the present as much as it is about the future. It confronts us with the choice between true and false worship, perseverance and compromise, repentance and rebellion, salvation and judgment. Revelation is about discipleship and our engagement with the world, even as it anticipates God's grand finale in the New Jerusalem.

Join us for a chapter-by-chapter study that highlights the key themes of this letter. With the help of images and symbols from the Old Testament, and information regarding the religious, political, and economic realities of the Roman Empire, we will begin to appreciate, on the one hand, the book's ironies, caricatures, and warnings, and, on the other, its grandeur, encouragement, and promise.

Demystified, Revelation is a wonderful letter with a very straightforward message.

Led by Diane Chen; Parlor.

THURSDAY NIGHTS

Knowing What You Believe: Mere Christianity by CS Lewis

Jan 16th – Mar 26th 7:00 – 8:30 pm


Pastor Steve is leading a book study on the Christian classic, Mere Christianity by C.S. 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 is 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. Not too late to join us this week!

Childcare provided

Meets in Parlor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **Next Sunday is the “SouperBowl” offering to benefit the homeless.** Youth will have pots & pans after the service and you are encouraged to give a dollar.
- † **Amnion's "Make Change for Life" Baby Bottle Collection and Diaper Drive: Sunday, January 26** marks the beginning of NPC's annual fund raiser for Amnion Pregnancy Center. Baby bottles will be available to be taken home, filled with loose change, **cash, or checks** and returned (full or empty) to NPC by Sunday, **February 16**. Amnion could use the following donations: newborn and size 6 disposable diapers, baby lotion, body wash, shampoo, baby oil, and diaper bags. All donations may be dropped off in the chapel or church office. Any questions, please contact Alice Antonelli at arichardson1@gmail.com
- †  **Coming Soon... 2020 Summer Camp and 2020-2021 Preschool Registration.**
For more information visit www.narberthpres.org/school or email Christina Platt the Preschool Director at preschool@narberthpres.org.
- † **BULLETIN REUSE & RECYCLING**
Not taking your bulletin home? Help us save money and conserve resources by dropping it into one of our new **Bulletin Boxes** located at each main exits from the sanctuary. *Want to go completely paper-free?* Access the bulletin online at www.narberthpres.org using your mobile phone (simply click the front-page link to open this week's bulletin). This reuse and recycling effort is an initiative of our new Creation Care Committee, which seeks to mobilize our church to care for God's creation. For more information or to get involved with the church's new Creation Care Committee, please contact abowser@gmail.com.
- † **NPC** is a church that strives to make the gospel accessible to all and is a community where people of all abilities are welcome. We are growing in how we enfold our members with special needs. Please contact Elder Linda DiLullo at ldilullo3@gmail.com or (610) 453-3420 for more information or to let us know how we may support your needs.

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† **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

† **The Monday evening Men's Bible Study group is open to new members.**

We meet at 7:00pm in the Parlor, led by Tim Nielson.

If interested or for any questions, contact Tim at 610-853-2178.

† **ALL Church Ice Skating - Saturday, February 15th!** Are you ready for some skating?! Join us from 5:30pm-7:30pm at The Philadelphia Skating Club (220 Holland Avenue Ardmore, PA) on Saturday, January 26th. The cost is \$25 per family/\$12 person and we have the rink to ourselves. **There will be lessons available** at no additional cost, and pizza/snacks, drinks, and skates are included. Please note: no hockey pucks or sticks are permitted; comfortable clothing is best; gloves/mittens are a good idea; younger children are encouraged to wear a bike helmet and/or knee/elbow pads. RSVP to John (jchaffee@narberthpres.org) by Friday, February 14.

† Some of the oldest, continually-used mechanical parts of the church have just been replaced. I am talking about the mechanical exterior lock assemblies, some of which were more than 60 years old and many of which were not working correctly. This means that if you rely on a "hard" metal key to get into the building, your old key will no longer work. With the exception of people directly involved in the Facilities Management of the church, we are directing all members and staff to use a plastic FOB for entry. All existing FOBs are unaffected by the lock update and will work just as they always have. If you need access to the church and do not have a FOB, please contact Tim Roykouff, Business Administrator.



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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, January 26

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
4:00pm High School Youth Group

Monday, January 27

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

Tuesday, January 28

12:00pm Prayer Time, open to all, Parlor
7:00pm Outreach Team Meeting
7:00pm Mission Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 29

5:45pm Wed Night supper
7:00-8:00pm "That The World May Know"
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, January 30

4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor
7:00-8:30pm Mere Christianity Book Study, with Pastor Steve, Parlor
7:00pm Youth Staff Outing
7:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal
7:30pm Adult pick-up basketball

Friday, January 31

10:00am Women's Bible Study, Chapel
6:30-9:00pm The Marriage Course, Parlor

Saturday, February 1

4-6pm Private use of gym

Sunday, February 2

Family Worship Sunday
8:00am Sunday School, Parlor
8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office
9:00am Worship Service-Communion
10:40am Adult Sunday School Class, Parlor
10:45am Worship Service-Communion
2-5pm Private use of Sanctuary for recital
4:00pm High School Youth Group

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: jlmpsydh@hotmail.com

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

Feb 4 7:00pm Deacons' Meeting, Parlor
Feb 7,21 9:30am Moms' Bible Study, Parlor
Feb 7 6:30-9:00pm Parents' Night Out, Gym
Feb 11 7:00pm Elder/Deacon Training, Parlor
Feb 13, 27 9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor (All-day quilting event on the 27th)
Feb 15 5:30-7:30pm ALL Church Ice Skating party. See Announcements for details
Feb 18 7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor
Feb 21 6-7:30pm Pre-School Dinner "Around the World", Gym
Feb 28 6:30pm Pickleball, Gym