

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

November 1, 2020

#### 9:15am Prelude Music

9:30am Welcome and Family News		Pastor Steve Weed
Call to Worship	2 1 Timothy 2:1-6	The Esterhai Family
Hymn#669	God of Grace and God of Glory	Cwm Rhondda
Prayer of Invoc	cation	Pastor Debbie
Children's Mes	ssage	Danielle Kauffman
Scripture Read	ing John 14:25-27; John 16:33	Pastor Debbie
Youth Message		John Chaffee
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Debbie
Sermon	Times of Chaos and the Peace of Christ	Pastor Steve
Worship Song	<i>Who You Say I Am</i> Who am I that the highest King would welcom I was lost but He brought me in Oh His love for me, Oh His love for me	
	Chorus 1: Who the Son sets free Oh is free indeed I'm a child of God, Yes I	am
	Free at last He has ransomed me, His grace run While I was a slave to sin Jesus died for me Yes He died for me Chorus 1 Chorus 2: In my Father's house	-
	There's a place for me I'm a child of God, Yes	s I am

Bridge: I am chosen not forsaken, I am who You say I am You are for me not against me, I am who You say I am

I am who You say I am Chorus 1 Chorus 2 Bridge (2x)

Oh I am who You say I am Yes I am who you say I am

> Chorus 1 Chorus 2 (2x)

Benediction

**Pastor Steve** 

Postlude

Sherry Beebe

An online Communion Service will be held tonight at 7:00pm. A separate email link will be sent out. You may tune in at 7:00pm or anytime thereafter.

Invitation To Communion
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them 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. You fashioned this world in love, and govern all the earth with grace and peace. Your reign is for all time, and your mercy is without end. May your kingdom come and your will be done, on earth, as it is in Heaven.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Born as King in David's line, He lived with the lowly and cared for the least of Your children. His power was revealed in weakness, His majesty in mercy.

His only earthly throne was a cross on which to die. Even there His arms stretched out to embrace friends and foes in love. From the grave You raised him to Your right hand where he rules again from heaven, and commands true loyalty from peoples and nations. Remembering Your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from Your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising. With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to You to be a living and holy sacrifice dedicated to Your service.

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

Sharing The Bread and The Cup Prayer of Thanksgiving

# FAMILY MINISTRY

## CHILDREN'S MINSTRY

#### Wacky Wednesday for Kindergarten - 5th grade!

All elementary aged children are encouraged to attend "Wacky Wednesday" from 4:30pm - 5:30pm in the NPC parking lot! Everyone wears a face covering (covering nose and mouth). Hope to see you there!

## YOUTH MINISTRY

#### Youth Group and Small Group Gatherings This Fall

This fall the NPC Youth Min will be pivoting toward more small group gatherings on Wednesdays. Our hope is that with a network of congregants and volunteers we can have alternating larger gatherings and small group gatherings each week for MS and HS youth. Our preference is to meet in people's back or side yards rather than at the church property. AND, we would like to know if you would be willing to host a gathering this fall even if you are not a parent of a MS or HS youth. We would hope to foster more relationships across our church's demographic and see what can happen. If you are interested in attending this fall then just set aside your Wednesday evenings for NPC.

## NPC CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

Narberth Presbyterian Church Christian Preschool is excited to announce that we opened our doors for in-person instruction on Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. We have been implementing contactless drop-off and health screens as well as following the CDC guidelines for preschools. We have limited space available for children who are 18 months- PreK. For more information please email <u>preschool@narberthpres.org</u> or visit our website: <u>www.narberthpres.org/school</u>.

#### **Christina** Platt

Preschool Director School Office: 610-664-8890

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

# SUNDAY CLASSES

## 8:00 am - Scripture Discussion

All are invited to Debbie's class focused on discussing the Scripture passage for each week's worship service and sermon. Come join us via Zoom for what is always a rich time of fellowship and learning. Led by Pastor Debbie Watson

#### 11:00 am - Hebrews: How Jesus was Deeply Jewish, and So is Christianity

John Chaffee is leading a Zoom class for people of all ages (youth and all the way up) on the book of Hebrews. In the New Testament, Hebrews is an often overlooked book that is rich with Old Testament references and imagery. As a follow-up to Mark Wenger's course on Romans, Hebrews makes a lot of sense, because together, these books present different angles on the same Jesus and Christian faith. At a time in the first century when believers were experiencing a lot of push-back/harassment for their faith, and some were tempted to leave it, and return to traditional Judaism, the writer of Hebrews sought to show how Jesus represented the core of biblical Jewish tradition, even as he transcended it. Our plan is to focus on one chapter each week, discussing where Hebrews makes unique statements in the New Testament, and chatting about how our ancient faith still is miles ahead of us today. Contact John Chaffee for the Zoom link at <u>jchaffee@narberthpres.org</u>

## WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT THE CHURCH

## 7:00 pm - "With All Your Heart" part 2 of the video series (6 weeks)

Pastor Debbie is hosting a Bible Study focused on how God taught (and still teaches) his people in the desert and beyond. In this segment, God's people leave the desert for the fertile fields of the Promised Land. In their joy, will they remember where their blessings come from?

This in-person study, which has a video component, is open to everyone above Middle School age. Join us in the Chapel, where we will meet – wearing masks and safely distanced – for a new opportunity to learn for ourselves what it is to walk with God in our own "deserts." In accordance with current safety precautions, there will be no childcare for this gathering.

#### Led by Pastor Debbie Watson Location: Chapel

## 7:00pm "How Is Your Faith?" Bible Study

Wednesday nights at 7:00pm, Pastor Steve is leading a new in person Bible Study at the church entitled, "How Is Your Faith?" Each week there is biblical teaching on the importance of faith, but the emphasis will be on personal application, prayer, and encouraging one another in this time of covid-19. Our goal is practical, biblical encouragement, with gentle accountability in our relationship with God and others. All are welcome!

While pre-registration is not required to attend, please be in touch with Karen at the office or Pastor Steve if you are interested or have any questions.

#### NEXT WEEK: NEW GROUP

#### "An American Lament" 8-Week Zoom Discussion Group - Mondays at 7:00 pm Starting November 9th

Since we have had such positive feedback from those who have already gone through this study, we are once again offering an opportunity for people to journey through the 40-day devotional, "An American Lament". It is an indepth study of racial justice and reconciliation. Each day, you will be drawn into a time of prayer, Scripture reading, reflection, and response led by various Black and white pastors and leaders. Learn more about the history of slavery and Jim Crow in America and the challenges that still exist today in areas such as criminal justice, drug sentencing, housing, education, and health. Consider how God may be calling you to respond both as an individual and as part of the greater Church. Enjoy an opportunity to come together with fellow Christians to hear one another's thoughts and reflections on the readings. This small group opportunity will be offered on Monday nights via Zoom. Each discussion section will be limited to 10 people. Depending on the level of interest, discussion groups may also be offered on additional days. Facilitators will be Dave Bellamy and Marilyn Reed. If you are interested, please contact Sue Wenger at <u>mswenger</u>(*a*)vahoo.com.

## **NEWS FROM THE DEACONS**

#### From Ashley Reed, Moderator

#### Mosaic Community Church Letter

Narberth has always been a church of helping others and building relationships. We do service projects and support many people and causes. It's a big part of who we are, how we present ourselves to the world.

The Deacons were given an opportunity to foster a new relationship with another church. The Mosaic Community Church in Philadelphia is known to us through relationships with Erik Johanson, Matthew and Linshuang Weed, who are part of that congregation.

Mosaic Church reached out, because they are renovating a multi-purpose room and wanted to know if we could partner with them on this project. It came to the Deacons, because it was not just about monetary support, but joining together as sister churches.

The Deacons thought and prayed over what God was calling us to do. We met with the pastor, the Rev. Angel Halstead, and Treasurer, Erik Johanson. They spoke of how this space would be used for online learning, a sanctuary space in which to provide constructive activities for youth, and to provide meals for those affected by COVID, or food insecurity.

The Deacons talked with them about how our churches could grow together. The Mosaic Church is excited about the cross-cultural aspects of our two churches. They are a young church, and excited to have an older church they can learn from. They mentioned welcoming help with things like doing multimedia worship and training for different church skills (e.g. ushering, technology).

A vote to give the Mosaic Community Church the funds for their church's multipurpose space was passed by the Deacons. The funds used came from our Deacons' Assistance fund. This fund is normally used to assist church members and friends in their times of need. This unusual assistance request provided the Deacons with an opportunity to help another local urban church provide assistance to their church family and community.

# UPDATE FROM SAFETY AND SECURITY

**Welcome Back!** We give our heartfelt thanks to our members, friends, and volunteers who joined us the past two Sundays for in-person worship and live-streaming at 9:30. Everyone has been respectful of NPC 's four pillars of health and safety including proper mask-wearing, social distancing, hand-sanitizing, and checking in at screening stations. Together, it has been a safe and uplifting worship experience. Thank you!

**Local Health Conditions.** Dr. Nina O'Connor and our team continue to monitor our local conditions and COVID Trends using data from the Pennsylvania Department of Health. Case counts and hospitalizations continue to rise in our region, so continued attention to masking and social distancing is critical. The Safety and Security Team will continue to provide updates to NPC leadership. Please pray for continued stabilization of this pandemic and for health and safety in our community.

**Nov 1st Registration.** To date, 67 "Yes" RSVPs have been received to attend this Sunday's service, leaving capacity for more members and friends to join us this Sunday. Congregants will be required to check in and pass through a brief health screening before entering the church. Social distancing and mask wearing are required at all times on church property. Please remember, weekly registration is required for every worship service. It opens on Sundays and closes on Fridays. Look for an NPC e-mail this Sunday to register on-line or by calling the church at 610-664-4880 to manually register.

**Recent Adjustments**. Last Sunday, things went even smoother aided by earlier arrivals. Here are a few things to keep in mind:

**Volunteers** please check in by 8:45 and be in position when doors open at 9:00 **Congregants** please check in and be seated by 9:15 to enjoy the Prelude music and avoid lines at the screening stations. Expect your temperature taken by a health screener as you enter the church

Our ushers will encourage you to sit more up-front with proper social distancing After an orderly dismissal, we encourage fellowship with others outside before driving home subject to masking, social distancing and limiting gathering sizes.

**How Can I Prepare?** Before you arrive at NPC, please take a few minutes and review important information that is posted on our website (<u>click here</u>) including: 1) A Welcome Video; 2) Reopening Frequently Asked Questions; and 3) Guidelines and Protocols for Worship. Please pray for a continuation of safe in-person worship services at NPC through the Fall and Winter. Please remember, there is no pressure for friends and members to resume in-person worship services.

We welcome suggestions and feedback that can be directed to Tim Roykouff, Business Administrator, troykouff@narberthpres.org.

# COMMUNICATIONS

#### Prayer

Requests for prayer can be made anytime by calling the church office or emailing to <u>prayer@narberthpres.org</u> Requests will be posted as quickly as possible for immediate prayer by the Prayer Team.

**Small group leaders** are encouraged to reach out to the Church office if any meeting resource (voice conference calling or video conference calling) is needed. Small group members are encouraged to remain in contact with each other. Some small groups may continue, others may take a break in this time. Small group leaders are encouraged to communicate with their group as to what you will be doing in this time.

**Office:** The church office may be contacted by phone at 610-664-4880 from 9 am to 4 pm Monday - Friday with questions, concerns, prayer requests, etc. Messages may also be left at any other time. We love to hear from you.

**Giving:** Your gifts and tithes make this ministry possible and keep our church strong. Giving may be done at: <u>www.narberthpres.org/give</u> Giving may be done by texting your gift to 610-642-4831. Gifts and tithes may also be mailed to the church office: Narberth Presbyterian Church Attention: Financial Secretary 205 Grayling Ave. Narberth PA 19072

205 Grayling Avenue Post Office Box 414 Narberth, PA 19072 Office hours 9:00am to 4:30pm Mon-Th. 9:00-3:00pm Fri. Phone: 610-664-4880 Fax: 610-668-8225 E-mail: office@narberthpres.org	Stephen N. Weed, Pastor Deborah Watson, Associate Pastor John Chaffee, Director of Youth Ministry Danielle Kauffman, Dir. of Children's Min. Colin & Sarah Comstock, Worship Bnd Ldrs Christina Platt, Dir. of Pre-School Tim Roykouff, Business Administrator Hugh Barrie, Assistant Property Mgr. Isabel Lally, Pastoral Visitor Karen Pappas, Secretary Joyce B. Nicolai, Bookkeeper Ruth Ellen Patterson, Financial Secretary Larry Lubchuk, Weekend Custodian CCLI # License #387124
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# BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

#### Sunday, November 1

8:00am Zoom Sunday School Discussion Class Led by Debbie 9:30am In-person Worship (registration required) Worship Service also available online

at <u>www.narberthpres.org</u> 11:00 am - Hebrews: How Jesus was Deeply Jewish, and So is Christianity Zoom Class led by John Chaffee

#### 7:00pm Online Communion Service

Monday, November 2 7:00pm Zoom Prayer Group

# Tuesday, November 3

Election Day 12:00pm Prayer group -Meet in the parking lot

#### Wednesday, November 4

4:30-5:30pm "Whacky Wednesday", Children's Ministry K-5th 7:00pm Zoom ACTS Prayer Meeting 7:00pm "With All Your Heart" In-person video series, led by Debbie Watson, 7:00pm "How's Your Faith" Bible Study, led by Pastor Steve

To join any of the above listed Zoom meetings, please call the church office at 610-664-4880

#### Each Week

Christian Pre-School - 610-664-8890 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: jlmpsych@hotmail.com

#### Thursday, November 5

Friday, November 6 7-8am Zoom Community Prayer Meeting for Racial Reconciliation. Zoom link available

#### Saturday, November 7

#### Sunday, Nov ember 8

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