

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

September 8, 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**

*In Classic Style*

*Young*

**Welcome and Call To Worship**

**Hymn #2**

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

*Nicaea*

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Family News**

**Puntiff Steve's Bowling Announcement**

**Scripture Reading**

Matthew 4:18-22, Matthew 13:44-46

(P.1500, 1597)

9:00am Tom Patterson

10:45am Joyce Lewis

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 a flourishing life. We confess we have settled for poor substitutes. In our lack of trust we have withheld ourselves from you, and failed to love our neighbor. Please forgive us, and deliver us from part-time Christianity and half-hearted desires. By the quickening of the Holy Spirit, renew our purpose in you. Help us to see Jesus Christ as the Treasure of life, and the Pearl of great price. When Simon Peter was catching fish, you caught him. In this new church year, please catch us. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

**Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon**

**Sunday School Welcome to children and youth**

**Danielle Kaufman**

**Greeting**

**John Chafee**

**Worship Song**

*Joy In Your Waters*

*Cantrell*

**Worship Song**

*Nothing I Hold On To*

*Reagan*

*During the 9:00am service and the 10:45am service, children in K through 5<sup>th</sup> grades may be dismissed to Children's Sunday School. During the 9:00am service, 6<sup>th</sup> 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

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Sherry Beebe

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Luke 5:1-11

(p.1597)

Sermon

Saying YES to Jesus: Whole Life Discipleship

Steve Weed,  
Pastor

Hymn #45

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

*Nettleton*

Benediction

Prayer Ministry

9:00am Lisa Hoffman

10:45am Scott Todd

*The altar flowers today* are given to the glory of God by Gerri Wismer in love and remembrance of her husband Bill, on their wedding anniversary.

*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](http://www.narberthpres.org) or podcast through iTunes.

**In light of the devastation from Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas**, the Session has approved a special disaster relief offering. Over the next three Sundays, you may give a special gift (over and above regular giving) to help our neighbors in the Bahamas. Checks can be made out to Narberth Presbyterian, and designated to "Hurricane Relief." Our gifts will be channeled through the Salvation Army, who are working directly on the field to provide practical and spiritual assistance.

**NEW SERMON SERIES.** Today we continue a brand new series of messages on Spiritual Formation, "Called To Flourish: How Christ Is Formed In Us." We are considering the process by which Jesus Christ shaped Simon to become Peter, the "Rock," and how Christ is likewise formed in each of us.

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 he does not leave us there. Jesus said, "When a pupil is fully trained, he or she will be like the master" (Luke 6:40). This is whole life discipleship, and the path to a flourishing life.

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).

Sermon Last Week - "Identity: How Does Jesus Look At You?" (Learning to see ourselves and others the way Christ sees us)

Sermon Today - "Saying Yes To Jesus: Whole Life Discipleship."

Sermon Next Week - "Water Walking 101: Fear, Faith, and the Presence of Jesus." (Matthew 14:22-33).

# FAMILY MINISTRY: CHILDREN, YOUTH & PARENTS

**ACTIVATE Your Faith!** - Children's Sunday School Curriculum! *Beginning 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\*\*

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**ALL CHURCH BOWLING!** It's back and with more lanes. This event is for everyone so join us **today** 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! Prizes will be awarded to TOP bowlers! See YOU there!

**INGREDIENTS OF A GODLY LIFE! New Wednesday Night Programming for children!** Beginning this Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> children up to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to explore the ingredients that go into a godly life, while they help “cook up” Some food and fun! Children will have unique opportunities to be in the kitchen and create delicious meals and snacks. This Wednesday we will decorate our own cooking aprons. Children's program begins at 7:00pm and we meet in RM #107 (Red Door Room). Hope to see many of you there!

On Wednesday nights this fall, we will be starting a weekly **Middle School gathering** for our Youth. Come for dinner before if you are able but otherwise we will be in the youth room from 7pm until 8pm. We hope to continue to build the Middle School group into a consistent gathering that pairs with the normal Wednesday night programming.

# SAVE THE DATES

**Today, September 8<sup>th</sup>** – Sunday School Kickoff for Children & Youth AND  
Bowling

**Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>** – 5:45 pm Supper and Classes resume  
Ingredients of a Godly Life (children up to 5<sup>th</sup> Gr)  
MS Youth Group 7pm-8pm

**Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>** – Kickball with the Pastor

**Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>** – Blessing of the Children during the 9:00 and 10:45  
services

## OCTOBER

**Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>** – Parents' Night Out

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

## NOVEMBER

**Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> – Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>** – The Philadelphia Project Blitz  
Weekend for 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mswenger@yahoo.com). Parlor

# 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.**

**John Chafee:** A weekly, Wednesday night Middle School, 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> grade gathering for our Youth. Come for dinner before the class or meet in the youth room. **7:00-8:00pm September 11<sup>th</sup> Youth Room**

**Danielle Kaufmann:** Ingredients of a Godly Life. Come explore the Ingredients for a godly life. Children up to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited. **September 11<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00pm RM #107 (Red Door)**

## 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!