

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

May 12, 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 *GLORIA from Twelfth Mass* **Mozart**

Welcome and Call To Worship

Hymn #374 *Now Thank We All Our God* **Nun Danket**

Prayer of Invocation

Family News

Scripture Reading John 20:24-31 (p.1687)
9:00am Danielle Kauffman
10:45am John Chaffee

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All the people: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we thank you that the risen Jesus came to Thomas, even in his doubts. We ask that you would come to us in times of doubt and despair, and help us to believe. We confess that we have failed to actively cultivate our faith, and we have neglected the grace that comes through one another. Please forgive us. Today we thank you for the sacred vocation of our Mothers. Please encourage them, and fill our homes with the presence of Christ and the spirit of gratitude. Teach us to be a church in which iron sharpens iron, and love abounds for all people. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Greeting

Worship Song *Resurrecting (New)* **Brown**

9:00am Sacrament of Infant Baptism **Hallie Elizabeth Kennedy**
Daughter of Jesse & Katie Kennedy

Worship Song *Good Good Father* **Tomlin**

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

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Clair de Lune
Spencer Hurst, Piano

Debussy

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 3:12-14; 10:23-25, 35

(p. 1865, 1874)

Sermon

Helping Each Other to Believe

Steve Weed,
Pastor

Hymn #751

For All the Saints

Sine Nomine

Benediction

Prayer Ministry

9:00am Jack Comstock

10:45am Linda Behmke

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of their son, Craig Charles Lewis, by Chuck & Joyce Lewis.

The beautiful roses you see here at the front have been generously provided for all women and girls, whether or not you are a mother. You are invited to come up after the benediction and choose a rose to take home.

The Rose Window has been dark for several weeks while the lighting is being restored. We look forward to its beauty being well-lit again soon.

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.

Narberth Presbyterian Church is grateful for your gifts. You may give in the offering plate with cash or a check, online at narberthpres.org/give, or via text message by sending the amount you wish to give to 610-642-4831.

There are multiple free copies of the Bible throughout the church. Please take one for yourself or to share with a friend.

Flower Dedication: Each week beautiful flowers grace our church. They remind us of the Lord's goodness and are a way honor Him. You may provide one week's flowers with a suggested donation of \$20. Flowers may be given in memory of someone or simply to God's glory. Either way, it will be acknowledged in the weekly church bulletin. If you would like to dedicate flowers, please call Karen, our church secretary, at the church office: 610-664-4880, ext. 119.

FAMILY MINISTRY: CHILDREN, YOUTH & PARENTS

Mission Possible - Children's Sunday School Curriculum! Beginning Sunday, May 12th, K – 5th grade will be introduced to a new curriculum series on mission and service. During the 9:00 Sunday School time we will also have a special weekly speaker who will talk with us about their personal experiences doing mission work. Joining us this month will be Micah Hauger, Justin Kauffman, Jennifer Bonovitz, and PT (though he can't officially join us). We will also be taking a closer look at the life of Paul during our Bible study time.

2 year olds & 3 year olds enjoy an age appropriate lesson in The Blue Door Room (RM #105) during the 9:00 service only and meet in The Red Door Rm (RM #107) at 10:45.

4 year olds through PreK meet in The Red Door Room (RM #107) during both the 9:00 and 10:45 services.

Our Nursery 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****

VBC Registration is available online! Are you ready for this summer's MANE event?! Join us Monday, June 17th – Friday, June 21nd from 1:30pm-4:30pm for ROAR VBC – Life is Wild and God is Good! Online Registration is open as of March 17th. Please visit our church website to register your child or register to volunteer: www.narberthpres.org

Sunday, June 2nd is Children & Youth Sunday! Mark your calendar for Sunday, June 2nd as we recognize our 5th graders and high school seniors during the 9:00 service. We will also be presenting Bibles to our rising 2nd graders. This special service will be led by our children and youth!

Hershey Park – Family Field Trip! Join your church family as we travel to the sweetest place on earth on Saturday, June 29th. Please contact Charlene McGrew (Charlene.mcgreg@gmail.com) if you are interested in purchasing group tickets. Tickets are \$35.50 (great price!) and the deadline to order is May 31st. Please note that transportation is not provided by the church.

Even if you can't make the June 29th trip, tickets can be used any time during the 2019 season (no blackout dates), so order as many tickets as you like, and feel free to invite friends!

Friday, June 7th - VBC Training!

All VBC volunteers are encouraged to attend our VBC training that will take place in the gym from 6:30pm - 8:00pm.

Join us for food & fun as we prepare for a ROARING good time at VBC!

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

Middle School Girls Group – Next meeting: May 19th

We meet every other Sunday for lunch and a time to hang out from 12 noon to 1:30pm at the Groenevelds, 509 Haverford Road, Narberth! We plan on getting to know each other better and sharing and praying about what is going on in our lives. We're also planning a service project. Contact Lisa Hoffman for more information at 610-804-7905. Hope to see you there!

HSYG - Sunday, May 12th @4-6pm

If you haven't joined us yet, we are always excited to have you! This is really a relaxed gathering where we usually (1) catch up and then likely banter about something, (2) play some games, (3) order some food, and (4) build a conversation together about one chapter of Scripture a week with the help of some Soccer Referee Cards... This coming Sunday we are finishing Leviticus before starting up the book of James.

MS Game Night - Friday, May 17th @6-9pm

This is an evening for Middle Schoolers where we often start out doing games in the gym, then have some delivery foods of some sort, go through another lesson in the Gospel of John and then pretty much laugh the rest of the night. King Frog was hilarious last time, so, we will probably do that game again!

Children and Youth Sunday - Sunday, June 2nd

On this special day, which is one of our family Sundays, we are taking time to specifically celebrate our children and youth. Most notably, those graduating 5th grade as well as those graduating 12th grade and heading to their post-high school adventures. This will be a unique Sunday that will also highlight our programs in a unique way, so plan ahead and be sure to be in town!

Vacation Bible Camp - Monday, June 17th to Friday, June 21st

Its back again, one of the craziest weeks of the year for our church! Although the entire week is directed toward children, we always need the help of our incredible youth to put on this impressive event! [If you are interested in volunteering your first week of the summer, click here to sign up as a volunteer!](#)

The Philadelphia Project - July 21-27th

This is our annual trip with High Schoolers to The Philadelphia Project in Roxborough. Although it is close, we treat it as though it is a mission trip to far away. We will be staying at their accommodations, joining in on their numerous projects around the city, partaking in their evening services, and spending quality time together. Many of our youth come back from this trip saying how much they enjoyed it and how much it meant to them. [Click here to sign up for The Philadelphia Project this summer!](#)

SPRING CLASSES

3 Wednesday Night Classes:

- † **Book/Bible Study: Pastor Steve is leading a 5 week class on Ordering Your Private World by Gordon MacDonald.** In this modern Christian classic, the author explores the theme of bringing order to our inner and outer worlds, and living life from the inside out. Chapter titles include: "The Sinkhole Syndrome," "Living as a Called Person." "Has Anyone Seen My Time? I've Misplaced It," and "Rest Beyond Leisure."

This class meets for **5 Wednesdays, April 24 - May 22, 7:00-8:15pm** in the Parlor. We are integrating Bible study with weekly readings from the book, and application assignments. Please sign up in the chapel. Books are available in the chapel for those who choose to participate in the class. (Parlor)

- † **Philippians (April 24 to May 15, 7-8 pm) Led by Diane Chen**

This is a 4-week series on Paul's letter to the Christians in Philippi, covering one chapter per week. While Philippians is often thought of as one of Paul's friendliest letters, peppered with mentions of joy, thanksgiving, and Christian fellowship, it also contains stern warnings against "dogs" and "evil workers." As we pay attention to Paul's circumstances and the letter's historical-cultural context, we will see the text come alive, from which we may glean valuable lessons for faith and discipleship in today's world. (Chapel)

- † **The Power of Prayer (April 24-May 22, 7-8pm). Led by Cathy Callaway.**

The purpose of this discussion oriented class is to strengthen our prayer life and encourage one another. We are studying some of the great Biblical passages about prayer as we lean into the promises of God. (Resource Center/Steve's Office)

- † **Sunday Morning Class 9:30 am**

We are continuing our study of **the Gospel of Luke** for nine sessions, covering chapters 10 – 18. Join us as we follow Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem and learn about the way of discipleship. We will use an inductive Bible Study approach that emphasizes looking into the text for the facts, thinking about what they mean, and considering how they apply to our situation today. The study is discussion-based and facilitated by various members of the class. We are using Diane Chen's commentary on Luke to supplement our discussions.

Meets in the parlor. Questions? Please contact Sue Wenger at [mswenger@yahoo.com](mailto:mwenger@yahoo.com)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **Sr. Adult Slide Show This Friday at 1:30pm**

Come join us for slides of Diane Chen's trip to Sequoia National Park, Cambria, CA and the Hearst Castle on Friday afternoon 1:30pm, in the Parlor. All are welcome! Sign-up in Chapel.

† **Please visit the Book Table in the Chapel and take a look at our new DVD collection: The Torchlighters: Heroes of The Faith.** Also on display are biographical books for young people and books for all ages as well.

† **Palmer Seminary Holy Land Study Tour (Dec 28, 2019 to Jan 10, 2020)**

Debbie Watson and Diane Chen will be leading Palmer Seminary students and alumni on a 14-day study tour of the Holy Land with the Jerusalem Center of Biblical Studies. We still have some spots available. If you are interested please email Diane Chen at dchen@eastern.edu for more information and a trip brochure. Both Debbie and Diane are available to answer any questions you may have.

† **Transportation Ministry seeking volunteers**

The Deacons are looking for volunteers to provide transportation for those who need a ride to get to church on Sunday or other events. Each volunteer would only be called on at the most, once a month, hopefully less. If you are willing to help in this way, please contact **Kevin Cope** at kevindavidcope@gmail.com or 215-510-0459.

† **Opportunity to Serve: Jennifer Bonovitz has been faithfully serving the homeless people of Philadelphia for many years. We need additional volunteers to come along side Jennifer in this ministry providing food and fellowship. Sandwiches and beverages are given to approximately 50 men at Logan Circle. There is a coordinator there to direct as you arrive. If you want more information, can make sandwiches and/or give out the food, please sign up in the Chapel.**

† **Debbie is teaching a Palmer Seminary Greek class in the Chapel, Monday through Friday, 8:30am-Noon, from May 13 to June 7th. Stop by and say hello!**



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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, May 12

8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office

8:00am Sunday School Class, Parlor

9:00am Worship Service

9:30am Youth Sunday School, Youth Room

9:30am Adult Sunday School Class, Parlor

10:45am Worship Service

4:00pm Youth Group

Monday, May 13

8:30-12:00pm Palmer Greek Class, Chapel

7:00pm Prayer Group, open to all, Steve's Office

7:00pm MBR-Bible Study, Music room

7:30pm Men's Bible Study, Parlor

Tuesday, May 14

7:00am Men-Sponsored Prayer Breakfast, at Narberth Diner

8:30-12:00pm Palmer Greek Class, Chapel

11:00am Praying with the Bible group, Parlor

7:00pm Session Meeting – reception of new members, Parlor

Wednesday, May 15

8:30-12:00pm Palmer Greek Class, Chapel

1:00pm CNS Board Meeting, Parlor

5:45-6:45 Dinner:

7:00-8:00pm Bible Study: Philippians, led by Diane Chen (4 weeks)

7:00-8:15pm Book Study: "Ordering Your Private World", led by Pastor Steve (5-weeks)

7:00-8:00pm Bible Study: The Power of Prayer led by Cathy Callaway (5 weeks)

Each Week

Christian Nursery 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: jlmpsy@hotmai.com

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

May 20 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
May 21 Parlor reserved all day for primary election day
May 21 7:00pm Session Meeting, Chapel
May 22 9:30am Staff Meeting, Parlor
May 23 9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor
May 23 1:00-4:30pm Sr. Adult trip to Chester Co. Historical Soc.
May 24 9:30am Moms' Group, Parlor
May 27 Office closed for Memorial Day
May 28 7:00pm Missions Committee Meeting, Parlor
May 28 7:00pm Outreach Committee Meeting, Chapel
June 2 Children & Youth Sunday
June 7 6:30pm VBC Training, Gym

Thursday, May 16

8:30-12:00pm Palmer Greek Class, Chapel

4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor, Gym

7:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary

7:30pm Adult pick-up basketball, Gym

Friday, May 17

8:30-12:00pm Palmer Greek Class, Chapel

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

1:30pm Sr. Adult Slide Show, Parlor

6:30pm Middle School Youth Group, Gym

Saturday, May 18

6:30pm Pickleball, Gym

Sunday, May 19

8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office

8:00am Sunday School Class, Parlor

9:00am Worship Service-New Members

9:30am Youth Sunday School, Youth Room

9:30am Adult Sunday School Class, Parlor

10:45am Worship Service

3:00pm Outside use of sanctuary for recital

4:00pm Youth Group