

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

February 16, 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

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

arr. Hopson

Welcome and Responsive Call To Worship

#308 The Holy Scriptures

First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Open my eyes, so that I may behold wondrous things out of your law. Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

The Lord exists forever; your word, Lord, is firmly fixed in heaven. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.

Hymn #66

The God of Abraham Praise

Leoni

Prayer of Invocation

Family News

Scripture Reading

Exodus 3:1-6

(p.90)

9:00am Maya and Noelle Wren

10:45am Georgia Ward

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All the people: Thanks be to God!

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Benediction

Prayer Ministry

9:00am Greg Hein

10:45am Deborah Miller

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God, from Gerri Wismer, remembering my Bill with love and thanksgiving.

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.

New Explorers' Class:

12:15-2:15pm ~ A New 6-week Explorers' Class started last week, and is 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 missions of NPC, and what it means to be Presbyterian Christians. Childcare and lunch are provided. There's still time to join!

New

Wednesday Night Video series with Debbie Watson

"Fire On the Mountain" is a 6-week study of the Hebrew people, as god led them through the wilderness, and taught them how to be uniquely his people. All are welcome to all or any of our weeks together in the Chapel, 7-8pm.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

World Day of Prayer at NPC “Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk” March 6, 2020, from 10-11:30am



This year, the women of the World Day of Prayer (WDP) Committee of Zimbabwe call us to worship with the words: “Rise! Take your mat and walk” from John 5. We are invited to learn about Zimbabwe’s history and rich culture. The women share their stories of intergenerational wisdom, traditions, and experiences of God’s profound love.

The WDP 2020 program is based on Jesus’ encounter with a person who, although positioned for healing, had not acted upon the opportunities given (John 5:2–9a). Jesus asked “Do you want to be made well?” You are faced with this life-changing question. What are you going to do? Use this opportunity to reflect with your WDP group, community and ecumenical partners. Prayer and action are what link us together around the globe.

Since the nineteenth century, Christian women in the United States and Canada have initiated cooperative activities in many areas of concern for women and children, recognizing the critical role of prayer in mission work and their call to promote world peace through worldwide mission work. The first organized “day of prayer for the world” was held in Canada on January 9, 1920. The United States soon followed on February 20, 1920.

Now, hundreds of thousands of women (and men, youth, and children) from around the world and in every region gather to worship on the first Friday in March. Each year, a different country serves as the writer of the World Day of Prayer worship service and other materials. Women of that country’s national WDP committee interpret scripture within their cultural context and prepare a worship service; women around the world lead the services.

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

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.

Preschool Sunday is Sunday, March 1 during the 9:00 service. Join us as we celebrate the Narberth Christian Preschool. Sunday School children and Preschool children will sing.

Save the date:

Sunday, March 1 - Preschool Sunday!

Friday, March 6 - Parents’ Night Out!

Sunday, March 29 - Baptism & Communion Class begins!

Save the date! Parenting Seminar - Growing a Family Culture - will be held on Friday, April 17th at 7:00pm here at NPC. Please note childcare will not be provided.

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

YOUTH: Upcoming Special Events

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

Mar. 20-22nd - HS Pocono Cabin Retreat

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† Today is the day to return your baby bottles!

Amnion's "Make Change for Life" Baby Bottle Collection and Diaper Drive: Jan 26 marked the beginning of NPC's annual fund raiser for Amnion Pregnancy Center. Baby bottles are 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

† **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.

† **Dr. Janet Moore** has been serving in our Counseling Ministry for over 14 years, working with individuals struggling with a wide range of personal and psychological challenges. Dr. Moore's perspective is that addressing mental health issues is essential to opening our hearts and minds, thereby enabling a closer relationship with God that can sustain us in an imperfect world. You may reach Dr. Moore by leaving a message on her church extension, 610-664-4880 (ext. 121), or at 484-686-6630.

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† SILENCE!

Does that command bring back bad memories from your childhood? Are we ever silent? It's a real challenge in our world but did you know that silence can reduce stress and lower your blood pressure? Why not come for a weekend of prayerful silence at the **Jesuit Retreat Center in Wernersville**? It is sure to be a weekend that will refresh and renew your soul. Arrive anytime on Friday, April 24 (dinner at 5:30, orientation at 7) and return Sunday afternoon, April 26. Cost of \$180 covers a private room and meals. No experience necessary! Contact Dave Bellamy at dbellamy@narberthpres.org or 610-520-9382 for more information. Register online at narberthpres.org. Registration deadline is April 12.

† 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.

† 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, February 16

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, February 17

6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Chapel
7:00pm Prayer Group, open to all, Steve's Office
7:30pm Men's Bible Study, Parlor (Open to new members)

Tuesday, February 18

12:00pm Prayer Time, open to all, Parlor
7:00pm Knitters' Group, Chapel
7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, February 19

12:00pm Staff Meeting, Parlor
5:45pm Wed Night supper: Mediterranean Chicken, Rice, Izumi's Cucumber Salad, Green Salad
7:00-8:00pm "Fire On The Mountain" 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

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: jmpsych@hotmail.com

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

Feb 26	ASH WEDNESDAY services at 7:00am and 7:00pm
Feb 27	9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor (All-day quilting event)
Feb 28	1:00pm Sr. Adult Slide Show: Debbie's Israel trip-Part 1, Sign up in chapel
Feb 28	6:30pm Pickleball, Gym
Mar 1	9:00am Service: Pre-School Sunday
Mar 2,16,30	6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Chapel
Mar 6	10am-Noon World Day of Prayer, Chapel & Sanctuary
Mar 6,20	9:30am Moms' Bible Study, Parlor
Mar 6	6:30-9 Parents' Night Out, Gym
Mar 12,26	9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor
Mar 17	7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor
Mar 20	1:00pm Sr. Adult Slide Show
Mar 20	6:30-8:00pm "Friends For Life" event, Parlor

Thursday, February 20

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

Friday, February 21

9:30am Moms' Bible Study, Parlor
10:00am Women's Bible Study, Chapel
6:30-9:00pm The Marriage Course, Parlor
6-7:30pm Pre-School Dinner "Around the World", Gym

Saturday, February 22

Sunday, February 23

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor
8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office
9:00am Worship Service-children singing!
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