

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

July 29, 2018

*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.*

## Extended Prelude

*Alleluia, Sing To Jesus #263*  
*Crown Him With Many Crowns #92*  
*God's Holy Ways Are Just and True #328*  
*To God Be the Glory #72*

*Praise To The Lord, the Almighty (Organ, arr. Bish)*

Sherry Beebe, Organ

Emil Pilacik, Trumpet, Andy Hutton, Trombone

## Welcome and Concerns of the Church

## Call to Worship

### Hymn #95

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

*Coronation*

## Prayer of Invocation

### Scripture Reading

James 5:13-16

(p.1885)

9:00am Ruth Ellen Patterson

10:45am Tabby Gaffga

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All the people: Thanks be to God!**

## Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we thank you for Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, and the One who makes us whole. Where else can we go with the burdens and sins of life? Yet we confess that we try to fix ourselves, without relying on you. We lack the humility to receive grace from others, and we overlook the resources of your body, the church. Please forgive us at the cross. In our brokenness and diversity, bind us together as one in Christ. Where we are spiritually lame, help us to run and not be weary, to walk and not faint. In Jesus' Name, and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

### Hymn #611 (verse 1)

*There Is a Balm in Gilead*

## The Greeting

### Worship Song

*All The People Said Amen*

*Maher*

### Worship Song

*One Thing Remains*

*Johnson/Gifford/Riddle*

*During the 9:00am service, children in K through 5<sup>th</sup> grades (2018-2019 school year) may be dismissed to Children's Sunday School.*

*During the 10:45am service, children in K through 5<sup>th</sup> grades (2018-2019 school year) may be dismissed to the Gym for Sunday School after the hymn/worship song.*

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

**Deborah Watson,**  
Associate Pastor

**Passing of Friendship Pads**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

*He Will Hold Me Fast*

*Getty*

Linda Pilacik and Dana Ergenbright

**Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

**Scripture Reading**

Mark 2:1-12

(p.1553)

**Sermon**

**Your Faith And The Challenges of Life**

**How Is Your Spiritual Support?**

**Steve Weed,**  
Pastor

**Hymn #700**

*We Are God's People*

*Symphony*

**Benediction**

**Prayer Ministry**

9:00am Sue Wenger

10:45am Scott Todd

*Thank you for being with us in worship today! To learn more about our church, Welcome Bags are available for newcomers in the Narthex*

**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.

**Today Sherry Beebe will lead an extended prelude of 20 minutes prior to the 9:00am service, and at 10:35 before the second service.**

**The congregation is invited to attend the Ordination Service for Liesel Ackley this afternoon at 3:00pm here at NPC.**

**All are invited to the reception following the service, in the chapel.**

## SERMONS IN JULY

Series: “Your Faith And The Challenges of Life”

- July 1      **The Liberating Power of ‘Whatever’**
- July 8      **Is Lifelong Faith Possible?**
- July 15     **When the Answer Seems To Be ‘No’**
- July 22     **Representatives of Christ In A Divided World**
- July 29     **How Is Your Spiritual Support?**

## PREACHERS IN AUGUST

- August 5    **Dr. Diane Chen, Elder and Professor of New Testament at Palmer Theological Seminary**
- August 12   **Dr. David Darwin, Missionary with CRU, in the Leadership Studies Department at the International Graduate School of Leadership, Manila, Philippines**
- August 19   **Dr. Charles (Chaz) Howard, Chaplain at University of Pennsylvania**
- August 26   **Rev. Dr. Deborah Watson, Associate Pastor and Professor of New Testament at Palmer Theological Seminary**

# FAMILY MINISTRY: CHILDREN, YOUTH & PARENTS

Children’s Summer Programming 9:00 & 10:45 Worship Services

Nursery Room: Infants – 23 months (9:00 and 10:45)

2’s – PreK: Books & Bible Craft, Red Door Room downstairs (9:00 and 10:45)

Grades K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade: (2018-2019 school year): **Incredible Faith**, Gym (9:00 & 10:45) Children begin in the Sanctuary and are dismissed to Sunday School.

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**Current and Upcoming Events:**

† **Children’s Summer Programs! 9:00 & 10:45**

2’s - PreK (2018-2019 school year) - Books and Bible craft! Each Sunday children will enjoy a variety of stories from our NPC Children’s Library and a special Bible craft! Children will meet weekly in the Red Door Room.

† **K-5th grade** (2018-2019 school year) - INCREDIBLE FAITH! This summer the Incredibles 2 movie is sure to be a hit and so is our Incredible Faith. From beginning to end the Bible is filled with incredible stories of heroes whose faith in God allowed them to be used by God to save the day. Through scripture, games and skits our children will put their faith into action!

† **Save the date: November 2nd - 4th!**

**The Philadelphia Project - Blitz Weekend for 3rd through 5th grade!**

This will be an amazing opportunity for our children to serve and grow. Please contact Danielle [dkauffman@narberthpres.org](mailto:dkauffman@narberthpres.org) for more information or to register your child today!

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# SUNDAY MORNING SUMMER CLASS 10:30AM

## **The Sophia Course by John Chaffee**

Meets in the Youth Room at 10:30am

This is meant for all ages, from middle schoolers to grandparents, to talk about faith together. Our plan is to discuss and reflect on the half of the Christian faith that is often less emphasized.

We have two ways in which we talk about Jesus, soteriologically (as a savior) and sophiologically (as a wisdom teacher). We tend to do the first or the second, but rarely both in full measure and so this causes us to miss certain lessons from the Scriptures.

In what is 1/4 lecture and then 3/4 conversation, we will be diving into Christian orthodoxy on an integrated and deeply engaging level, and specifically engage the inherent wisdom of the Christian tradition.

**7/22 - Why Jesus Wants You to Save Goats**

**7/29 - How Oregano is Good for Your Soul**

**8/5 - What Triangles, Circles and Romance Have to do with God**

**8/12 - We May Not Need Roads, but We Need a Map.**

ALL are welcome to come join in!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**2 AUGUST BOOK STUDIES start this week!**

† **Parent Book Study beginning Wednesday, August 1**

**ONLINE-** *Raising Grateful Kids In An Entitled World* will be our focus for this NEW online book study! Author, Kristen Welch explores how's it's never too late to raise grateful kids. She talks about how to cultivate a spirit of genuine appreciation and create a Jesus-centered home in which children actually mean "thank you" for everything they have. It is possible to have a family with faith-filled kids who love God and love others! No matter where you are this summer you can participate in an ongoing dialogue that will be posted on a special blog. Copies of the book can be found in the Chapel beginning next Sunday OR you can purchase a book on your own through Amazon or [Christianbook.com](http://Christianbook.com). If you are interested in participating please email **Danielle Kauffman** [dkauffman@narberthpres.org](mailto:dkauffman@narberthpres.org)

† ***God At Work: August Book Study – What does it mean for us that the God who created and sustains the universe is also the God of the marketplace?***

Author Ken Costa answers this question in *God at Work*. During the month of August, we'll be reading and discussing how Christian faith informs our employment - whatever its shape.

**Please join us from 7-8:30pm on Wednesday nights in August!**

**Sign up now in the Chapel and pick up a book.**

† **Healing Hearts small group**

Trauma and loss can wound our hearts in profound ways, affecting our relationships with God, others, and ourselves. The weekend of Aug. 10-12, Dana Ergenbright will lead a small group to care for these heart wounds, through a Bible-based trauma healing program used in over 100 countries ([traumahealinginstitute.org](http://traumahealinginstitute.org)). Schedule: Friday, 7:00-9:00 pm; Saturday, 9:00-5:00; Sunday, 3:00-5:00 pm. Cost: \$8. We need a minimum of 4 participants, otherwise we will reschedule for the fall. Email Dana Ergenbright ([danaergenbright@gmail.com](mailto:danaergenbright@gmail.com)) to learn more and/or to sign up.

† **Remember that we collect personal-size toiletries to give to Philadelphia's homeless** through Neighborhood Crusades. Please bring in bar soap, washcloths, shampoo or shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, large tooth combs, razors, and both sandwich and quart size Ziplock type bags. Donations can be placed in the cabinet under the bulletin board just outside the sanctuary on the Windsor Ave. side. Thank you so much. You will truly be a blessing to someone living on the street!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **Silk Road Global Program (June 25 - July 31):** A group of 5 InterVarsity students and staff will travel to Central Asia for a 4-week language and cultural exchange program. They will assist with local English programs while sharing the love of Jesus with their language students, co-teachers, and host families.
  
- † **NPC is seeking a part-time Nursery School Director.** True to our practice, we are seeking someone with a strong faith in Jesus Christ, as well as experience with and commitment to the nurture of young children. A candidate should have a background and deep interest in the development of children under the age of six, along with excellent communication skills and leadership experience. Additional details and job description are available on our website.
  
- † **Global Leadership Summit 2018**  
This annual leadership development event hosted by the Willow Creek Association inspires and equips NPC church leaders for ministry. Some of the speakers at this year's Summit include : Craig Groeschel, Angela Ahrendts, T. D. Jakes, and many others.  
For all the details visit [www.willowcreek.com/events](http://www.willowcreek.com/events)  
This year's Summit will take place at Christ Community Church of Philadelphia on Thursday, August 9 and Friday, August 10, from 9:30am to 6:00pm.
  
- † **Dr. Janet Moore** has been serving in our Counseling Ministry for over 13 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.



**On the Web:**

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# BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

## ***Sunday, July 29***

8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office  
**9:00am Worship Service**  
9:30am Children's Sunday School, downstairs  
**10:45am Worship Service**

## ***Monday, July 30***

7:00pm Prayer Group, open to all, Steve's Office  
7:00pm MBR-Bible Study, Music office  
7:30pm Men's Bible Study, Copy Room

## ***Tuesday, July 31***

7:00am Men's small group, Resource Room  
7:00am Men-Sponsored Prayer Breakfast, at Narberth Diner  
11:00am Prayer Group, Parlor (open to all)  
7:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal

## ***Wednesday, August 1***

**7:00-8:30pm NEW Book Study, God At Work**, led by Debbie Watson, Parlor

## ***Thursday, August 2***

## ***Friday, August 3***

10:00am Women's Bible Study, Parlor  
6:00pm Walk-Run Group @ Lower Merion HS Track, All are welcome

## ***Saturday, August 4***

## ***Sunday, August 5***

8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office  
**9:00am Worship Service-Communion**  
9:30am Children's Sunday School, downstairs  
**10:45am Worship Service-Communion**

## ***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](mailto:jlmpsy@hotmai.com)

**Planning ahead** Information and calendar updates 24/7 at [www.narberthpres.org](http://www.narberthpres.org)

Aug 9-10 Global Leadership Summit  
Aug 25 10:00am-3:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive, Gym  
Aug 28 7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor  
Aug 29 9:00-1:30pm Staff meeting/mini-retreat  
Sept 4 7:00pm Deacons' Meeting, Parlor  
Sept 9 Fall Kickoff