

Passing of Friendship Pads

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Reckless Love*
Asbury
The Worship Band

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading John 13:34,35; 1 John 4:7-12 (p.1675, 1902)

Sermon **Becoming Holy Lovers**
Steve Weed,
Pastor

Hymn #45 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*
Nettleton

Benediction

Prayer Ministry 9:00am Greg Hein
10:45am Sue Wenger

Today on the first Sunday of Lent, we begin a new sermon series “Learning To Love Well: The Defining Mark of a Christian.”

The messages are based on Jesus’ words in John 13:34,35; “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

March 10 Becoming Holy Lovers
March 17 God’s Love And The Fear of Rejection
March 24 God’s Love And Self-condemnation
March 31 The Practice of Love
April 7 The Persistence of Love
April 14 The Power of Love

* There are small flyers outlining this Lenten series available throughout the church as a tool to invite friends to join us.

Thank you for being with us in worship today! To learn more about our church, Welcome Bags are available for newcomers in the Narthex (entrance area at the front doors.)

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.

FAMILY MINISTRY: CHILDREN, YOUTH & PARENTS

Beginning Sunday, February 10th - *The Life of Jesus* - Children's Sunday School Curriculum! Kids will discover that we can follow Jesus' example and live like he did. From the manger to the cross, children will study Jesus' life to get a better understanding of who Jesus is and why we can trust him as our Savior.

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****

Beginning Today, March 10 - Children VS. Youth CHANGE WARS! This year we are turning our **Lenten Offering** into a competition with **CHANGE WARS - Children VS. Youth!** Who will bring in the biggest tithe?! You can help both teams by putting your loose change in the clear plastic bins marked "Children" OR "Youth". The winning team will enjoy an Ice-cream "Sunday" party!! All money will go to support The Philadelphia Project. May the best team win!

Lenten Family Devotionals - Families are encouraged to pick up a Lenten Devotional (especially for families of young children) from the table in the children's wing.

Children's Committee - We will meet on Sunday, March 17th directly following the 2nd service in the Youth Room.

SAVE THE DATE:

VBC 2019 will take place on Monday, June 17th - Friday, June 21st from 1:30pm-4:30pm. Online registration for campers & volunteers will begin on Sunday, March 17th!

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

Youth Committee Meeting - Monday, March 11th @7-8pm in the youth room

Middle School Youth Night on Friday, March 15th @6-9pm

This is open to all youth in the 6-8th grade range and we will partake in ice breakers, games, antics, food and a chat about the I AM statements of Jesus in John's Gospel.

Middle School Girls Group, Sunday, March 17th and March 31st @12-1:30pm -

Join us for lunch and a time to hang out! We're going to meet every other Sunday - from noon to 1:30pm at the Groeneveld's

High School Spring Cabin Retreat - Friday, March 22 thru Sunday March 24th to Spruce Lake Retreat Center in Canadensis, PA -

LENTEN RESOURCES

Jesus opened his public ministry with the words, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Repent—turn around—reconsider how you are living. Lent is an invitation to do so, and to return to the One who waits to be gracious to each of us. In doing so, we say with John the Baptist, “He (Christ) must increase, but I must decrease.” With hopeful joy as we journey towards Good Friday and Easter, consider some of the following resources.

Daily readings:

- Bread and Wine: Readings for Lent and Easter—short selections by authors such as Dietrich Bonhoeffer, G. K. Chesterton, Dorothy Day, Thomas a Kempis, Thomas Merton, Mother Theresa, Amy Carmichael, and others.
- Reflecting the Glory: Meditations for Living Christ’s Life in the World by N.T. Wright. Meditations on passages from the Gospel of John, Romans, 1 and 2 Corinthians, and others. Either is available through www.amazon.com (new or used).

Online prayer guide: Praying Lent 2019—a Creighton University online ministry <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/> (or google “Praying Lent 2019”) A daily guide of prayers, scripture readings and written reflections from this respected Catholic source.

Other resources: Consider reading a 20th-century Christian classic

- Life Together by Dietrich Bonhoeffer
- Celebration of Discipline by Richard Foster
- Mere Christianity by C. S. Lewis
- Knowing God by J. I. Packer
- Desiring God’s Will by David Benner
- Generous Justice by Tim Keller
- Good News about Injustice by Gary Haugen
- The Hole in our Gospel by Richard Stearns

Additional suggestions from John Chaffee

- Album: “Of Man” by Cool Hand Luke
- Books:
 - Silence by Shusaku Endo
 - The Spiritual Exercises by Ignatius of Loyola
 - No Man Is An Island by Thomas Merton

2019 MISSIONARY CAUSES

Mission

4D Ministries – Hank Paulson
Amnion Crisis Pregnancy Center
Amoenitas – Scott Todd
Child Evangelism Fellowship, Inc. – North Ireland
Chosen People Ministries (formerly Messiah Now) – Paul Cruz
Cornerstone Christian Academy
CRU (Campus Crusade for Christ) –Leah Darwin
CRU (Campus Crusade for Christ) – Brindleys (Philadelphia Gospel Movement)
CRU (Campus Crusade for Christ) – Matt & Anna Shenk
DiscipleMakers – Rebecca and Dan Hall
Esperanza Health Center
Family of Restoration Ministries (was House of His Creation)
Fellowship International Mission/Jos Seminary – C. Tushima
Fellowship of Christian Athletes – Kasey Dougherty
Greater Europe Mission- Liz Loeffler
Habitat for Humanity –Philadelphia
Interserve-USA – Jan & John Kennedy
Intervarsity – Alexis Bishop
Kingdom Connect – Ben Duffy
Kirkwood Camp (Presbytery of Philadelphia)
Neighborhood Crusades Inc.
Presby's Inspired Life
Presbyterian Reformed Ministries International
Wee Kirk
ECO Church Planting and Global Missions Funds
REAP – Granada – Scott Esposito
Servant Partners – Dan & Denise Anderson
SIM USA – Jim & Ellie Jewell
The Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota (Standing Rock)
The Philadelphia Project
The Welcome Church – Schaunel Steinnagel
Timothy Academy
United World Mission – Nick & Ginny Woodbury
Wycliffe Bible Translators – Al & Barb Shannon
Young Life (Western Philadelphia Suburbs)

Ambassador

Helga Sauter
Alice Antonelli
Marilyn Reed
Danielle Kauffman
Jennifer & Tim Roykouff
Joyce Lewis
Kathy McLean
Jean McIntire

The Bowser Family
Bob Moore
Greg Esterhai
Melissa Esterhai
Scott Todd
Ashley Reed
Helga Sauter
Linda Behmke
Jesse Kennedy
Meg McKinley
Ken & Sally Kapner
Curt Haring
Helga Sauter
Suzanne Morrison
Cathy Callaway
Steve Weed
Scott Todd
Charlie Choi
Faithe Hornung
Helga Sauter
Ashley Reed
Sharon Shallow
Jane Murray
Georgia Ward
Helga Sauter
Kim Ishmael
Barbara Montgomery

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **A new 5-week Explorers' Class will begin today March 10, 12:15 – 2:15pm, led by Pastor Steve and Pastor 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. Recommended sign up in Chapel or just show up!
- † **Choir Singers Needed!**
Singer are needed for a Choir for Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Rehearsals will be on Thursday evenings from 7:30-8:15pm in the Choir Room.
Rehearsal dates: March 14, 21, 28, and April 4, 11.
- † **New Date! Women's World Day of Prayer, cancelled last week due to weather, had been rescheduled for March 15th**
The focus is on Jesus' parable of the Great Dinner in Luke 14:15–24, with the theme: "Come – Everything is Ready". The host country is Slovenia. The Christian women there challenge us all to widen our circles, to expand our communities of faith! To ask who isn't at your table yet? Who isn't in your church . . . yet? And to pray, "Welcoming God, in your love, you have prepared a table for all, and you inspire us to open our hearts and our homes to offer a place to the ones who are not yet at the table." **Saints Memorial Baptist Church of Bryn Mawr is this year's host on Friday, March 15th.** Fellowship and refreshments 10-10:45am, followed by the program at 11am. The offering will benefit Christian women in under-resourced places in the world!
- † **The Marriage Course** will be offered here at NPC starting April 26th for a 7-week video series that includes dinner.
- † **American Red Cross Blood Drive**
Sponsored by: Narberth Presbyterian Church
Monday, March 18 2:00pm – 7:00pm
Location: Narberth Presbyterian Church – Gymnasium
Sign up at RedCrossBlood.org and search by sponsor code: Narberth Presbyterian
- † **Please visit the resource center book table in the chapel and see what's on display. There is something almost for everyone! Helen Moffa**
- † **The Westminster Brass Ensemble is retiring!** After 43 years performing for the Glory of God, we have decided to retire the ensemble. You are invited to A Concert of Thanksgiving on Saturday, March 30, 2019 at 2:00pm at Tenth Pres. Church. For more information see www.tenth.org

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- † **April 5-7 Wernersville Retreat:** 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 5 (dinner at 5:30, orientation at 7) and return Sunday afternoon, April 7. Cost of \$180 covers a private room and meals. Contact Dave Bellamy at dbellamy@narberthpres.org or 610-520-9382 for more information. Register online at narberthpres.org. Registration deadline is March 24.
- † **SAVE THE DATE: April 27: Personal Retreat Day at St. Raphaela's Retreat House in Haverford, PA** Cost: \$25.00 Time: 9:30-3:30 Sign-up in Chapel. Any questions, contact Jean McIntire jean.mcintire49@gmail.com
- † **New Class for Lent starting March 13**
How to Walk with Your Shadow Rather than Run from It: A Series on Christian Spirituality and the "Negatives" of Life by John Chaffee
We will be diving into the long Christian tradition for tools on how to *redemptively engage* our hurt, pain, disappointment, failure, relapse, shadows, and catastrophes. 7-8:00pm 5 Weeks, starting March 13th
- † **Continuing Classes: resume March 13**
Wednesday Night 5-week class led by Clara and Godfrey Louie
You are invited to *Come and See* Jesus personally as he reveals himself in the Bible and in your everyday life. Whether you are just curious about who Jesus is, or you are seeking to grow more deeply into kingdom-living with him, you are welcome to join us 7-8:00 p.m. 5 weeks, new session starts March 13.
- Wednesday Night 10-week Class led by David Fraser**
Living Well in a Topsy-Turvy World: The Sermon on the Mount. Jesus tells us how disciples can live with God's strong support and approval so we can be deeply, spiritually, and profoundly joy-filled, even in the midst of life's hard times. It is his description and prescription for the normal Christian life. We will probe the Sermon for its rich insight and life-changing directions. 7:00-8:30pm, Chapel
- † **Spring cleaning your closet? Healing Word Outreach Ministries** in Norristown, could use **men's clothing** for the homeless in Philadelphia. If you have any donations, you can drop them off in the Chapel by the sign-up table, and Karin Waller (Nursery School Staff) will collect and deliver them in the next 2-3 weeks.



On the Web:

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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, March 10-Spring Forward!

First Sunday in Lent

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

8:00am Sunday School Class, Parlor

9:00am Worship Service

9:30am Adult Sunday School, Parlor

9:30am Youth Sunday School

10:45am Worship Service

4-6pm High School YG

Monday, March 11

7:00pm Youth Committee, Youth Room

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, March 12

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

11:00am Praying with the Bible group, Parlor

7:00pm Elder/Deacon Training, Parlor

Wednesday, March 13

5:45-6:45 Dinner: Mac & Cheese, Green salad,
Cucumber salad, dessert

7:00-8:00 Class:

Christian Spirituality, led by John Chaffee,
Sanctuary

7:00-8:00pm Class:

Gospel of John, led by Clara & Godfrey
Louie, Resource Room (5-weeks)

7:00-8:30pm Classes:

Sermon on the Mount, led by David Fraser,
Chapel (10-weeks)

7-8:30 Last (Make-up) Class for Explorers,
Parlor

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

Mar 18 2-7pm Red Cross Blood Drive, Gym

Mar 18 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 14

4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor

7:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal

7:30pm Adult pick-up basketball

7:30pm Easter Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Friday, March 15

10:00am Women's Bible Study, Chapel

6:30pm Middle School YG, Gym

Saturday, March 16

Sunday, March 17

Second Sunday in Lent

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

8:00am Sunday School Class, Parlor

9:00am Worship Service-Nursery School

Sunday, reception in Gym after first Service (Children singing)

9:30am Adult Sunday School, Parlor

9:30am Youth Sunday School

10:45am Worship Service

4-6pm High School YG

Mar 19 7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor
Mar 22 9:30am Moms' Bible Study, Parlor
Mar 22 6:30pm Pickleball, Gym
Mar 22 HS Spring Cabin Retreat
Mar 26 7:00pm Missions Committee Meeting, Parlor
Mar 27 9:30am Staff Meeting, Parlor