

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

March 17, 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 *Panis Angelicus* **Franck**

Welcome and Call To Worship

Hymn #20 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* **Ode to Joy**
(9:00am Nursery School children process to front)

Prayer of Invocation

Family News

Scripture Reading Luke 15:20-24 (p.1624)
9:00am Abby McGrew
10:45am Stephanie Nicholson

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All the people: Thanks be to God!

9:00am Nursery School Testimony **Nate Turnock, Parent**

9:00am Nursery School Songs *I've Got The Joy*
Jesus Loves Me
The B-I-B-L-E

9:00am Prayer of Blessing – Teachers and Children **Maria Kaminstein,**
Elder and Nursery School Board Member
(NPC Session and Staff invited up)

Greeting (*Nursery School children may be dismissed*)

Worship Song *Who You Say I Am* **Fielding/Morgan**

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 *Help Us Accept Each Other* **Beck**
Peter Phillips

FAMILY MINISTRY: CHILDREN, YOUTH & PARENTS

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****

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.

TODAY - Children's Committee - We will meet directly following the 2nd service in the Youth Room.

NEW - VBC Registration Begins Today! Are you ready for this summer's MANE event?! Join us Monday, June 17th – Friday, June 22nd from 1:30pm-4:30pm for ROAR VBC – Life is Wild and God is Good! Online Registration begins today, March 17th. Please visit our church website to register your child or register to volunteer.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

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 CHURCH OFFICERS

THE SESSION with Current Ministry Connections

Pastor Steve Weed – Moderator

Class of 2019

*Charlie Choi – Missions Committee, Chair

*John Kennedy – Personnel, Youth Ministry

Charlene McGrew – Christian Nursery School Board, Chair, Personnel

Mike Morrison – Finance Committee

Class of 2020

*Linda Behmke – Personnel, Chair

*Jack Comstock – Worship & Music, Greeter

Lisa Hoffman – Communications, Children’s Ministry, Youth Ministry

Jo-Anne Kaplan – Clerk of Session, Children’s Ministry

Sue Wenger – Adult Discipleship

Class of 2021

Linda DiLullo - Prayer

Pam Fleming – Children’s Ministry

Clara Louie - Outreach

Dave McIntire – Stewardship & Finance

*Scott Todd – Missions Committee

THE BOARD OF DEACONS with Current Ministry Connections

Class of 2019

Ilonka Comstock – Deacons’ Pantry, Hospitality

Ruth Ellen Patterson – Church Financial Secretary

Class of 2020

Kevin Cope - Transportation

Godfrey Louie – Visitation

Deborah Miller – Ushering

Sharon Shallow – Hospitality, Visitation, Justice & Mercy Ministry

Class of 2021

Valerie Foley – Justice & Mercy Team

*Faithe Hornung – Treasurer, Deacons’ Assist. Fund, Missions

Dee Knight – Visitation, Hospitality

*Ashley Reed – Moderator, Archivist, Deacons’ Assist. Fund, College-age Comm.

Pat Svitek – Homebound Communication, Ushering

* serving second term

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **March 25th, Sr. Adult trip to The Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia 9:30-2:00pm. Sign-up in Chapel. All are welcome!**
- † **A new 5-week Explorers' Class has begun 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.
- † **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: TOMORROW!**
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**
- † **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
- † **FYI: The South Narberth Ave. bridge has been closed indefinitely!**
Alternate routes are either Wynnewood Rd. to the underpass opposite The Metropolitan Apartments, or Montgomery Ave. to N. Narberth Ave.

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† **New Class for Lent started 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 are 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:**

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.

† **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

† **Action Alert!** The Casa de Migrantes runs one of the largest shelters for migrants in Tijuana, providing shelter, food, health care, job training, etc. to deported and returned migrants from the US and people seeking to cross into the US. Tijuana (and the Casa de Migrantes) has been completely inundated by asylum seekers fleeing Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras, because of very high levels of violence in those countries. Casa de Migrantes is asking for volunteers to work and live in Tijuana to help shelter, feed, care for, and provide training for migrants. Potential volunteers should either be fluent Spanish speakers or have a good command of practical Spanish.



On the Web:
www.narberthpres.org
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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

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 Youth Sunday School

10:45am Worship Service

12:15-2:15pm New Explorers' Class, lunch & childcare provided, Parlor

12:15pm Children's Committee meeting, Youth Room

4-6pm High School YG

Monday, March 18

2-7pm Red Cross Blood Drive, Gym

6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

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 19

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

11:00am Praying with the Bible group, Parlor

7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, March 20

5:45-6:45 Dinner: Roast chicken and potatoes, salads, dessert

7:00-8:00 Class:

Christian Spirituality, John Chaffee, Parlor (5-weeks)

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)

Thursday, March 21

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 22

9:30am Moms' Bible Study, Parlor

10:00am Women's Bible Study, Chapel

6:30pm Pickleball, Gym

HS Spring Cabin Retreat at Spruce Lake Retreat Center in Canadensis, PA -

Saturday, March 23

Sunday, March 24

Third Sunday in Lent

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

8:00am Sunday School Class, Parlor

9:00am Worship Service

9:30am Youth Sunday School

10:45am Worship Service

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: jlmpsyh@hotmail.com

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

Mar 25 9:30am-2:00pm Sr. Trip to Betsy Ross House
Mar 26 7:00pm Missions Committee Meeting, Parlor
Mar 27 9:30am Staff Meeting, Parlor
Apr 1 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
Apr 5 9:30am Moms' Bible Study, Parlor
Apr 12 1:30pm Sr. Video Trip to Holy Land, Parlor
Apr 12,26 6:30pm Pickleball, Gym