

Worship Song

One Thing Remains

Johnson/Gifford/Riddle

Family Worship today. Children remain with their parents in the service.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Deborah Watson,
Associate Pastor

Passing of Friendship Pads

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

New Wine
The Worship Band

Ligertwood

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 13:7-13

(p.1787)

Sermon

The Perseverance of Love

Steve Weed,
Pastor

Hymn

O How He Loves You and Me

Kaiser

Invitation To Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe. At your word the earth was made and spun on its course among the planets. Your hand formed us from the dust of the earth and set us among all your creatures to love and serve you.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, whom you sent to save us. He came with healing in his touch, and was wounded for our sins. He came with mercy in his voice, and was mocked as one despised. He came with peace in his heart, and met with violence and death.

By your power he broke free from the prison of the tomb, the one who was dead now lives. The one who humbled himself is raised to rule over all creation, the Lamb upon the Throne. The one ascended on high is with us always, as he promised.

During this season of Lent, the sermon series is “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 – How?

April 7 The Perseverance 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.

EASTER FLOWERS 2019

On **Easter morning, April 21**, our sanctuary will again be filled with the beauty and fragrance of lovely spring flowers. If you wish to dedicate a plant as a memorial to loved ones or simply to express your joy in God's love, please fill out the form below. After both worship services on Easter, we are looking for people to deliver these plants to members of our church family who are unable to worship with us here. You do not need to donate a plant in order to deliver one.

Please consider being the bearer of Easter greetings and love from our congregation to someone who otherwise might be alone on that day. See below for further details.

If you want to donate a memorial plant for Easter, please make your check in the amount of \$12.00 payable to **Narberth Presbyterian Church** and mark it "Easter Plant." You may call the office with the info, or put it in the offering plate or mail it to be received in the church office by **Thursday, April 18**.

Name: _____

_____ I would like to give a plant as a memorial:

"Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

(Please print name clearly)

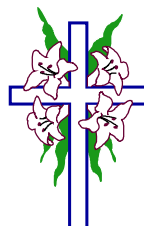
by:

or

_____ I would like to give a plant to express my joy for God's continuing love and grace.

WE NEED YOU to help deliver these plants and the warm greetings of the congregation after the 9:00am or 10:45am Easter service. If you are willing to help, please indicate below:

Name and phone number



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". Bins are in the Narthex or downstairs. The winning team will enjoy an Ice-cream "Sunday" party!! All money will go to support The Philadelphia Project. May the best team win!

4th & 5th grade LOCK IN! RSVP today for an evening of fun at NPC. All 4th & 5th graders are invited to join us on **Friday, April 26th** from 6:00pm - 11:00pm for food, fun, fellowship, and a GAME TRUCK. The cost is \$20 per child to defer the cost. You won't want to miss this! RSVP to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) - hope to see many of you there!

NEW - VBC Registration is available online! 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 is open as of March 17th. Please visit our church website to register your child or register to volunteer: www.narberthpres.org

Save the Date:

- **Sunday, April 14th** - Palm Sunday and children sing at the 9:00 service.
- **Sunday, April 21st** - Children's Easter Party 9:00 & 10:45 services.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

Middle School Girls Group Upcoming dates: 4/28 and 5/19

Join us for lunch and a time to hang out! We meet every other Sunday from noon to 1:30pm at the Groenevelds', 509 Haverford Road, Narberth and spend time getting to know each other better and sharing and praying about what is going on in our lives. Contact Lisa Hoffman for more information at 610-804-7905.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **Pastor Steve recently presented a paper** on prayer ministry to a minister's group entitled: "What About Presbyterian Altar Calls?" On Monday, April 15, at 7:30, for anyone who is interested, he would like to present the same paper to his church family at NPC. Following the presentation, there will be a time for discussion and brainstorming, and concluding with a time of prayer. (Parlor)

- † **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.

- † **The Marriage Course** will be offered here at NPC starting April 26th for a 7-week video series that includes dinner.

- † **Sign up now! 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

- † **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.

- † **Please visit the library table** – All new selections and Lenten devotionals, and books for children.
Also, Easter books on display in **Children's Library on 2nd floor**.
Contact person: Helen Moffa: helenmoffa@gmail.com

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† Holy Week Services

Wednesday, Apr 17 7:00pm Holy Week Contemplative Service, Sanctuary

Thursday, Apr 18 7:30pm Maundy Thursday Holy Communion and
Tenebrae Service, Sanctuary

Friday, Apr 19 12:00pm Community Good Friday Service, Sanctuary

Sunday, Apr 21 7:30am Sunrise Service followed by breakfast, and
9:00am and 10:45am Services

† **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.**

† **Religion Behind Bars: Transformation, Rehabilitation & Criminal Justice Reform**

On Thursday, April 4th (7pm) in the Warner Library of Eastern University, Dr. Byron Johnson (Baylor University) will share how virtue and character are developed inside prison through religious groups led by convicted criminals. Come learn about this positive and restorative approach – that fosters social connectedness and support, service to others, spiritual experience, personal integrity, and identity change – and how it may help to effect real and lasting change in people who find themselves within the criminal justice system. All are welcome to attend.

† **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.



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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, April 7

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

8:00am Sunday School Class, Parlor

9:00am Worship Service-Communion and Family Worship

9:30am Youth Sunday School

10:45am Worship Service-Communion and Family Worship

12:15-2:15pm Explorers' Class, Parlor

4-6pm High School YG

Monday, April 8

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, April 9

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

11:00am Praying with the Bible group, Parlor

7:00pm Elder/Deacon Training, Chapel Reception of new members

Wednesday, April 10

5:45-6:45 Dinner:

7:00-8:00 Class:

Christian Spirituality, John Chaffee, Sanctuary (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)

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

Apr 15 7:30pm Pastor Steve presents his paper: "What About Presbyterian Altar Calls?", Parlor

Apr 17 7:00pm Holy Week Contemplative Service, Sanctuary

Thursday, April 11

9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor

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, April 12

10:00am Women's Bible Study, Parlor

1:30pm Sr. Video Trip to Holy Land, Parlor

Saturday, April 13

Sunday, April 14

Palm Sunday

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

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Apr 21 7:30am Sunrise Service followed by breakfast, 9:00am and 10:45am Services
Apr 23 10:30-4:00 Sr. Adult trip to Pearl Buck House
Apr 25 9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor