

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

August 25, 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

Jake L'Armand & Colin Comstock

Welcome and Call To Worship

Hymn #52

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Ellacombe

Prayer of Invocation

Family News

Scripture Reading

Revelation 4:8-11; 15:3-4

(p.1918, 1929)

9:00am Linda Pilacik

10:45am Kendra Nicolai

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All the people: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Lord, you are the God who provides everything we need to live lives pleasing to you, in the midst of the challenges and opportunities of each day, but sometimes we forget that we must cooperate with you in how that happens. Sometimes we wait passively, or avoid you, rather than respond obediently to your voice. Forgive us, merciful God, for neglecting you, and for failing to cooperate with you by obeying your command to be holy – set apart for your purposes in this world – and grow us into people who live our lives inspired by and reflective of you, as we trust you, our good and holy God. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Greeting

Worship Song

O Love That will Not Let Me Go

arr. Indelible Grace

Worship Song

Living Hope

Johnson/Wickham

During the 9:00am service, children in K through 5th grades may be dismissed to Children's Sunday School.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Deborah Watson,
Associate Pastor

Passing of Friendship Pads

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Jake L'Armand,
Violin

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Romans 1:18-32

(p.1747)

Sermon

God Is God. Seriously.

Dr. Diane Chen

Hymn #2

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Nicaea

Benediction

Prayer Ministry

9:00am Clara Louie

10:45am John Furlong

The altar flowers today are given in loving memory of our Dad and Granddad, Joseph Copeland, by Isabel Lally, Joey Nangle, and Heather Weiland.

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.

Starting next Sunday, Pastor Steve will begin a new sermon series, "Called To Flourish: How Christ Is Formed In Us." Jesus said, "The thief comes only to steal, kill, and destroy, but I have come that you may have life, and life to the full" (John 10:10). Christianity is all about life, not religion.

How do we cultivate life with Jesus? More importantly, how is the life and character of Jesus reproduced in us? If the risen Jesus suddenly appeared in the flesh today, and could personally shape us and train us at NPC, what would that look like? What would be the "curriculum" of our spiritual formation? If Jesus is our coach (and he is), what's the fitness plan? And for what purpose?

To answer these questions, we will study several of the poignant and powerful life lessons of Simon Peter. In all his frailty and humanity, Simon Peter is one of us, and also living proof that change is possible. By God's grace, Jesus accepts us as we are, but does not leave us there. Peter eventually became a "rock." Through his brokenness, he was blessed to be a blessing. And so are we.

Next week's sermon is "Identity: How Does Jesus Look At You?"
(Please read John 1:29-42).

FAMILY MINISTRY: CHILDREN, YOUTH & PARENTS

ACTIVATE Your Faith! - Children's Sunday School Curriculum! *Beginning Sunday, September 8th!* Elementary-aged children will begin to put their faith into action this fall. Get ready to Walk in Wisdom, Love, Truth, and Faith! AND with many new and exciting service projects! All are welcome to ACTIVATE. Sunday School takes place during the 9:00 and 10:45 services.

2 year olds and 3 year olds meet in The Blue Door Room (RM #105) during the 9:00 service.

4 year olds through PreK meet in The Red Door Room (RM #107) during the 9:00 service services.

****Please note the younger classes combine during the 10:45 service in RM #107****

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****

During the summer, Sunday School for K - 5th grade will only be offered during the 9:00 service. Childcare for infants through PreK will remain at both services. Our 10:45 Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 8th.

ALL CHURCH BOWLING! It's back and with more lanes! This event is for everyone so please **RSVP** to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) OR John (jchaffee@narberthpres.org). Mark your calendar for **Sunday, September 8th** from 2:30pm - 4:30pm at Wynnewood Lanes (2228 Haverford Road, Ardmore)! The cost is \$20 per family or \$10 for a single bowler and this price includes snacks, fountain drinks, pizza, and bowling shoes! Prizes will be awarded to TOP bowlers! See YOU there!

Save the Dates:

Sunday, September 8th – Sunday School Kickoff for Children & Youth AND Bowling

Sunday, September 15th – Blessing of the Children during the 9:00 and 10:45 services

Thursday, September 26th – Kickball with the Pastor

Friday, October 4th – Parents' Night Out

Friday, October 18th - Sunday, October 20th - Spiritual Renewal Weekend with SPECIAL PROGRAMMING FOR CHILDREN! (Infants - 5th grade)

Friday, November 1st – Sunday, November 3rd – The Philadelphia Project Blitz Weekend for 3rd - 5th grade

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP FALL OFFERINGS

Sunday Morning Classes:

- **8:00am Class** – All are invited – whether you attend weekly, or drop in from time to time! We share coffee, cake, and conversation focused on the scripture passages for each week’s worship service and sermon. If you are an early bird, we would love for you to join us in the comfortable setting of the Parlor, for what is always a rich time of fellowship and learning.
Pastor Debbie Watson facilitates the group. Parlor
- **9:30 -10:30 am Sunday School Class on I and II Samuel**
Please join us for a group study of I and II Samuel this fall. As described in the NIV Application Commentary that we will be using, “The books of Samuel offer something for everyone: kings and prophets, great battles and greater heroes, action and romance, loyalty and betrayal, the mundane and the miraculous. In Samuel, we meet Saul, David, Goliath, Jonathan, Bathsheba, the witch of Endor, and other unforgettable characters. And we encounter ourselves. For while the culture and conditions of Israel under its first kings is vastly different from our own, the basic issues of humans in relation to God, the Great King, have not changed. Sin, repentance, forgiveness, adversity, prayer, faith, and the promises of God—these continue to play out in our lives today”.

The class will be discussion-based and led by a rotating group of class members. We look forward to having you join us. Questions? Email Sue Wenger at mswenger@yahoo.com. Parlor

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP FALL OFFERINGS

Wednesday Night Classes This Fall Starting September 11

- **Debbie Watson:** “The Least of These” grows out of Debbie’s heart, and her doctoral studies. The classes will alternate between the biblical grounding of all our giving (to benefit other Christians, as well as our neighbors near and far), and in-person (or virtual) visits by people engaged in ministries to the least, the last, the forgotten. This is a great way to be encouraged and inspired as both a recipient and channel of God’s blessings. Come for any or all of our gatherings! Everyone is welcome – from senior high school students to senior citizens! **7:00-8:00pm September 11-October 16.**

- **Clara Louie:** What does the story of two widows and a prominent landowner in the countryside of Judah have to teach us about the issues of shame, exclusion, loss, and hopelessness? How can the story of a few ordinary folks become the light and hope in a time of social and religious degradation? How did God work out his eternal plan of salvation through simple people carrying out their mundane roles? Come find out as we study the Biblical *Book of Ruth* together. This is a 6-week interactive Bible study from **7:00-8:00pm September 11-October 16.**

- **Steve Weed: Knowing What You Believe: Mere Christianity** by CS Lewis: On Wednesday nights this fall, Pastor Steve will lead a book study on the Christian classic, Mere Christianity by CS Lewis. This class has wide appeal: for seekers, for those new to Christian faith, as well as for seasoned believers. Lewis appeals to both mind and heart. His “apologetic” is not only to know Christ, but to receive his life, and to grow in his likeness. Many regard Mere Christianity as the most compelling and winsome summary of the Christian faith in the last 100 years. Along with a careful and patient reading of the book, there will be ample use of scripture, discussion, and practical application, as we seek to draw nearer to Christ and to one another. We are living in a time of extreme cultural currents and upheaval. If ever there was a time for Christians to develop a more grounded faith, and a more robust life in Christ, it is NOW. Our class runs for 11 Wednesday nights, **7:00-8:15 pm September 11-November 21.**

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

August

8/19-8/26 John is Away - Our Lady of Gethsemani in Kentucky
Wednesday 8/28 Youth Ministry Volunteer Training #1

September

Labor Day Weekend HS Backpacking Trip

Wednesday 9/4 Youth Ministry Volunteer Training #2
TBD "How to Help Your Friends in the Easiest Way Possible" Special
Night...
Sunday, 9/8 THE FALL KICKOFF!!!
2:30-4:30pm Bowling at Wynnewood Lanes

October

Oct 4-6 Middle School Retreat
Northeast MD

November

Nov 1-3 High School Retreat

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **There is a new sign-up sheet in the Chapel for September/October dates for ministry to folks who are homeless in Philadelphia.** If you are available for one or more time slots, please stop over and sign up. Thanks!
- † **Wednesday, August 28 and September 4, from 7-8:30pm in the Parlor,** Cathy Callaway will lead a time of conversation about faith and life. Got questions about life, the Bible, or the Lord? Bring them on these 2 Wednesday nights! (Childcare will not be provided for these 2 weeks.)
- † **“Day to Stop Trafficking!” Friday, September 6 9:30-4:00**
The Salvation Army
4050 Conshohocken Avenue
Philadelphia PA 19131
The Salvation Army drop-in center for trafficked women in Kensington is hosting a training day for new volunteers on September 6th. Details and other ways to serve are on our city ministry page:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/new-volunteer-training-serve-at-new-day-drop-in-center-tickets-60879963610?ref=eios>
- † **SAVE THE DATES!! October 18-20**
Here at NPC, we will be holding an in-house Spiritual Renewal Weekend. There will be services, teaching, prayer, fellowship activities and of course, food! More details in the September Spires next week!



On the Web:

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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, August 25

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

9:00am Worship Service

9:30am Children's Sunday School

10:45am Worship Service

Monday, August 26

7:00pm Prayer Group, open to all, Steve's Office

7:00pm MBR-Bible Study, Music room

Tuesday, August 27

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

11:00am-1:00pm Planning Committee for Renewal Weekend, Parlor

11:00am Praying / Bible group, Resource Room

7:00pm Missions Committee Meeting, Parlor

7:00pm Outreach Meeting, Chapel

Wednesday, August 28

9:30am Staff Meeting, Parlor

7-8:30pm Youth Volunteer Training #1 (Parents welcome as well), Youth Room

7:00-8:30pm -2 weeks-Come join in conversations about faith and life. This Wednesday and next Wednesday. Led by Cathy Callaway, Parlor (No childcare these 2 weeks)

Thursday, August 29

(Kickball finished until Sept 12.)

7:30pm Adult Basketball, Gym

7:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Friday, August 30

10:00am Women's' Bible Study, Parlor

Saturday, August 31

Sunday, September 1

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

9:00am Worship Service-Communion and Family Worship

9:30am Children's Sunday School

10:45am Worship Service-Communion and Family Worship

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: ilmpsydch@hotmail.com

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

Sept 2 Office Closed for Labor Day
Sept 3 7:00pm Deacons' Meeting, Parlor
Sept 4 7-8:30pm Youth Volunteer Training #2, Youth Room
Sept 4 7-8:30pm Wed. night class, led by Cathy Callaway
Sept 8 Sunday Fall "Kickoff" of Youth and Children's programs
Sept 9 7:30pm Men's Bible Study resumes, Parlor
Sept 11 5:45pm Wednesday Night Supper and Classes resume
Sept 12,26 9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor
Sept 12 4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor resumes
Sept 15 Both Services: Blessing of the Children
Sept 20 1:00-3:00 pm Sr. Slide Show featuring southern England
Sept 24 10:00 am-3:00 pm St. Trip to Valley Forge National Park
Oct 18-20 Spiritual Renewal Weekend