

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

September 22, 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 *Variations on "Duke Street"* *arr. Hopson*

Welcome and Call To Worship

Hymn #99 *When Morning Gilds the Skies* *Laudes Domini*

Prayer of Invocation

Family News

Scripture Reading 1 Peter 2:4-10; 3:15 (p.1888)

9:00am Rashmi Vyas

10:45am Sandi Wray

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All the people: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you have come to us in your Son Jesus Christ, the precious cornerstone of our faith. But we confess that we have not kept Christ at the center of our lives. We have substituted mental assent for wholehearted loyalty. We have allowed other gods and affections to crowd out your supremacy. Please forgive us through the cross, and grant us a vision of Christ that is equal to the massive challenges of this world. In our witness, grant us the grace to be humble about ourselves, but bold for Christ, with love and respect for all people. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Greeting

Worship Song *No Longer Slaves* *Bethel Music*

10:45am Sacrament of Infant Baptism **Joanna Song,**
Daughter of Sarah Jeong Song & Henry Song

Worship Song *In Christ Alone* *Townend & Getty*

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

I Am Not Alone
Kerry Catapano

Jobe

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:13-18, 21-23

(p.1524)

Sermon

Who Is Jesus
In A Secular World?

Steve Weed,
Pastor

Hymn #92

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Diademata

Benediction

Prayer Ministry

9:00am Jan Kennedy
10:45am John Furlong

The altar flowers today are given by Joyce Nicolai, to the glory of God and in loving memory of her dad, Roy C. Brinton.

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.

In light of the devastation from Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas, the Session has approved a special disaster relief offering. For one more Sunday, you may give a special gift (over and above regular giving) to help our neighbors in the Bahamas. Checks can be made out to Narberth Presbyterian, and designated to "Hurricane Relief." Our gifts will be channeled through the Salvation Army, who are working directly on the field to provide practical and spiritual assistance.

SERMON SERIES. We continue a series of messages on Spiritual Formation, *"Called To Flourish: How Christ Is Formed In Us."* We are considering the process by which Jesus Christ shaped Simon to become Peter, the "Rock," and how Christ is likewise formed in each of us.

September 1	Identity: How Does Jesus Look At You?
September 8	Saying YES To Jesus: Whole Life Discipleship
September 15	Water Walking 101: Fear, Faith and the Presence of Jesus
September 22	Who Is Jesus In A Secular World?

FAMILY MINISTRY: CHILDREN, YOUTH & PARENTS

ACTIVATE Your Faith! - Children's Sunday School Curriculum! 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!

2 yr olds & 3 yr olds meet in The Blue Door Rm (#105) during the 9:00 service.

4 yr olds through PreK meet in The Red Door Rm (#107) during the 9:00 service.

****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****

Children's Sunday School Offering! Now through the end of October, the children of NPC will be collecting items to help support Our Friend's on the Parkway. You can leave your donations in the boxes on the stage in the gym. **Items Needed:** backpacks, rolling suitcases, sleeping bags, reusable shopping bags, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, small bottles of shampoo/conditioner, lotion, underwear, socks, sneakers

All are welcome to ACTIVATE. Sunday School takes place during the 9:00 and 10:45 services.

INGREDIENTS OF A GODLY LIFE! New Wednesday Night Programming

Wednesdays, children up to 5th grade are invited to explore the ingredients that go into a godly life, while they help "cook up" some food and fun!

Children will have unique opportunities to be in the kitchen and create delicious meals and snacks. Children's program begins at 7:00pm and we meet in RM #107 (Red Door Room). Hope to see many of you there

On Wednesday nights this fall, we are having a weekly Middle School Youth Group. Come for dinner before if you are able but otherwise we will be in the youth room from **6:30pm until 8pm**. We hope to continue to build the Middle School group into a consistent gathering that pairs with the normal Wednesday night programming.

Spiritual Renewal Weekend Children's Programming! Children (K - 5th) are invited to programming designed especially for them during NPC's Spiritual Renewal Weekend (October 18th, 19th, 20th)! All are encouraged to attend **"Praise Party!"** ***Praising God all the time!*** Our weekend will be packed with fun, crafts, games, lessons, music and moon-bounce! Look to RSVP soon.

SAVE THE DATES

Friday, Oct. 4 Parent's Night Out

Friday, Nov 1-Sunday, Nov3 The Philadelphia Project Blitz Weekend 3RD - 5TH Grade

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YOU ARE INVITED TO
Narberth Presbyterian Church's
Spiritual Renewal Weekend
October 18th-20th

Is the weight of life getting you down?

Can God use our pain for his purpose?

How can our joy be restored and sustained?

Would you like time to connect with your friends at church?

This in-house, church-wide **Spiritual Renewal Weekend** is a chance for all of us to set aside time to dig into prayer, worship, connection – and fun – together as a church family.

All Members and friends are welcome!

What's Happening!

Friday night, starting at 6:30 pm, we will gather for welcome and a powerful introductory talk, and then enjoy an inspiring concert by Philly-based, singer songwriter, Joy Ike!

Saturday morning we will have 2 teaching sessions, beginning at 9:00am with breakout groups or prayer in between, and then have lunch together.

In the **afternoon**, time for fun and fellowship activities for all ages including our annual Fall Fest, from 1-3pm, and free time afterwards.

We'll gather at 5:30 pm for dinner followed by worship and teaching, finishing up around 8:00 pm.

And **Sunday**, we will have one combined church service from 9:30 am - 11:00 am and celebrate together!

Children (K - 5th) will enjoy a "Praise Party" retreat of their own during adult programming and childcare for infants through PreK will be provided as well.

Look out for an emailed invitation with more information and an opportunity for you to RSVP!

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

- **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 . Sign-up sheet for this class in Chapel.**

- **John Chafee:** Wednesday night Middle School Youth Group: 6th -8th grade gathering for our Youth. Come for dinner before the class or meet in the youth room **6:30-8:00pm Youth Room**

- **Danielle Kaufmann:** Ingredients of a Godly Life. Come explore the Ingredients for a godly life. Children up to 5th grade are invited. **Class begins at 7:00pm RM #107 (Red Door)**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **Unusual Request from Alexis Bishop-Do You Enjoy Driving?**
Bryn Mawr & Haverford Colleges InterVarsity's Fall Retreat is quickly approaching—October 4-6 at Refreshing Mountain in Stevens, PA. (In Lancaster Co., about a 90-minute drive). We've recently had an influx of students excited to go— 10-14 students from both Bryn Mawr and Haverford! The students do not have cars, and many don't have licenses either, and so getting them there can be tricky to navigate. Are there 1-2 members of NPC that might enjoy providing rides for the students (especially on the way there)? Please contact Alexis at 973-349-0804 or alexis.bishop@intervarsity.org
- † **NEW Explorers' Class begins TODAY 12:15 to 2:30pm.**
A new 5-week Explorers' Class on Sunday afternoons begins today, led by Pastor Steve and 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. **Sign up in Chapel. Childcare and lunch provided.**
- † **Donations of personal size toiletries for Neighborhood Crusades** can be placed in the donation box under the bulletin board right outside the sanctuary door on the Windsor Ave. side of our building. Items needed at this time include lotion, washcloths, toothbrushes and toothpaste, combs, and disposable razors. Thank you!
- † **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!



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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, September 22

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor
8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office
9:00am Worship Service
9:30am Children's Sunday School, Gym
9:30am Youth Sunday School, Youth Room
9:30am Adult Sunday School, Parlor
10:45am Worship Service
12:15-2:30pm New Explorers Class, Parlor
4pm-6pm HS Youth Group

Monday, September 23

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, September 24

9:30-11:30am Spiritual Renewal meeting, Parlor
10:00 am-3:00 pm Sr. Trip to Valley Forge National Park
7:00am Men-Sponsored Prayer Breakfast, at Narberth Diner
11:00am Praying / Bible group, Resource Room
7:00pm Outreach Committee, Parlor

Wednesday, September 25

11am-1pm Staff Meeting, Parlor
12:00pm-1:45pm CPS Staff Mtg. Chapel
5:45pm Wednesday Night Supper & Classes
Menu: BBQ Pork, Rice, Salad, Rolls, dessert
6:30pm Middle School Youth Group, Gym
7:00pm Ingredients of a Godly Life (children up to 5th grade)
7:00pm 3 Adult Discipleship Classes:
The Least of These
Book of Ruth
Mere Christianity

Each Week

Christian Pre-School – 610-664-8890 Director: Christina Platt
2, 3 & 5 Day Programs 9:00am to 12 noon & 12 noon to 3:00pm Extended Day Program, Sept.-May

AA meets 12:30pm, Monday–Saturday & Sunday at 4:30pm in the Choir Room

Counseling: Dr. Janet Moore: cell: 484-686-6630 email: jmpsych@hotmail.com

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

Sept 30 6:30pm Windsor Bell Choir Rehearsal, Chapel
Oct. 1 7:00pm Deacons' Meeting, Parlor
Oct. 4 1:00-3:00 pm Sr. Slide Show featuring southern England
Oct.4 6:30-9:00pm Parents' Night Out, Gym
Oct. 6 12:15pm Cream of the Crop Luncheon
Oct. 8 7:00pm Elder/Deacon Training, Parlor
Oct. 8 7:00pm Missions Committee Meeting, Chapel
Oct. 10,24 9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor
Oct. 18-20 Spiritual Renewal Weekend

Thursday, September 26

9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor
4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor
5:30pm Middle School girls Basketball, Gym
7:30pm Adult Basketball, Gym
7:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Friday, September 27

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

Saturday, September 28

9am-5pm Parlor reserved: private use

Sunday, September 29

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor
8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office
9:00am Worship Service
9:30am Children's Sunday School
9:30am Youth Sunday School
10:45am Worship Service
12:15-2:30pm Explorers Class
4pm-6pm HS Youth Group