

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

January 5, 2020

*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**

*Marche Gothique*

*Kaury*

**Welcome and Call To Worship**

**Hymn #21**

*How Great Thou Art (verses 1,3)*

*O Store Gud*

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Family News**

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 2:25-32

(p.1591)

9:00am Barbara Floyd

10:45am Evelyn and Lily Ward

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All the people: Thanks be to God!**

**Prayer of Confession**

O loving God, to turn away from you is to fall, to turn toward you is to rise, and to stand before you is to abide forever. Grant us, dear God, in all our sins, your forgiveness; in all our duties, your help; in all our uncertainties, your guidance; in all our dangers, your protection; in all our sorrows, your peace. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, may you be the goal of our journey and our rest along the way. In his name and to his glory. Amen.

Paraphrase from Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD)

**Silent Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon**

**Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Greeting**

**Worship Song**

*Cornerstone*

*Hillsong*

9:00am Welcome New Members see page 7

9:00am Sacrament of Baptism Rose Kasandi Adede  
James Ryan Delanty Spencer

9:00am Hymn #708 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds (1,2)*

10:45am Worship Song *King of My Heart* *McMillan*

*Family Worship today. Children remain in church with their parents.*

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer John Kennedy,  
Elder

Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory *Be Thou My Vision* *Trad. Irish Melody*  
Katie Wenger, Violin  
Sherry Beebe, Piano

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading Matthew 2:1-12 (p1497)

Sermon 2020 Vision  
Even God Can't Steer A Parked Car Steve Weed,  
Pastor

Hymn #185 *We Three Kings of Orient Are (1,5)*

**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**

Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad. We bless you for creating the whole world, for your promises to your people Israel, and for Jesus Christ in whom your fullness dwells.

Born of Mary, **he shares our life.**  
Eating with sinners, **he welcomes us.**  
Guiding his children, **he leads us.**  
Visiting the sick, **he heals us.**  
Dying on the cross, **he saves us.**  
Risen from the dead, **he gives new life.**  
Living with you, **he prays for us.**

With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the death and resurrection of our Lord. Receive our sacrifice of praise. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that this meal may be a communion in the body and blood of our Lord. Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast.

**Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love, that we may run the race as your faithful disciples until we feast at your table in glory. We praise you, Abba Father, through Christ your Word made flesh, in the life giving power of the Holy Spirit.**

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again. Amen.**

**Sharing The Bread and The Cup  
Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Hymn #92**

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

*Diademata*

**Benediction**

**Prayer Ministry**

9:00am Isabel Lally  
10:45am Linda Behmke

**Today on this first Sunday of the month, we celebrate Holy Communion.** As Presbyterian Christians, we invite all who profess faith in Jesus Christ to receive communion, regardless of denominational affiliation or membership in this church.

At both services you are invited to receive communion by coming forward down the center aisle. We break off a piece of the bread (gluten free available), dip it in the cup and eat, then return to your seat by the outer aisles.

At the discretion of parents, our children are welcome to receive communion.

**On Communion Sundays**, the loose plate offering is earmarked for our Deacons Assistance Fund. This fund is used to meet critical needs within our own church family and beyond. Thank you for your very generous donations.

**Today is FAMILY WORSHIP. Children K - 5th grade will remain in service to worship with their family. Busy bags are available at the entrance along with special children's bulletins! Infants through PreK have normal programming today.**

**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](http://www.narberthpres.org) or podcast through iTunes..

**Next Week's Sermon: "Pulled In Every Direction But Up"**

**New Classes beginning in January:**

**Wednesday Nights Jan 8, 15 7:00-8:30pm**

"How To Care For Your Anxious Friend", led by John Chaffee

**Wednesday Nights starting January 15, 7:00-8:00pm**

"That The World May Know" video series, led by Pastor Debbie

**Wednesday Nights starting Jan 22, 7:00-8:00pm**

The Jesus I Never Knew, by Philip Yancey

Book study led by Pastor Steve

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Mere Christianity, by C.S. Lewis

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**The ALPHA Marriage Course begins Friday, January 17. See p. 6 for more information.**

## MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

**Rose Adede** lives just across City Line in Philadelphia with her sister Gladys. Rose is originally from Kenya, and has now lived in the US for over 30 years. She has worked as an educator in various settings and comes to NPC from a rich Quaker background. Rose will be baptized today.

**Brendan Fitzpatrick** lives in Philadelphia. He works at Good Shepherd Penn Partners and comes to us from St Denis Church in Havertown. Brendan has served as a volunteer on youth retreats.

**Jyrki and Lorraine Mattila** live in Haverford. Between them, they have 4 adult children. Originally from Finland, Jyrki works as Executive Vice President for Baudax Bio in the field of pharmacology. Lorraine works as a pediatric occupational therapist. Most recently, they have come from Church of the Savior and Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church.

**Matt and Nina O'Connor** live in Wynnewood with their 3 children, Grace (8th grade), David (5th grade), and Mary (2nd grade). Matt works at CHOP as a pediatric cardiologist. Nina serves as Chief of Hospice and Palliative Care at Penn Medicine. The O'Connor family comes to us from Paoli Presbyterian Church.

**Andrew and Danielle Sherlock** live in Narberth and have 2 children, Ella (8th grade), and Ava (1 year old). Danielle works full time as a stay at home Mom, while Andrew works as a Financial Analyst for Health Insurers at the Sherlock Company. NPC represents Andrew and Danielle's first church affiliation as a newly married couple.

**Ryan Spencer** lives in Narberth and first came to NPC at the invitation of John McNally. He works with Main Line Health at Lankenau Hospital as a Food Service Assistant. Ryan is professing his faith today and being baptized.

# FAMILY MINISTRY: CHILDREN, YOUTH & PARENTS

## Childcare and Sunday School

**2 yr olds & 3 yr olds** meet in The Blue Door Rm (#105) during the 9:00 service. We use David C. Cook – Bible in Life Curriculum. Children enjoy play, snack, craft and lesson!

**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\*\* We use David C. Cook – Bible in Life Curriculum. Children enjoy play, craft and lesson!

**Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade** meet in the gym. They begin in service with their families and are dismissed following our Worship Songs. We use “The Story” curriculum for kids. Elementary aged Sunday School takes place at both services.

**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\*\*

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## The Story – Sunday School Curriculum for K-5<sup>th</sup> grade beginning Sunday, Jan 12<sup>th</sup>!

The Story curriculum provides Sunday School lessons that are Bible-centric and fun! Following the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20 our lessons are designed to meet the mandate from Christ, making disciples and teaching them to obey His commands.

## SLIMED! A NEW Wed. Night Children’s Program beginning Wed., January 8<sup>th</sup>!

Sometimes in life it feels like we’ve been slimed. Sometimes it’s because of decisions we make, sometimes it’s from decisions others make that hurt us. Through the life of Jacob, kids will learn that when we stick to God, He can make something beautiful out of any “slimy” situation. We will have weekly slime projects too! All are welcome to join the fun! We meet in RM 107 beginning at 7:00pm.

**Kids Cook-In** on Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>! Elementary-aged children are encouraged to join us as we prepare the meal for Wednesday Night Programming. We begin at 4:30pm in the gym kitchen.

**MLK Day of Service** for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders on Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>! Join us at NPC for a morning of service. We will meet at 10:00am in the gym and end our time with pizza. Please RSVP to Danielle ([dkauffman@narberthpres.org](mailto:dkauffman@narberthpres.org)).

## **YOUTH: Upcoming Special Events**

### **Jan.**

5th - HS Youth Group Resumes.

8th and 15th – 7:00-8:30pm Wed. Night Programs “How To Care For Your Anxious Friend”

12th - Youth Sunday School Resumes.

30th - Youth Staff Outing at 7pm.

**Feb.** 26th - Ash Wednesday, the Start of Lent

**Mar.** 20-22nd - HS Pocono Cabin Retreat

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Upcoming Discipleship Opportunities:

- † Wednesday Nights Jan 8, 15 7:00-8:30pm  
Youth and Parent workshops led by John Chaffee  
**"How to Care for Your Anxious Friend"** - These two Wednesday nights are geared completely toward you gaining the insights and the tools to care for people you may already know need your help. Anxiety, shame, anger... all of these things can fester within us and sometimes we don't see the very practical ways that Christianity helps us to be the Christ to one another. So, whether you are a youth that sits at a lunch table or on the bus with friends, an adult who likes to sit with friends and talk over coffee, or a grandparent who wants to help another person out, these nights will address all of these spheres of life at the same time. These will be open-dialogue based AND include Q+A.
- † Wednesday Nights starting January 15, 7:00-8:00pm  
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- † The **ALPHA Marriage Course** provides husbands and wives tools to build and strengthen a vibrant relationship over time. On 7 successive Friday evening (6:30-9pm), beginning on January 17<sup>th</sup> through February 28<sup>th</sup> couples enjoy a nice dinner at a table for two, watch a brief video presentations by Nicky and Sila Lee, and talk with each other about important issues that can get swept under the carpet in the rush of daily life. This is **not** a large group activity; rather, you and your spouse work only with each other. The cost for 7 weeks of dinner and the course materials is \$100 per couple. It's a bargain! There will be childcare provided at no extra cost. Please contact Debbie [dwatson@narberthpres.org](mailto:dwatson@narberthpres.org) or 610-664-4880 ext.114) to sign up, and check it out [http://us.alphausa.org/Groups/1000056818/The\\_Marriage\\_Course.aspx#.Vq-iLLIrlCs](http://us.alphausa.org/Groups/1000056818/The_Marriage_Course.aspx#.Vq-iLLIrlCs)
- † NPC is a church that strives to make the gospel accessible to all and is a community where people of all abilities are welcome. We are growing in how we enfold our members with special needs. Please contact Elder Linda DiLullo at [ldilullo3@gmail.com](mailto:ldilullo3@gmail.com) or (610) 453-3420 for more information or to let us know how we may support your needs.
- † **HELP WANTED:** We are currently recruiting for a Weekend Custodian to clean the church, do room setup, and other projects - Friday night, Saturday and Sunday. If you are interested, or would like to refer a qualified candidate please reach out to Linda Behmke, Personnel Chair at [lrbehmke@yahoo.com](mailto:lrbehmke@yahoo.com).



**On the Web:**

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**BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST**

**Sunday, January 5**

**Family Worship**  
8:00am Sunday School, Parlor  
8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office  
**9:00am Worship Service-Communion**  
**9:00am New Members received-Baptism**  
**10:45am Worship Service-Communion**  
4:00pm High School Youth Group resumes

**Monday, January 6**

7:00pm Prayer Group, open to all, Steve's Office  
7:30pm Men's Bible Study, Parlor

**Tuesday, January 7**

**7:00pm Deacons' Meeting, Parlor**  
**(New Deacons do attend)**

**Wednesday, January 8**

5:45-8:00pm Wed Night supper & programs  
resume with kid's cooking!  
**7:00-8:30pm** "How To Care For Your Anxious  
Friend", led by John Chaffee

**Thursday, January 9**

9:00am CPS Board Meeting, Chapel  
9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor  
4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor  
7:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal  
7:30pm Adult pick-up basketball

**Friday, January 10**

9:30am Moms' Bible Study, Parlor  
10:00am Women's Bible Study, Chapel

**Saturday, January 11**

Session Retreat Day

**Sunday, January 12**

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor  
8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office  
**9:00am Worship Service**  
Ordination and Installation of new  
Elder/Deacons  
9:30am Children's Sunday School, Gym  
9:30am Youth Sunday School, Youth Room  
**10:45am Worship Service**  
4:00pm High School Youth Group

***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: [ilmpsyche@hotmail.com](mailto:ilmpsyche@hotmail.com)

**Planning Ahead**-Information and calendar updates 24/7 [www.narberthpres.org](http://www.narberthpres.org)

- Jan 17 6:30-9:00pm The Marriage Course, Parlor
- Jan 18 11:00am Memorial Service for Donald Jacobs, Visitation at 10:00am in Parlor,  
Reception following service
- Jan 19 2-5pm Private use of Sanctuary-recital
- Jan 20 10:00am MLK Day of Service: 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders
- Jan 21 7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor
- Jan 22 9:30am Staff Meeting, Parlor
- Jan 23 9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor
- Jan 24 9:30am Moms' Bible Study, Parlor
- Jan 28 7:00pm Outreach Team Meeting
- Jan 28 7:00pm Mission Committee Meeting
- Jan 30 7:00pm Youth Staff Outing
- Feb 7 6:30-9:00pm Parents' Night Out, Gym