

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

February 23, 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**                      *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*                      *arr. Whitsett*

**Welcome and Call To Worship**                      **Proverbs 3:5,6**

**Hymn #62**                      *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*                      *St. Denio*

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Family News**

**Scripture Reading**                      John 1:1,2,14,18; 1 John 4:9-12                      (p.1645, 1902)  
9:00am Anne Barr  
10:45am Rob Wray

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

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

**Prayer of Confession**

Immortal, invisible, the only wise God, we praise you. Thank you for revealing yourself in Jesus, the Word made flesh, and through your church, the body of Christ. We confess that we have allowed the distractions and pressures of life to derail the priority of fixing our eyes on you. We have missed opportunities to serve, and to see how you come to us through the gift of friends. Please forgive us. Teach us to live by faith, and open our eyes to the promises of your Word. Thank you that even when we do not see you, you are always at work, and we can put our trust in you. Through Jesus Christ our Advocate and Savior. Amen

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

**Greeting**

**Worship Song**                      *Blessed Be Your Name*                      *Redman*

**Worship Song**                      *Raise A Hallelujah*                      *Bethel Music*

**Worship Song**                      *Good Good Father*                      *Tomlin*

*During the 9:00am service and the 10:45am service, children in K through 5<sup>th</sup> grades may be dismissed to Children's Sunday School. During the 9:00am service, 6<sup>th</sup> 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**

Offertory	<i>Shall We Gather At the River</i> Pam Fleming, Violin	<i>Lawry</i>
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings		
Doxology and Prayer of Dedication		
Scripture Reading	2 Corinthians 4:16-18; 5:5-7	(p.1798)
Sermon	2020 Vision When It's Hard To See God	Steve Weed, Pastor
Hymn #751	<i>For All The Saints</i>	<i>Sine Nomine</i>
9:00am Song	<i>Trust In The Lord</i> Children's Sunday School	Pam Fleming, Danielle Kauffman
Benediction		

Prayer Ministry 9:00am Lisa Hoffman  
10:45am John Furlong

**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.

**The Session** has authorized a 2-week special offering to Wuhan China for medical supplies for battling the Corona Virus, through The Outreach Foundation. For more details, see page 8.

**In recent weeks, the Deacons** gave \$1,000.00 toward earthquake relief in Puerto Rico, through the Red Cross.

THIS WEEK

**Ash Wednesday Services: Wednesday, February 26**  
**7:00am Ash Wednesday Service with Imposition of Ashes (Brief Service)**  
**5:45-6:45 Dinner:** Soups, rolls, salad, dessert  
**7:00-8:00pm Ash Wednesday Service with Imposition of Ashes (Full Service)**  
 (Childcare for ages Infant to K)

# WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

## World Day of Prayer at NPC “Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk” March 6, 2020, from 10-11:30am



This year, the women of the World Day of Prayer (WDP) Committee of Zimbabwe call us to worship with the words: “Rise! Take your mat and walk” from John 5. We are invited to learn about Zimbabwe’s history and rich culture. The women share their stories of intergenerational wisdom, traditions, and experiences of God’s profound love.

The WDP 2020 program is based on Jesus’ encounter with a person who, although positioned for healing, had not acted upon the opportunities given (John 5:2–9a). Jesus asked “Do you want to be made well?” You are faced with this life-changing question. What are you going to do? Use this opportunity to reflect with your WDP group, community and ecumenical partners. Prayer and action are what link us together around the globe.

Since the nineteenth century, Christian women in the United States and Canada have initiated cooperative activities in many areas of concern for women and children, recognizing the critical role of prayer in mission work and their call to promote world peace through worldwide mission work. The first organized “day of prayer for the world” was held in Canada on January 9, 1920. The United States soon followed on February 20, 1920.

Now, hundreds of thousands of women (and men, youth, and children) from around the world and in every region gather to worship on the first Friday in March. Each year, a different country serves as the writer of the World Day of Prayer worship service and other materials. Women of that country’s national WDP committee interpret scripture within their cultural context and prepare a worship service; women around the world lead the services.

# 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\*\***

**Walk in His Ways** – A NEW Wednesday Night Children’s Program beginning Wednesday, March 4th! Lent can be meaningful for kids too. Through lessons based on parable stories, children will find their part in the Kingdom Work of Jesus. We will have a fun craft each week too. Hope to see many of you there!

**Preschool Sunday is Sunday, March 1** during the 9:00 service. Join us as we celebrate the Narberth Christian Preschool. Sunday School children and Preschool children will sing.

## **Save the date:**

Sunday, March 1 - Preschool Sunday!

Friday, March 6 - Parents’ Night Out!

Sunday, March 29 - Baptism & Communion Class begins!

**Save the date! Parenting Seminar - Growing a Family Culture** - will be held on Friday, April 17th at 7:00pm here at NPC. Please note childcare will not be provided.

**VBC 2020: Monday, June 15th - Friday, June 19th from 2:00pm - 4:30pm**

## **YOUTH: Upcoming Special Events**

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

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **Outreach – China** Session has authorized a special offering to support the **Outreach Foundation's** effort to provide medical supplies (gloves, masks and medical screens) needed in the battle against the coronavirus in Wuhan, China. The Foundation is working with the two largest Christian organizations on mainland China and have verified that their partners have the logistical ability to get the supplies where needed promptly. Those who would like to participate in our financial support for this important effort can make checks payable to Narberth Presbyterian Church and write "Outreach – China" on the memo line. You can learn more about the foundation's efforts at: <https://www.theoutreachfoundation.org/emergency-appeal-for-health-crisis-in-china>
- † **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.

## **You Version - The Bible App**

A free Bible for your phone, tablet, and computer. YouVersion is a simple, ad-free Bible that brings God's Word into your daily life. Read hundreds of versions and languages. Listen as the Bible reads to you. Watch timeless stories in a whole new way. Share with friends on social media or in person. It's free. It's easy to use. It's right where you are. Download it now: [bible.com/app](https://www.bible.com/app)  
This is the link that describes the YouVersion Bible app further and provides download: <https://www.bible.com/app>

- † **American Red Cross Blood Drive**  
**Sponsored by: Narberth Presbyterian Church**  
**Monday, March 16 2:00pm – 7:00pm**  
Location: Narberth Presbyterian Church – Gymnasium  
Sign up at [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org) and search by sponsor code: Narberth Presbyterian

- † **Dr. Janet Moore** has been serving in our Counseling Ministry for over 14 years, working with individuals struggling with a wide range of personal and psychological challenges. Dr. Moore's perspective is that addressing mental health issues is essential to opening our hearts and minds, thereby enabling a closer relationship with God that can sustain us in an imperfect world. You may reach Dr. Moore by leaving a message on her church extension, 610-664-4880 (ext. 121), or at 484-686-6630.

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## † **Free Burma Rangers: A Family Brings Hope To The Front Lines**

*Free Burma Rangers* is a documentary film exploring the extraordinary 20-year journey of missionaries Dave and Karen Eubank. The film follows Dave, Karen, and their three young children, as they venture into war zones where they are fighting to bring hope.

Movie theaters showing the film –

Showtimes for Free Burma Rangers both Monday, 2/24 and Tuesday, 2/25

7:00pm Showtime at Regal UA Riverview Plaza IMAX & RPX

7:00pm Showtime at Regal Edgemont Square

7:00pm Showtime at Regal Plymouth Meeting

## † **Communion and Baptism Class for 3rd - 5th grade!**

Beginning Sunday, **March 29th** during the 9:00 Sunday School hour, Communion and Baptism Class will be offered. This class will run for five consecutive weeks and will conclude on Sunday, April 26th with a special time together for children, parents and our pastors directly following the second service. Children will be baptized and welcomed to the Lord's Table on Sunday, May 3rd during the 9:00 worship service. This class is open ALL children but best for older elementary ages. Please note, for children who are not ready for this step or have already gone through this class, another Sunday School program will be available for them. If your child is interested in learning more about communion and baptism, and you have not yet contacted Danielle, please do so. [dkauffman@narberthpres.org](mailto:dkauffman@narberthpres.org)

## † **New: Wednesday Night Video series with Debbie Watson**

“Fire On the Mountain” is a 6-week study of the Hebrew people, as God led them through the wilderness, and taught them how to be uniquely his people. All are welcome to all or any of our weeks together in the Chapel, 7-8pm. Resumes March 4.

## † **SILENCE!**

Does that command bring back bad memories from your childhood? Are we ever silent? It's a real challenge in our world but did you know that silence can reduce stress and lower your blood pressure? 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 24 (dinner at 5:30, orientation at 7) and return Sunday afternoon, April 26. Cost of \$180 covers a private room and meals. No experience necessary! Contact Dave Bellamy at [dbellamy@narberthpres.org](mailto:dbellamy@narberthpres.org) or 610-520-9382 for more information. Register online at [narberthpres.org](http://narberthpres.org). Registration deadline is April 12.



**On the Web:**

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## BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

### Sunday, February 23

8:00am Sunday School, Parlor  
8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office  
**9:00am Worship Service-children singing!**  
9:30am Children's Sunday School, Gym  
9:30am Youth Sunday School, Youth Room  
10:40am Adult Sunday School Class, Parlor  
**10:45am Worship Service**  
12:15pm Explorers' Class with lunch provided  
4:00pm High School Youth Group

### Monday, February 24

7:00pm Prayer Group, open to all, Steve's Office  
7:30pm Men's Bible Study, Parlor (Open to new members)

### Tuesday, February 25

12:00pm Prayer Time, open to all, Parlor  
7:00pm Missions Committee, Parlor  
7:00pm Outreach Team, Chapel

### Wednesday, February 26

**7:00am Ash Wednesday Service with Imposition of Ashes (Brief Service)**  
**5:45-6:45 Dinner:** Soups, rolls, salad, dessert  
**7:00-8:00pm Ash Wednesday Service with Imposition of Ashes (Full Service)**

### *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: [jlmpsych@hotmail.com](mailto:jlmpsych@hotmail.com)

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

Mar 2,16,30 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Chapel  
Mar 3 7:00pm Deacons' Meeting, Parlor  
Mar 6 10am-Noon World Day of Prayer, Chapel & Sanctuary  
Mar 6,20 9:30am Moms' Bible Study, Parlor  
Mar 6 6:30-9 Parents' Night Out, Gym

### Thursday, February 27

9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor (All-day quilting event)  
4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor  
**7:00-8:30pm Mere Christianity Book Study, with Pastor Steve, Parlor**  
7:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal  
7:30pm Adult pick-up basketball

### Friday, February 28

10:00am Women's Bible Study, Chapel  
1:00pm Sr. Adult Slide Show: Debbie's Israel trip-Part 1, Sign up in chapel  
**6:30-9:00pm The Marriage Course, Parlor**  
6-7:30pm Pre-School Dinner "Around the World", Gym  
6:30pm Pickleball, Gym

### Saturday, February 29

### Sunday, March 1

**Family Worship Sun./Pre-School Sunday Communion Sunday**  
8:00am Sunday School, Parlor  
8:00am Open Prayer, Pastor Steve's Office  
**9:00am Worship Service-children singing!**  
9:30am Children's Sunday School, Gym  
9:30am Youth Sunday School, Youth Room  
10:40am Adult Sunday School Class, Parlor  
**10:15am Reception for PreSchool families and teachers, Gym**  
**10:45am Worship Service**  
12:15pm Explorers' Class with lunch provided  
4:00pm High School Youth Group

Mar 12,26 9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor  
Mar 13 6:30pm Pickleball, Gym  
Mar 17 7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor  
Mar 20 1:00pm Sr. Adult Slide Show  
Mar 20 6:30-8:00pm "Friends For Life" event, Parlor