

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

March 1, 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** *Mercy "La Grace"* **Telemann**

**Welcome and Call To Worship**

**9:00am Worship Song** *What A Beautiful Name* **Fielding/Ligertwood**

**10:45am Hymn #77** *Praise To the Lord. the Almighty* **Lobe Den Herren**

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Family News**

**Scripture Reading** **Matthew 7:7-11** (p.1505)

9:00am Emmy Davis  
10:45am Kelly Watson

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

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

**Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, thank you for your love which encourages us to be honest, and to walk in the light. We humbly confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. Please forgive us through the cross of Christ. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. By the Holy Spirit, deliver us from the fear of disappointment, and grant us the ability to hope. We pray in the matchless name of Jesus. Amen.

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

**9:00am Parent Testimony** **Trish Hein, NPC Pre-School Board**

**Greeting**

**9:00am Hymn #470** *Jesus Loves Me* (1 verse)

**9:00am Song** *I Love Jesus* **Pre-School Children**

**9:00am Song** *I Don't Have To Wait* **Pre-School and NPC Children**  
Pam Fleming, Jean McIntire

**9:00am Welcome and Introduction of Teachers** **Christina Platt,**  
CPS Director

**9:00am Prayer of Blessing** **Deborah Watson**

**9:00am Hymn #509** *O How I Love Jesus* (1 verse)

10:45am Worship Song *What A Beautiful Name* (words projected)

10:45am Worship Song *How Great Is Our God* (words projected)

*(9:00am) Pre-School children dismissed to Sunday School.*

*Family Worship today. NPC Children, K and older, remain in church with their parents.*

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

**Deborah Watson,**

Associate Pastor

**Passing of Friendship Pads**

9:00am Offertory

*Come As You Are*

*Glover*

Lauren Hudson, Preschool Mom

Linda Pilacik, Piano

10:45am Offertory

*Amazing Grace*

*arr. Hopson*

Sherry Beebe, Organ

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

**Scripture Reading**

Mark 10:46-52

(p.1572)

**Sermon**

**Miracles of Jesus – Yesterday and Today**

**Dare To Dream Again**

**Steve Weed,**

Pastor

**Worship Song**

*Light of The World*

*Hughes*

**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, O God our creator and redeemer. In your wisdom, you made all things and sustain them by your power.

**You formed us in your image to love and serve you, but we forgot your promises and abandoned your commandments. In your mercy, you did not reject us but still claimed us as your own.**



**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.

**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 Salvation Army.

**After 35 years of faithfulness to God and outstanding service to NPC, Sherry Beebe is retiring as our Minister of Music on Sunday, March 29.** To celebrate Sherry and her wonderful ministry, we will hold one combined celebration service at 10:00 a.m. There will be a time of recognition and tribute for Sherry during the service (before the children and youth leave for Sunday School). Prior to the service, there will be an extended prelude (from 9:30-9:55 a.m.), led by the Worship Band. Immediately after the service, there will be a reception in the chapel to continue our expression of appreciation for Sherry.

**Next Sunday we SPRING FORWARD by one hour.**

### **Spring Forward Breakfast!**

Next Sunday morning, March 8, we are springing forward by one hour. To "motivate" and to "celebrate", all are invited to share a delicious hot breakfast in the gym, **between 8-9am, and between 10:00-10:45am**. We are grateful for a cooking team of Hugh Barrie, Sam DiLullo (supervisor ☺) Mike Morrison, and others whom the Lord may be calling! **(Volunteers needed)** Please defy any sleepiness to worship God and enjoy food, fellowship, and plenty of caffeinated coffee!

**Lenten Sermon Series – 2020**  
**“Miracles of Jesus – Yesterday and Today”**

**March 1** “Dare To Dream Again” (Healing of blind Bartimaeus) Mark 10:46-52

**March 8** “Unleashing the Gifts of God” (Feeding of the 5000) Matthew 14:13-21

**March 15** “Mustard Seed Faith” (Healing of the boy with seizures)  
Mark 9:14-29; Matthew 17:19-21

**March 22** “When the Tomb Becomes a Womb” (The raising of Lazarus from the dead) John 11:1-6, 17-27, 32-44

**March 29** “God’s Greatest Joy” (The return of the Prodigal Son)  
Luke 10:1,2, 17-24; Luke 15:11-24; 19:10

**April 5** “Revolution of Peace” (The healing of Malchus’ ear) John 18:1-11; Luke 22:49-51

**April 12** “The Greatest Miracle of All” (The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead)

**This Friday: World Day of Prayer at NPC**  
**“Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk”**  
**March 6, 2020, from 10-11:30am**  
**Location: Chapel and Sanctuary**

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. The first organized “day of prayer for the world” was held in Canada on January 9, 1920. The United States soon followed on Feb. 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!

**Children’s Lenten Offering to support the Stenton Family Manor!** The children will be collecting items to donate to Philadelphia’s only family shelter. If you would like to contribute please leave your items in the bins on the stage. Our collection will run now through Easter Sunday, April 12th.

**Items Needed:** Tissues, Hand Sanitizer, Hand Soap for bathrooms, gently used or new board games, children’s puzzles, coloring books, new crayons, new washable markers, children’s craft supplies.

**Parents’ Night Out “FROZEN 2 PARTY”!** Children age 4 (and potty-trained) through 5th grade are invited to attend Parents’ Night Out on **Friday, March 6th from 6:30pm - 9:00pm** in the gym! Get ready for Freeze Pops, Winter themed crafts, Games, Pizza and Olaf! Please RSVP to Danielle ([dkauffman@narberthpres.org](mailto:dkauffman@narberthpres.org)). This is a FREE event but donations are appreciated.

**Mission Possible! Changing the World with God!** VBC 2020 is set to run Monday, June 15th - Friday, June 19th from 2:00pm - 4:30pm. Mission Possible is all about encouraging children to see that they can be a part of God’s mission to love people and tell them all about His love! We will be learning each day from new mission partners who have hearts for helping others. Get ready to go all over the world (and close to home) to share God’s love! Online Registration will begin for volunteers and participants on Sunday, April 5th. Visit the church website to sign up! VBC is best for children age 4 (by June 1st, 2020) through those entering 5th grade (2020-2021 school year).

**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.

# 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>
- † **Adult Ice-Cream Social:** NPC Disability Ministry will be hosting our first *Friends for Life* event on Friday, March 20 at 6:30-8:00 p.m. in our wheelchair-accessible parlor. Bring your friends, particularly those with disabilities, and enjoy an evening of fun games, fellowship, a brief Bible lesson, and make-your-own ice-cream sundaes.
- † **American Red Cross Blood Drive, Sponsored by: NPC**  
**Monday, March 16 2:00pm – 7:00pm**  
Location: Narberth Presbyterian Church – Gymnasium  
**RedCrossBlood.org and search by sponsor code: Narberth Presbyterian**
- † **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)
- † **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). by April 12.



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

**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

**Monday, March 2**

6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Chapel  
7:00pm Prayer Group, open to all, Steve's Office  
7:30pm Men's Bible Study, Parlor (Open to new members)

**Tuesday, March 3**

12:00pm Prayer Time, open to all, Parlor  
7:00pm Deacons' Meeting, Parlor

**Wednesday, March 4**

5:45pm Wed Night supper:  
**7:00-8:00pm** "Fire On The Mountain" video series, led by Pastor Debbie, Chapel  
**7:00-8:15pm** The Jesus I Never Knew book study, led by Pastor Steve, Parlor  
**7:00pm** Children's programming and childcare  
**6:30pm** Middle School Youth Group

**Thursday, March 5**

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, March 6**

9:30am Moms' Bible Study, Parlor  
**10am-Noon World Day of Prayer, Chapel & Sanctuary**  
6:30-9 Parents' Night Out, Gym  
**(Children age 4-5<sup>th</sup> grade)**  
**Saturday, March 7**

**Sunday, March 8-Spring Forward 1 hour!**

8-10am Breakfast in the Gym!  
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  
10-10:45am Breakfast in the Gym!  
10:40am Adult Sunday School Class, Parlor  
**10:45am Worship Service**  
12:15pm Explorers' Class with lunch provided  
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: [jlmpsych@hotmail.com](mailto:jlmpsych@hotmail.com)

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

Mar 10 7:00pm Elder/Deacon Training, Parlor  
Mar 12,26 9:30am Quilts for Comfort, Parlor  
Mar 13 6:30pm Pickleball, Gym  
Mar 16,30 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Chapel



Mar 17 7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor  
Mar 20 9:30am Moms' Bible Study, Parlor  
Mar 20 1:00pm Sr. Adult Slide Show  
Mar 20 6:30-8:00pm "Friends For Life" event, Parlor  
Mar 24 Missions Committee  
Mar 24 Outreach Team