



Narberth Presbyterian Church

September 6, 2020

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Welcome and Family News

Pastor Steve Weed

Call to Worship

Romans 12:1,2

Eleanor Vadala

Hymn

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
Sherry Beebe

Diadem

Scripture Reading

Titus 2:11-14; Ephesians 5:15-18

Pastor Debbie

Children's Message

Danielle Kauffman

Youth Message

John Chaffee

Worship Song

Your Grace Is Enough
Kathy McLean, Andrea Ogle

Tomlin/Maher

Sermon

The Fruit of The Spirit
Who's In Control?

Pastor Steve Weed

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Debbie

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.

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, eternal and triune God, whom we worship as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In Jesus Christ you spoke the word that brought the world into being. By the Holy Spirit you brought order out of chaos and breathed life into your creatures.

In his ministry on earth, Jesus cared for all, forgiving their failures, healing their hurts, and nurturing their faith, giving himself in utter sacrifice for those he loved. He inspired ordinary people to Spirit-filled living, and displayed in his life, death, and rising again the power of your Spirit.

Nurture us at this table, O God, that we may grow to the stature of Jesus Christ. By the Holy Spirit, help us surrender more of ourselves to you, that we might know the freedom of your will. Help us to love you above all else and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves.

Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm. Amen.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again. Amen.

Prayer of Preparation

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Benediction

Pastor Debbie

Postlude

Psalm 19

Ray

Sarah Comstock

NPC's Got Talent - UPDATE!

We have extended the time to upload your "talent" video - so please upload your one minute talent this week or next. Remember, talent is a variety of things! Juggling, Singing, Hopping on one foot, Standing on your head, Reciting a favorite poem! What are you really great at? Show us! Please stay tuned with a NEW release DATE of the NPC's Got Talent Show. And get those videos in! :) We can't wait to "see" you!

[Click Here](#) for the DropBox link for the NPC's Got Talent.

FAMILY MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sunday, September 13 - Blessing of the Children, Drive Through!

On Sunday, September 13th there will be a “*Blessing of the Children - Drive Through*”. Because we are not yet able to gather safely, with all the MANY children and youth to bless them before their new school year, inside the church, we will take our blessing outdoors! From **1:00pm - 2:00pm** families are invited to drive past the church on Windsor Avenue and receive a blessing from pastoral staff, elders, or leaders in children and youth ministry. You do not need to RSVP. We hope to see many of you there.

Wacky Wednesday for children!

Children in Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to the NPC parking lot each Wednesday (beginning September 16th) from 4:30pm - 5:30pm for some Wacky Wednesday fun! We will have some wacky energetic games and activities and we will take time to talk about some of the weirdest and strangest stories in the Bible! AND week one we will enjoy a DUNK TANK - with John Chaffee as the target! Everyone attending is asked to wear a face covering out of love for each other. Please RSVP your child with Danielle

(dkauffman@narberthpres.org)

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Group and Small Group Gatherings This Fall

This fall the NPC Youth Min will be pivoting toward more small group gatherings on Wednesdays. Our hope is that with a network of congregants and volunteers we can have alternating larger gatherings and small group gatherings each week for MS and HS youth. Our preference is to meet in people's back or side yards rather than at the church property. AND, we would like to know if you would be willing to host a gathering this fall even if you are not a parent of a MS or HS youth. We would hope to foster more relationships across our church's demographic and see what can happen. If you are interested in attending this fall then just set aside your Wednesday evenings for NPC.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

SUNDAY CLASSES

8:00 am - Scripture Discussion

No Class this week (Sept 6) – See you next week!

11:00 am - Hebrews: How Jesus was Deeply Jewish, and So is Christianity *begins Sunday September 13*

John Chaffee will be leading a Zoom class for people of all ages (youth and all the way up) on the book of Hebrews. In the New Testament, Hebrews is an often overlooked book that is rich with Old Testament references and imagery. As a follow-up to Mark Wenger's course on Romans, Hebrews makes a lot of sense, because together, these books present different angles on the same Jesus and Christian faith. At a time in the first century when believers were experiencing a lot of push-back/harassment for their faith, and some were tempted to leave it, and return to traditional Judaism, the writer of Hebrews sought to show how Jesus represented the core of biblical Jewish tradition, even as he transcended it. Our plan is to focus on one chapter each week, discussing where Hebrews makes unique statements in the New Testament, and chatting about how our ancient faith still is miles ahead of us today. Contact John Chaffee for the Zoom link at jchaffee@narberthpres.org

Monday Night Group on Zoom

Starting September 14th

7:00 pm - “An American Lament” – Discussion Group on Racial Justice and Reconciliation

Join us as we journey together through the 40-day devotional, “An American Lament”, a study of racial justice and reconciliation. Each day, you will be drawn into a time of prayer, Scripture reading, reflection, and response led by various Black and white pastors and leaders. Learn more about the history of slavery and Jim Crow in America and the challenges that still exist today in areas such as criminal justice, drug sentencing, housing, education, and health. Consider how God may be calling you to respond both as an individual and as part of the greater Church. Enjoy an opportunity to come together with fellow Christians to hear one another's thoughts and reflections on the readings. This small group opportunity will be offered on Monday nights via Zoom for 8 weeks. Each discussion section will be limited to 10 people. Depending on the level of interest, discussion groups may also be offered on additional days. If you are interested, please contact Sue Wenger at mswenger@yahoo.com. Led by Dave Bellamy and Marilyn Reed

Wednesday Nights at the Church

Starting September 16th

7:00 pm - “Walking with God in the Desert”

Pastor Debbie will host a 7-week Bible Study focused on how God taught (and still teaches) his people in the desert. This in-person study, which has a video component, is open to everyone above Middle School age. Join us in the Chapel, where we will meet – wearing masks and safely distanced – for a new opportunity to learn for ourselves what it is to walk with God in our own “deserts.” In accordance with current safety precautions, there will be no childcare for this gathering. Please contact the Church Office to sign up, so that we can plan for an appropriate number of chairs.

Led by Pastor Debbie Watson

Location: Chapel

Resource List for Racial Justice and Reconciliation

1. Grace, Justice, and Mercy - 30 minute talk by Tim Keller, 40 minute talk by Bryan Stevenson: <https://vimeo.com/168964644>

2. Racial Reconciliation: Dana Allin, ECO leader, interview with David Bailey of Arrabon Ministry: <https://eco-pres.org/event/the-church-and-racial-reconciliation-webinar/>

3. "The Dream King" William Ford and Matt Lockett - Open Church
<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=william+ford+and+matt+lockett+open+church&docid=608045349025285282&mid=C48796D8CE17EE4664F2C48796D8CE17EE4664F2&view=detail&FORM=VIRE>

4. 40-Day Devotional – “An American Lament”
https://repentanceproject.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/An_American_Lament.pdf

SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMUNICATIONS

UPDATE FROM SAFETY AND SECURITY

Worship Services. Following Pastor Debbie's recent announcement, Safety and Security is pleased to confirm that if the way be clear, NPC intends to begin in-person worship in early October and adhere to all safety guidelines and procedures that the Session has approved. At NPC, we will protect our members and friends at the "new" worship services by adhering to the *Four Pillars of Health and Safety*:

- Facility-Sanitizing
- Health-Screening
- Mask-Wearing
- Social Distancing

The "new" worship services will be different than they were before COVID, and will have to be adapted to ensure everyone's protection. The balance of this article is intended to help you understand how in-person worship will be different and hopefully spark your interest in three of the ministries that will help make this happen:

Greeter. As before, greeters remain the smiling, first faces that friends and members see as they enter NPC. Greeters will also now assist with ensuring good traffic flow and social distancing when congregants enter and exit our church. Finally, greeters may also assist in verifying the names of members that have registered in advance to let NPC know they are attending. The registration process will be used to help make sure there are enough socially-distant seats for worship services. Registering also provides the support needed to perform contact tracing, if ever needed. You will hear more about pre-registering as we draw closer to our first Sunday in the Sanctuary.

Health Screener. Although those in the health field are welcomed and encouraged to serve in this ministry, anyone with a passion for keeping our friends and members healthy would be a great help in serving in this ministry. Health screeners will ask all who come to worship a few health and safety questions and administer an instant-read, touchless thermometer to help make sure that those who might be sick and not already aware of it can be forewarned, preventing possible spread of Covid-19 in worship. Health screeners and Greeters will also help to make sure that all who enter are wearing masks, which will be required to worship inside.

Usher. Ushers have been a cornerstone at NPC but their role will be different now. To reduce the likelihood of spreading sickness from pass-along materials, we will not be using a printed bulletin. All of that information will be shared via screens or the newsletter. But ushers have a very important role in seating friends and members in the Sanctuary and Balcony and making sure that all are socially distant from one-another, unless they are members of the same household or family. Ushers will also assist in monitoring and directing traffic flow to help reduce bottlenecks and backups and encourage social distancing when congregants enter and exit our church.

Please pray for NPC's leadership as we enter the next month of preparation activities and for stable health conditions in our local community. Also, pray for an outpouring of volunteers to support our ministries as we hopefully resume worship services in early October.

To learn more about the new volunteer roles and to participate in upcoming training, please contact the following ministry leaders:

- *Greeter: David Place (davend84@hotmail.com)*
- *Medical Screener: Nina O'Connor (Nina.OConnor@penncmedicine.upenn.edu)*
- *Usher: Dee Knight (deedleskni9@gmail.com)*

Please remember, there is no pressure for friends and members to resume in-person activities, as virtual options continue as vibrant and safe options at NPC for everyone. We welcome suggestions and feedback that can be directed to Tim Roykouff, Business Administrator, troykouff@narberthpres.org.

The Safety & Security Committee: Curt Haring, Jimmy Hornung, Nina O'Connor; Tim Roykouff; Eric Simpson (Chair); Scott Todd

COMMUNICATIONS

Prayer

Requests for prayer can be made anytime by calling the church office or emailing to prayer@narberthpres.org. Requests will be posted as quickly as possible for immediate prayer by the Prayer Team.

Small group leaders are encouraged to reach out to the Church office if any meeting resource (voice conference calling or video conference calling) is needed. Small group members are encouraged to remain in contact with each other. Some small groups may continue, others may take a break in this time. Small group leaders are encouraged to communicate with their group as to what you will be doing in this time.

Office: The church office may be contacted by phone at 610-664-4880 from 9 am to 4 pm Monday - Friday with questions, concerns, prayer requests, etc. Messages may also be left at any other time. We love to hear from you.

Giving: Your gifts and tithes make this ministry possible and keep our church strong. Giving may be done at: www.narberthpres.org/give. Giving may be done by texting your gift to 610-642-4831. Gifts and tithes may also be mailed to the church office:

Narberth Presbyterian Church Attention: Financial Secretary
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Ruth Ellen Patterson, Financial Secretary
Larry Lubchuk, Weekend Custodian

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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, September 6

8:00am Zoom Prayer Meeting

9:00am Worship Service available online

Monday, September 7

7:00pm Zoom Prayer Group

Tuesday, September 8

1:00-6:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive, Gym

7:00pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, September 9

7:00pm Zoom Prayer Meeting

Thursday, September 10

Friday, September 11

Saturday, September 12

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Zoom Class

1:00pm-2:00pm Blessing of the Children and Youth, Drive-by

To join any of the above listed Zoom meetings, please call the church office at 610-664-4880

Each Week

Christian Pre-School – 610-664-8890

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

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

Looking Ahead

Sept 14	7:00-8:00pm NEW Zoom Discussion Group: “An American Lament”
Sept 15	Preschool classes resume
Sept 16	4:30-5:30pm “Whacky Wednesday” begins, Children’s Ministry K-5th
Sept 16	7:00pm “Walking In the Desert With God” In-person video series, led by Debbie Watson, Location: Chapel