



# Narberth Presbyterian Church

September 27, 2020

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Welcome and Family News

Pastor Steve Weed

Call to Worship

Psalm 133

Doris Trescher

Hymn

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*  
Sherry Beebe

*Ode to Joy*

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 3:12-14; 10:19-25

Pastor Debbie

Children's Message

Danielle Kauffman

Youth Message

John Chaffee

Worship Song

Sarah & Colin Comstock

Sermon

Fellowship = Friendship, Faith, and Fire.

Pastor Steve Weed

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Benediction

Pastor Debbie

Sermon Series: Essential Church: Reconnecting With God and One Another

# FAMILY MINISTRY

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### Wacky Wednesday for Kindergarten - 5th grade!

All elementary aged children are encouraged to attend "Wacky Wednesday" from 4:30pm - 5:30pm in the NPC parking lot! Everyone wears a face covering (covering nose and mouth). Hope to see you there!

### Day of Service with The Philadelphia Project!

All 3rd, 4th and 5th graders are encouraged to join us for a Day of Service with The Philadelphia Project on **Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**. The cost is \$35 per person. Please RSVP to Danielle - registration and fees must be turned in by October 17th.

**Save the Date for Trunk or Treat** taking place on Saturday, October 24th in the NPC parking lot!

## 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.

## NPC CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

Narberth Presbyterian Church Christian Preschool is excited to announce that we opened our doors for in-person instruction on Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. We have been implementing contactless drop-off and health screens as well as following the CDC guidelines for preschools. We have limited space available for children who are 18 months- PreK. For more information please email [preschool@narberthpres.org](mailto:preschool@narberthpres.org) or visit our website: [www.narberthpres.org/school](http://www.narberthpres.org/school).

### Christina Platt

Preschool Director

School Office: 610-664-8890

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

## SUNDAY CLASSES

### 8:00 am - Scripture Discussion

All are invited to Debbie's class focused on discussing the Scripture passage for each week's worship service and sermon. Come join us via Zoom for what is always a rich time of fellowship and learning. Led by Pastor Debbie Watson

### 11:00 am - Hebrews: How Jesus was Deeply Jewish, and So is Christianity

John Chaffee is 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](mailto:jchaffee@narberthpres.org)

## WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT THE CHURCH

### 7:00 pm - "Walking with God in the Desert"

Pastor Debbie is hosting 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.

**Led by Pastor Debbie Watson**

**Location: Chapel**

### 7:00pm "How Is Your Faith?" Bible Study

**Starting Wednesday night, October 7**, at 7:00pm, Pastor Steve will lead a new in person Bible Study at the church entitled, "How Is Your Faith?" Each week there will be biblical teaching on the importance of faith, but the emphasis will be on personal application, prayer, and encouraging one another in this time of covid-19. Our goal is practical, biblical encouragement, with gentle accountability in our relationship with God and others. All are welcome!

While pre-registration is not required to attend, please be in touch with Karen at the office or Pastor Steve if you are interested or have any questions.

# SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMUNICATIONS

## UPDATE FROM SAFETY AND SECURITY

**Worship Services Preparation.** Safety and Security is pleased to confirm that if the way remains clear, NPC intends to begin in-person worship on October 18th. Together with the Worship Committee, several ministries and volunteers, we are in full preparation mode to ensure our members and friends' health and safety if you to choose to begin in-person services next month.

Please pray for our church as we enter the next month of preparation activities and for stable health conditions in our local community. Please pray for NPC as we focus principally on facility preparation, volunteer recruitment and training, and communicating what the new in-person services look like so that our members and friends can be fully informed in their decision to attend in person or continue their worship experience through virtual options.

**Pastoral Letter.** Next week, Pastor Steve will welcome our members and friends back to NPC to attend in-person worship services starting Oct 18th. Steve's welcome letter will provide more details on NPC's safety protocols and answer frequently asked questions about what the new worship services will look like.

**Congregational Survey.** Also, be on the look-out for a congregational survey to get your current views on returning to in-person worship services. The survey will take only 5 minutes to complete, and will enable NPC leadership to consider all of your views in their decision-making about ongoing health safety and worship preparation efforts.

**Worship Service Volunteers.** Finally, we are blessed to have the commitment of ministry leaders that are actively seeking volunteers to fulfill the four "new" worship service duties that are described below. We hope these opportunities will spark the interest of individuals, leaders, and members of our church groups to serve in any and all of these exciting ministries to make this happen. Volunteers are needed for the following roles:

**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.** 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.

**Technical.** As we launch Live-Streaming during worship services, we need volunteers that have a passion for ensuring that our Live-streaming is technically supported and effective and maintains NPC's strong virtual experience among members and friends.

Please prayerfully consider supporting our greeter, health screener, usher, and live streaming ministries, and helping to make the new services happen and ensuring the health and safety of our members and friends. To learn more about the new volunteer roles and to participate in training, please contact the following ministry leaders:

***Greeter: David Place (davend84@hotmail.com)***

***Health Screener: Nina O'Connor***

***(Nina.OConnor@penmedicine.upenn.edu)***

***Usher: Dee Knight (deedleskni9@gmail.com)***

***Live Streaming: Jack Comstock, (comstockjack@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](mailto: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](http://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:

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205 Grayling Ave. Narberth PA 19072

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### On the Web:

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Christina Platt, Dir. of Pre-School  
Tim Roykouff, Business Administrator  
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Joyce B. Nicolai, Bookkeeper  
Ruth Ellen Patterson, Financial Secretary  
Larry Lubchuk, Weekend Custodian

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# BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

## ***Sunday, September 20***

8:00am Zoom Sunday School Discussion Class

Led by Debbie

**9:00am Worship Service available online**

at [www.narberthpres.org](http://www.narberthpres.org)

**9:30am 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders meet at church to make sandwiches**

11:00 am - Hebrews: How Jesus was

Deeply Jewish, and So is Christianity

Zoom Class led by John Chaffee

## ***Monday, September 28***

7:00pm Zoom Prayer Group

## ***Tuesday, September 29***

## ***Wednesday, September 30***

4:30-5:30pm “Whacky Wednesday”, Children’s Ministry K-5th

7:00pm Zoom Prayer Meeting

7:00pm “Walking In the Desert With God” In-person video series, led by Debbie Watson,

Location: Chapel

## ***Thursday, October 1***

## ***Friday, October 2***

## ***Saturday, October 3***

## ***Sunday, October 4***

8:00am Zoom Sunday School Discussion Class

Led by Debbie

**9:00am Worship Service available online**

at [www.narberthpres.org](http://www.narberthpres.org)

11:00 am - Hebrews: How Jesus was

Deeply Jewish, and So is Christianity

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