



Narberth Presbyterian Church

October 11, 2020

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Welcome and Family News Pastor Steve Weed

Call to Worship 1 Peter 5:6-11 Scott & Julie Todd and Aidan

Hymn *Blessed Assurance*
Sherry Beebe

Children's Message Danielle Kauffman

Youth Message John Chaffee

Worship Song *Nothing To Hold On To*
Sarah & Colin Comstock

Scripture Reading Acts 2:42,43; 4:23-31 Pastor Debbie

Sermon Does Prayer Really Matter/ Pastor Steve

Pastoral Prayer and Benediction Pastor Debbie

Postlude *Take Heart*
Sarah Comstock

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 21st**. 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 15th. 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 or visit our website: 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

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

Wednesday nights at 7:00pm, Pastor Steve is leading a new in person Bible Study at the church entitled, "How Is Your Faith?" Each week there is 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

Pastor Steve's Letter. By now, you have received Pastor Steve's letter in the mail indicating that "Lord willing, we intend to resume in person worship in the sanctuary, on Sunday, October 18, with one service at 9:30 am". Guidelines for reopening can be found in the mailing with some highlights listed below:

- **What to Expect for Sunday Worship Services at NPC.** Initially, worship service will start with a single service at 9:30 and be limited to 60 minutes, capacity will be limited to 90 congregants, and we will celebrate family worship together with no separate programs for children or youth. Congregants will be required to pre-register and pass through a brief health screening and check-in process before entering the church. Social distancing and mask wearing are required at all times on church property. Our greeters, health screeners and ushers will ensure your health and safety by observing our safety protocols.
- **How Can you Help?** If you choose to attend in person worship, please become familiar with NPC's guidelines for Fall Worship and be prepared to follow them when you arrive at NPC. Important information that you should review includes:
 - Pastor Steve's Welcome Letter (mailed to you this week)
 - Frequently Asked Questions Document (mailed and emailed to you this week)
 - Worship Service Registration Instructions, included in invitation to register, to be emailed on October 5 for the October 18 Worship Service

† *We request patience and prayers as we work through these new safety measures together for our in-person worship services and make adjustments along the way. Please remember, there is no pressure for friends and members to resume in-person worship, as virtual options continue as vibrant and safe options for everyone at NPC.*

Congregational Survey. This week, you received a time-sensitive survey via e-mail to get your views on returning to in-person worship services. The survey will take only five minutes to complete and is due to be completed by Oct 11th to share results with Session. Your responses will help NPC leadership in their decision-making as it relates to your views on several safety protocols and whether you are comfortable attending with corporate singing while masked. *Thank you for completing this important survey! If you have not yet had the opportunity to complete the survey, [please use this link to do so now.](#)*

Worship Service Volunteers. We are blessed with ministry leaders that are actively seeking volunteers to fulfill four "new" worship service duties described below. *Please prayerfully consider joining our greeter, health screener, usher, and live streaming ministries, as you will make a huge difference with your service that is critical to our church reopening and ensuring the health and safety of our members and friends. To learn more about the new volunteer roles and to participate in training shortly, please contact our ministry leaders below.*

Greeter. As before, greeters remain the smiling, first faces that friends and members see as they approach and enter NPC. Greeters will also assist with ensuring good traffic flow and social distancing when congregants enter and exit our church. Finally, greeters may also assist with the check-in process to ensure there is ample social distancing capacity before entering church. Our leader is David Place, (davend84@hotmail.com)

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 and greeters will check-in congregants and make sure they are registered and will ensure mask-wearing. They will also conduct health screening by asking COVID-related questions and administer an instant-read, touchless thermometer before you enter the church. Our leader is Nina O'Connor, (Nina.OConnor@pennmedicine.upenn.edu)

Usher. Ushers have a very important role in actively seating friends and members in the Sanctuary and Balcony and making sure that all are socially distant from one-another. Ushers will also assist in monitoring and directing traffic flow to help reduce congestion and encourage social distancing when congregants enter and exit our church. Our leader is Dee Knight, (deedleskni9@gmail.com)

Live Streaming. We need volunteers with a passion for ensuring that our Live-streaming is technically supported and effective and maintains NPC's strong virtual worship experience. Our leader is Jack Comstock, (comstockjack@gmail.com)

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
205 Grayling Ave. Narberth PA 19072

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Office hours 9:00am to 4:30pm Mon-Th.
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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, October 11

8:00am Zoom Sunday School Discussion Class

Led by Debbie

9:00am Worship Service available online

at www.narberthpres.org

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Deeply Jewish, and So is Christianity

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Monday, October 12

7:00pm Zoom Prayer Group

Tuesday, October 13

12:00pm Prayer group -Meet in the parking lot

Wednesday, October 14

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

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Thursday, October 15

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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