



Narberth Presbyterian Church

October 18, 2020

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude Music		Kathy McLean
Welcome and Family News		Pastor Steve Weed
Call to Worship	Matthew 16:13-18	Drs. Nina and Matt O'Connor Grace, David, Mary
Hymn #689	<i>The Church's One Foundation (1,2,4,5)</i> Sherry Beebe	<i>Aurelia</i>
Prayer of Invocation		Pastor Debbie
Children's Message		Danielle Kauffman
Scripture Reading	John 14:1-9	Pastor Debbie
Youth Message		John Chaffee
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Debbie
Sermon	How Do You Feel About the Future?	Pastor Steve
Worship Song	<i>Where I Go</i>	<i>Langdon</i>
Benediction		Pastor Steve
Postlude		Sherry Beebe

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

The Way Remains Clear! After several months of planning, Narberth Presbyterian Church is resuming in-person, in-Sanctuary worship services this Sunday, October 18, with one service at 9:30 that will also be live streamed. Streamed services may also be accessed as a recording from the NPC website (www.narberthpres.org) for viewing later.

COVID Trends. Dr. Nina O'Connor and our team continue to monitor our local health conditions using data from the Pennsylvania Department of Health. While case counts have risen over the last 2 weeks, they are still far below levels seen in the spring, and local hospitals are doing well. *Please pray for continued stabilization of pandemic.*

Weekly Registration. To date, 83 "Yes" RSVPs have been received to attend the Oct 18th in-person worship service. *Going forward, weekly registration for upcoming worship services will open on Sunday afternoons and close on Fridays. Be on the look-out for an e-mail invitation from NPC to register on-line or by calling the church at 610-664-4880 to manually register.*

What Will It Look Like? A video was created to show how worship will be familiar and different as we seek to minimize potential for Covid-19 infection while celebrating worship together again in our beautiful Sanctuary: [Click Here for Video](#)

What to Expect for Worship Services? Worship service will start with a single service at 9:30 and be limited to approximately 60 minutes and 90 congregants, with extra space created in the Chapel, as needed. Initially, there will be no separate programs for children or youth. Congregants will be required to check in and pass through a brief health screening and before entering the church. Social distancing and mask wearing are required at all times on church property. Our safety and security team, greeters, health screeners and ushers will ensure your health and safety by observing our safety protocols. *Doors open at 9:00; please plan on arriving early to allow for an orderly check-in process.*

How Can I Prepare? If you choose to return, please take a few minutes and review NPC's guidelines that are posted on NPC's website ([click here](#)) including two important documents: 1) Reopening Frequently Asked Questions; and 2) Guidelines and Protocols for Worship. *Please pray for our leadership as we finalize our preparations for reopening. 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. Thank you for responding to our recent survey asking for your opinions on returning to in-person worship services. A total of 129 responses were received, with results and analysis shared with Session on Tuesday night. Your responses were extremely helpful for leadership to understand your views on the proposed health and safety measures and to inform our discussions and decisions on various worship planning modifications at this time.

Volunteers Needed. On Thursday night, with our hospitality ministry leaders, we hosted our final worship service training session. The session enabled participants to

learn more about the health and safety aspects of NPC's in-person worship services. In the session, Dr. Nina O'Connor provided a COVID update and stressed the importance of the "Four Pillars of Health" at NPC. Curt Haring provided an overview of safety protocols in "What to Expect in Worship Services". Eric Simpson highlighted the importance of our volunteers to ensure our Congregants health and safety as part of "NPC's Hospitality Ministries". The main topic, "Volunteer Duties, Locations, and Dynamics", was led by Eric Simpson, Dr. Nina O'Connor, Dee Knight, and Scott Todd. We concluded with "Next Steps" and how volunteers can sign up for worship services in October and November.

Please prayerfully consider joining our safety & security, health screener, greeter, usher, and live streaming ministries and contacting our leaders as noted below. You will make a huge difference that ensures the health, safety and security of our members and friends!

Safety & Security. We need volunteers with a passion for keeping our friends and members safe and secure. Our team oversees and monitors the health, safety, and security of our congregants by coordinating, communicating, and assisting our health screener, greeter, and usher teams. Also, in an emergency, we direct NPC's emergency response and contact with our emergency partners. Our leader is Eric Simpson, (simpsoe100@gmail.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 questions and administer a touchless thermometer before you enter the church. Our leader is Nina O'Connor, (Nina.OConnor@penmedicine.upenn.edu)

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)

Usher. *Right now, our greatest need is for ushers.* Ushers actively seat everyone in the Sanctuary to ensure their social distance. Ushers also assist by monitoring and directing traffic flow to reduce congestion and encourage social distancing when congregants enter and exit our church. Ushers also get to warmly greet congregants as they enter the 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, Jim Hornung, Dr. 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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Deborah Watson, Associate Pastor
John Chaffee, Director of Youth Ministry
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Christina Platt, Dir. of Pre-School
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Ruth Ellen Patterson, Financial Secretary
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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, October 18

8:00am Zoom Sunday School Discussion Class

Led by Debbie

**9:30am In-person Worship resumes
(registration required)**

**Worship Service also available online
at www.narberthpres.org**

11:00 am - Hebrews: How Jesus was
Deeply Jewish, and So is Christianity
Zoom Class led by John Chaffee

Monday, October 19

7:00pm Zoom Prayer Group

Tuesday, October 20

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

Wednesday, October 21

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

7:00pm Zoom ACTS Prayer Meeting

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

7:00pm “How’s Your Faith” Bible Study, led by
Pastor Steve

Thursday, October 22

Friday, October 23

7-8am Zoom Community Prayer Meeting
for Racial Reconciliation. Zoom link available

Saturday, October 24

Heritage Presbytery Meeting
Zoom link available

Sunday, October 25

8:00am Zoom Sunday School Discussion Class

Led by Debbie

**9:30am In-person Worship resumes
(registration required)**

Worship Service also available online

11:00 am - Hebrews: How Jesus was
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***To join any of the above listed Zoom
meetings, please call the church office at
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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