



# Narberth Presbyterian Church

March 7, 2021

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude	<i>Jesus, Strong and Kind</i> Pam Fleming	
Welcome and Family News		Deborah Watson
Call to Worship	1 John 3:16-18	The Chios Family Devon, Layla, Mae
Hymn#60	<i>Amazing Grace</i> Sherry Beebe	
Prayer of Invocation		Pastor Debbie
Children's Message		Danielle Kauffman
Scripture Reading	Ruth 1:1-8, 14-18	John Chaffee
Youth Message		John Chaffee
Pastoral Prayer		John Chaffee
Sermon	<i>Amazing Grace – Unlikely Friends</i>	Pastor Debbie
Worship Song	<i>One Thing Remains</i> Higher than the mountains that I face Stronger than the power of the grave Constant in the trial and the change One thing remains, One thing remains  Chorus: Your love never fails It never gives up Never runs out on me (3x) Your love  On and on and on and on it goes It overwhelms and satisfies my soul And I never ever have to be afraid One thing remains, one thing remains Chorus	<i>Johnson/Gifford/Riddle</i>

Bridge: In death in life I'm confident and  
Cover'd by the power of Your great love  
My debt is paid there's nothing that  
Can separate my heart from Your great love  
Chorus – Bridge - Chorus

### **Invitation To Communion**

**John Chaffee**

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.**

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He took upon himself the weight of our sin and carried the burden of our guilt on the cross. He shared our life in every way, and though tempted, was sinless to the end. Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ.

**Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Make us eager to work with you in building a better world, so that it may listen to your Church and its gospel of peace. We confess, Lord, that we have sinned, wash us clean by your gift of salvation.**

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again. Amen.**

**Sharing of the Bread and Cup**

**Pastor Debbie**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

### **SPRING FITNESS OPPORTUNITIES**

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring two fitness, fellowship, and outreach opportunities this spring:

1. Weekly walking group (weather permitting) **at 2pm, starting Wednesday March 24 and 2 pm Sunday March 28 respectively.**

- Wednesdays at South Ardmore Park - meet by the entrance to the Children's Playground

- Sundays at Karakung Drive - meet on Karakung Drive across from the Beechwood-Brookline train station

Please call or text Godfrey Louie at 484.904.6714 with questions or for more information.

2. Coming soon: Four-week Zoom fitness class led by a certified physical therapist, who is also enthusiastic about the Lord, people, and physical fitness. Level of classes will be determined based on class participants. Please call (610.256.5408) or email ([gabrielle.anik@verizon.net](mailto:gabrielle.anik@verizon.net)) Gaby Anik to indicate your interest, and stay tuned for details.

### **Christian Preschool Fall Enrollment**

Narberth Presbyterian Church Christian Preschool is excited to announce that we are open for registration for the 2021-2022 school year. If you have any questions about the preschool or would like to schedule a virtual tour, please email our interim director Virginia Davis at [preschool@narberthpres.org](mailto:preschool@narberthpres.org) or call 610-664-8890. The registration form will be available at [www.narberthpres.org/school](http://www.narberthpres.org/school).

# LENTEN RESOURCES

Jesus opened his public ministry with the words, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Repent—turn around—reconsider how you are living. Lent is an invitation to do so, and to return to the One who waits to be gracious to each of us. In doing so, we say with John the Baptist, “He (Christ) must increase, but I must decrease.” With hopeful joy as we journey towards Good Friday and Easter, consider some of the following resources.

## Daily readings:

- Bread and Wine: Readings for Lent and Easter—short selections by authors such as Dietrich Bonhoeffer, G. K. Chesterton, Dorothy Day, Thomas a Kempis, Thomas Merton, Mother Theresa, Amy Carmichael, and others.
- Reflecting the Glory: Meditations for Living Christ’s Life in the World by N.T. Wright. Meditations on passages from the Gospel of John, Romans, 1 and 2 Corinthians, and others. Either is available through [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) (new or used).

**Online prayer guide:** Praying Lent 2021—a Creighton University online ministry <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/> (or google “Praying Lent 2021”) A daily guide of prayers, scripture readings and written reflections from this respected Catholic source.

**The Creation Care Challenge** (from Christian Reformed Church of North America) is a set of Scripture verses (one per week) that emphasize and help focus our attention on God’s sovereignty over everything, and that creation reveals this every day, all around us. [Click Here](#)

**Other resources:** Consider reading a 20th-century Christian classic

- Life Together by Dietrich Bonhoeffer
- Celebration of Discipline by Richard Foster
- Mere Christianity by C. S. Lewis
- Knowing God by J. I. Packer
- Desiring God’s Will by David Benner
- Generous Justice by Tim Keller
- Good News about Injustice by Gary Haugen
- The Hole in our Gospel by Richard Stearns
- One Blood: Parting Words to The Church on Race and Love by John Perkins

Additional suggestions from John Chaffee

- Album: “Of Man” by Cool Hand Luke
- Books:
  - Silence by Shusaku Endo
  - The Spiritual Exercises by Ignatius of Loyola
  - No Man Is An Island by Thomas Merton

# FAMILY MINISTRY

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm – 1:30pm - Intercession Prayer for Children and Youth.** Thank you to those who have signed up! The zoom invite will be sent Saturday evening. If you have questions or concerns please email Danielle directly.

**Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 12:00pm – Family Day of Service with The Philadelphia Project!** Please email Danielle for more information.

**NEW! VBC 2021 – Save the Date for a Hybrid OR Virtual VBC Experience!**

**The choice is yours!** Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>! Parents look for an email with more details from Danielle soon. Signups begin Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**NPCYG Looking Forward to 2021...**

**Hopefully, in 2021 we get back to our usual pre-covid rhythm. With the vaccine getting around to more and more people this year, we hope to see Covid restrictions get further and further pulled back. Until then, we will have Weekly Youth Zooms until the weather gets consistently warmer, which can give way to doing yard events again in the spring. We will have a new Confirmation Class during Lent (this is meant for 9<sup>th</sup> graders and up). We are cautious but hoping to establish small groups as the vaccine gets around. Although it would be wonderful to confirm a series of retreats and trips this year, we will simply have to wait until it is safe beyond the shadow of a doubt to share a 15 passenger van or cabin with 25 other people. If you would like to be a part of a Confirmation Class this Lent, either as a Confirmand or Co-Leader, please [click here](#) to send me an email.**

If you would like to have a distanced porch visit, please [click here](#) and we can figure out when is a time that works.

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

## SUNDAY CLASSES

### 8:00 am - Scripture Discussion-(Zoom meeting)

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

### NPC Adult Sunday School

11:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. via Zoom, led by Diane Chen

#### A Study of First Corinthians

Put together a group of people of different racial, socioeconomic, educational, cultural, and political backgrounds, who all claim to be followers of Jesus Christ, and you have two possibilities—either a wonderful display of unity in the midst of diversity, or a relational mess of bickering, competition, and cliquishness. The Corinthian church may appear more like the latter than the former, but on closer reading, we, too, may discover that we harbor some problematic attitudes as well! May our study activate some honest soul-searching, leaving us open to God's corrective encouragement through Paul's exhortation to a church, while far from perfect, that he founded and loved. To get the Zoom link, please email Diane Chen at [dianegchen@gmail.com](mailto:dianegchen@gmail.com).

## MONDAY EVENING CLASSES

### 7:30-8:45pm Book Study with Pastor Steve:

On Monday nights, Pastor Steve is leading a 10 week Zoom study on Dallas Willard's modern Christian classic, Hearing God: Developing A Conversational Relationship With God. The author's central theme is that "people are meant to live in an ongoing conversation with God, speaking and being spoken to." Together we will grapple with questions like: "Why do people say they hear God, but so few can explain it?" "How is God with us?" "How does hearing God lead to character transformation?" "How do we know we are hearing God and not our own voice?" "How do we learn to listen to God?"

The class runs from 7:30-8:45pm each Monday. Please email Pastor Steve [sweed@narberthpres.org](mailto:sweed@narberthpres.org) if you plan to attend, or have any questions, or you want a book.

### 8:00-9:00pm The Next, Right Step: Moving from Learning to Thriving

#### John Chaffee is leading this 10-week Zoom class (began Jan 11th.)

Sometimes it is difficult to know how to keep growing in faith, this is in part because we equate growing as a matter of learning more rather than asking where we can thrive more. Each week we will have an overview of a chapter from Emotionally Healthy Spirituality as well as discussions in small groups. This will be a challenging, but incredibly helpful 10 week series that will address practical ways that the Spirit of God invites us into greater thriving.

If interested, please contact John at [jchaffee@narberthpres.org](mailto:jchaffee@narberthpres.org) for Zoom details.

### **7:30-9:00pm Men's Bible Study Zoom Meeting, led by Tim Neilson**

We are currently studying Revelation. All are welcome to join.

To contact Tim, text 610-613-5572 or email him at [mytn1122@gmail.com](mailto:mytn1122@gmail.com)

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHTS**

At Church

#### **7:00 - 8:00pm "The Path to the Cross" by Ray Van der Laan 4-week video series, in-person class.**

Please join us in the Chapel (with masks and distancing) from 7-8pm on Wednesday nights for a video-based Bible study. During Lent, travel with Jesus and his Disciples to Jerusalem and the cross. Filmed on site in the Holy Land. Contact Debbie Watson ([dwatson@narberthpres.org](mailto:dwatson@narberthpres.org) or 610-664-4880 x114) to register.

By Zoom

#### **7:00 – 8:00 pm - ACTS Prayer Group**

Are you looking for a place to be spiritually refreshed? Do you want to learn how to be guided through Scripture meditation and structured prayer? Then please consider joining us as we journey together through the ACTS prayer posture - Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication. Our focus is on praying for Kingdom needs in our nation and God's Church throughout the world. You are welcome to pray silently the entire time or pray out loud as you feel led. So please consider accepting the Father's invitation to sit together with Him in prayer and come as you are able. Please contact Linda DiLullo at [ldilullo3@gmail.com](mailto:ldilullo3@gmail.com) or Karen in the church office to get the Zoom link.

### **4 PRAYER TIMES - OPEN TO ALL (All meetings are by Zoom)**

**Monday Evening:** 7:00-8:00pm Facilitated by Dana Kaminstein

Contact Karen at 610-664-4880 to receive the Zoom link

**Wednesday Evening:** 7:00-8:00pm ACTS Prayer group, facilitated by Linda DiLullo

Contact Karen or Linda to get the Zoom link.

**Friday Morning:** 7:00am-8:00am Community Prayer Group for Justice and Reconciliation. Facilitated by Linda DiLullo. Contact Linda or Karen for the Zoom link.

**Sunday Morning:** 8:00-9:00am Facilitated by Linda DiLullo

Contact Linda for the Zoom link.



# 2021 MISSIONARY CAUSES

## Mission

4D Ministries – Hank Paulson  
 Amnion Pregnancy Center  
 Amoenitas – Scott Todd  
 Child Evangelism Fellowship, Inc. – North Ireland (*retired*)  
 Chosen People Ministries (formerly Messiah Now) – Paul Cruz  
 Cornerstone Christian Academy  
 CRU (Campus Crusade for Christ) – Leah Darwin  
 DAI (Development Assoc. International)  
 CRU (Campus Crusade for Christ) – Brindleys (Philadelphia Gospel Movement)  
 DiscipleMakers – Rebecca and Dan Hall  
 El Rancho Del Rey  
 Esperanza Health Center  
 Fellowship International Mission/Jos Seminary – C. Tushima  
 Fellowship of Christian Athletes – Kasey Dougherty  
 For Richmond – Matt & Anna Shenk (formerly CRU)  
 Greater Europe Mission- Liz Loeffler  
 Habitat for Humanity –Philadelphia  
 House of His Creation  
 Interserve-USA – Jan & John Kennedy  
 InterVarsity – Alexis Bishop  
 Kingdom Connect – Ben Duffy  
 Kirkwood Camp (Presbytery of Philadelphia)  
 Neighborhood Crusades Inc.  
 Presby's Inspired Life  
 Presbyterian Reformed Ministries International  
 Wee Kirk  
 ECO Church Planting and Global Missions Funds  
 REAP – Granada – Scott Esposito  
 Redeemed For A Cause Outreach – Sakinah Love  
 Servant Partners – Dan & Denise Anderson  
 The Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota (Standing Rock)  
 The Philadelphia Project  
 The Welcome Church – Schaunel Steinnagel  
 United World Mission – Nick & Ginny Woodbury  
 Wycliffe Bible Translators – Al & Barb Shannon  
 Young Life (Western Philadelphia Suburbs)

## Ambassador

Helga Sauter  
 Alice Antonelli  
 Marilyn Reed  
 Jennifer & Tim Roykouff  
 Joyce Lewis  
 Kathy McLean  
 Dave Fraser  
 Jean McIntire  
 Bob Moore  
 Ann Sadel  
 Greg Esterhai  
 Scott Todd  
 Ashley Reed  
 The Bowser Family  
 Helga Sauter  
 Linda Behmke  
 Melissa Esterhai  
 Jesse Kennedy  
 Meg McKinley  
 Ken & Sally Kapner  
 Curt Haring  
 Helga Sauter  
 Suzanne Morrison  
 Cathy Callaway  
 Steve Weed  
 Scott Todd  
 Charlie Choi  
 Sally Kapner  
 Faithe Hornung  
 Ashley Reed  
 Sharon Shallow  
 Jane Murray  
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 Barbara Montgomery

# 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:

Narberth Presbyterian Church Attention: Financial Secretary  
205 Grayling Ave. Narberth PA 19072

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John Chaffee, Director of Youth Ministry  
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Matt Weed, Worship Tech. Coordinator  
Virginia Davis, Interim Dir. of PreSchool  
Tim Roykouff, Business Administrator  
Hugh Barrie, Assistant Property Mgr.  
Isabel Lally, Pastoral Visitor  
Karen Pappas, Secretary  
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# BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

## ***Sunday, March 7***

### ***Communion Sunday***

8:00am Zoom Sunday School Discussion Class  
Led by Debbie

### **9:00am Online Worship-Communion**

11:00am Sunday School Class on 1 Corinthians  
Led by Diane Chen

## ***Monday, March 8***

7:00pm Zoom Prayer meeting

7:30-8:45pm Zoom Book Study, led by Pastor  
Steve: Hearing God: Developing A  
Conversational Relationship With God.

7:30-9:00pm Zoom Men's Bible Study, led by  
Tim Neilson (Currently: Revelation)

8:00pm Zoom Class: The Next, Right Step:  
Moving from Learning to Thriving, Led  
by John Chaffee

## ***Tuesday, March 9***

7:00pm Session Meeting (Zoom)

## ***Wednesday, March 10***

7:00pm "The Path to the Cross" by Ray Van  
der Laan 4-week Lenten video series, in-person  
class. Meets in the Chapel with masks and  
distancing, led by Debbie Watson

7:00pm ACTS Prayer Meeting-Zoom

7:00pm HS Youth Group – Zoom meeting

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

## ***Thursday, March 11***

### ***Friday, March 12***

7:00-8:00am Justice and Reconciliation  
Community Prayer Group

## ***Saturday, March 13***

### ***Sunday, March 14***

8:00am Zoom Sunday School Discussion Class  
Led by Debbie

### **9:00am Online Worship**

11:00am Sunday School Class on 1 Corinthians  
Led by Diane Chen

## ***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)

Mar 21 9:00am Resume In-person worship

Mar 28 Palm Sunday

Apr 4 Easter Sunday