



# Narberth Presbyterian Church

November 28, 2021

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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**Prelude**

**Welcome and Family News**

**Pastor Debbie**

**Call to Worship**

**Isaiah 51:3**

**John Chaffe**

**Hymn #133**

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

**Neale, Coffin**

Linda Pilacik, Organ

**Prayer of Invocation**

**John Chaffee**

**Prayer of Confession & Silent Prayer** God of hope and provision, We speak a lot about thanksgiving and hope, but beyond the words, these things are sometimes lacking in our lives. We worry and fret about enough of what we want and need. We grumble about what we have, and we slip into despair about the future – immediate and long-term. Forgive us, Lord for looking down, when we should be looking to you, remembering your goodness in the past, thanking you for your kind care, and trusting you to continue to be good – today – and in the days to come. Give us good memories for you, and increasing ability to trust you in every situation of life. We pray with gratitude and hope, in the name of your great provision – your Son, Jesus. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Lighting the First Advent Candle: The Candle of Hope**

**Chuck and Ann Sadel, Jack, Kyle Kovolski, Rosemary, Micky Doherty**

Romans 5:1-5

Now we light the Candle of Hope

**Please join us in the Declaration of Hope: As we wait expectantly for the coming of Christ, we light the Candle of Hope. Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Amen.**

**Worship Songs**

**Praise Band**

***Great Are You Lord***

*Leonard/Ingram*

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***We Will Feast In The House Of Zion***

*Moore*

*Dismissal of Children and Youth*

Pastoral Prayer

Katie Wenger

Passing of Friendship Pads Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Advent Medley

Dean Pappas

Doxology

Linda Pilacik, Organ

Prayer of Dedication

Pastor Debbie

Scripture:

Matthew 12:14b-23

Katie Wenger

Sermon: Thanks for Nothing: Occasions of Hope

Debbie Watson

Hymn # 135

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Charles Wesley

Benediction

Pastor Debbie

Postlude

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### Three Christmas Eve Services Return

In keeping with this year's theme of doing as many things as "normally" as we possibly can, plans are well underway for the **4:00 pm Children's Service, 5:30 pm Family Service and 8:00 pm Adult Traditional** Christmas Eve Services on Friday, December 24. Please read the newsletter and listen to Family News for details in the weeks to come.

### Found Wandering Benefit Concert Returns, Sunday, December 19 at 7 pm!

Listen to Pastor Steve's Family News during worship today for more details!

### Christmas Choir

Come and sing in the Christmas Choir on December 12<sup>th</sup>, the third Sunday in Advent. We will be singing the Prelude and the Offertory. Rehearsals will be after church on November 21, 28, and December 5 from 11 am to 12 noon in the Choir loft. All singers are welcome! Contact Dean Pappas (610) 256-3125 to sign up or with questions.

### Gifts of Hope

It's that time of year again, time for Gifts of Hope. The catalogs have been mailed and the website is up at [www.npcgiftsofhope.com](http://www.npcgiftsofhope.com). Whether making a gift by the mail-in form or the website, both will remain up and ready to use until December 31st. Please join us this year and give the Gift of Hope!

## **Full Wednesday Night Ministries Resume December 1**

5:45 pm **Dinner** in the Gym with appropriate distancing and safety measures

7:00 pm **Children's Class**- Danielle Kauffman

7:00 pm **Middle School Bible Study, Pizza** in the Gym- John Chaffee

7:00 pm **“How To Grow in Sharing Your Faith”** led by Steve

7:00 pm **“From Fear to Freedom: Living as Sons and Daughters of God”** led by Debbie

# FAMILY NEWS-CHILDREN AND YOUTH

## FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS: Children and Youth

### **CHILDREN'S NEWS**

#### **“Thankfulness!” Sunday School Curriculum for the month of November**

God wants us to be thankful, and he's given us a lot of things to be thankful for. During our time together children will learn about the blessings God has given them and how they can show their gratitude for his generosity.

#### **MOVE! GET ACTIVE IN YOUR FAITH - Children's Wednesday Night Program**

**Please note there is no children's programming this Wednesday, November 24th. All are welcome in Thanksgiving Eve worship!**

Following Jesus isn't boring, it's exciting! In this series kids will play a lot of fun and active games and learn that when God challenges us to “move” - it's time to MOVE! This program is best for PreK - 5th grade.

#### **An Illustrated Advent Devotional for Families - Advent begins Sunday, November 28th**

This Advent devotional is an opportunity for families to take time each week during the Advent season to be intentional and focus on their faith. Children will receive one devotional per family during Sunday School. If your family would like to receive one in the mail please email Danielle ([dkauffman@narberthpres.org](mailto:dkauffman@narberthpres.org)).

#### **NEW - Save the Date for the "Gingerbread Bash" - Wednesday, December 15th**

Children PreK through 5th grade are welcome to attend this fun, hands-on Christmas event! Join Miss Danielle on Wednesday, December 15th, in the gym, from 7:00pm - 8:00pm as we hear the Christmas Story, sing songs, and build Gingerbread Nativities! Please RSVP to [dkauffman@narberthpres.org](mailto:dkauffman@narberthpres.org).

#### **Save the Date for the Children's Christmas Pageant!**

Our annual Children's Christmas Pageant will take place on **Sunday, December 19th**.

## **YOUTH NEWS**

### **UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS**

- Sunday School Women of the Bible, and then the Book of Daniel.
- MSYG - Wednesdays, 6:30-8pm Book of Hebrews.
- HSYG - Sundays, 5-7pm Book of Hebrews.
- MS White Elephant Christmas Party on Fri, Dec. 10th, 7-8pm.
- HS Axe Throwing Christmas Party on Fri, Dec. 17th, 7-8:30pm.

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

## Sunday Mornings

**8:15 am class** - Please join us - live in the NPC Parlor, or via Zoom, for a time of conversation focused on the scriptures for that day's worship service. All are welcome! Contact Debbie Watson for more details [dwatson@narberthpres.org](mailto:dwatson@narberthpres.org).

**11:15 am class** - Join us for a lively in-depth study of the **Gospel of John** from 11:15 am - 12:15 pm via Zoom or via live-stream from the Parlor. The class will include both teaching and active group discussion with applications for everyday life. Explore questions like, "Why did Jesus invite such an unconventional interaction with the Samaritan woman?" And "Why does Jesus ask the man with a 38-year disability if he wants to be made well?" Led by Mark Wenger with assistance from Charlie Hurst and Andy Littmann. For the Zoom link, contact Mark at [markfwenger@yahoo.com](mailto:markfwenger@yahoo.com).

## Wednesday Nights, 7:00-8:00pm

Pastor Steve is leading an in-person class on "**How To Grow In Sharing Your Faith.**" In one sentence, our goal is to be inspired and trained to share the good news of Jesus Christ in word and deed, in an atmosphere of encouragement and gentle accountability. There will be Bible Study, sharing, and mutual encouragement. We will also pray for our friends and neighbors to be drawn to Christ, and for each of us to grow in our personal witness. If you have interest or questions, please email Pastor Steve at [sweed@narberthpres.org](mailto:sweed@narberthpres.org) or text at (610) 761-0061.

*From Fear to Freedom: Living as Sons and Daughters of God*, by Rose Marie Miller, is the basis of a 12 - week book study this Fall. If you've ever worried about not measuring up, as a Christian, then this class is for you! You will need a book, which you can pick up at church, or order yourself. \$12 donation per book. If you need a book scholarship, let Pastor Debbie know at [dwatson@narberthpres.org](mailto:dwatson@narberthpres.org).

## 7:30-9:00pm MONDAY Men's Bible Study Zoom Meeting

We are beginning a new study using 2 references, both by Jerry Bridges;

*The Pursuit of Holiness* and *Transforming Grace*.

Led by Tim Neilson. All are welcome to join. To contact Tim, text 610-613-5572 or email [mytn1122@gmail.com](mailto:mytn1122@gmail.com)

## FRIDAY Morning Ladies' Bible Study: Each Friday from 11am to 1:00pm

This group meets in-person in the Parlor. This group is open, all ladies are welcome.

Contact Isabel Lally: 610-659-6663 or Cathy Callaway at [cathy.callaway5@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.callaway5@gmail.com)

## PRAYER TIME - OPEN TO ALL

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

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

## PRAYER INFORMATION

### **Prayer Focus: Wycliffe Bible Translators**

We are entering into Advent, and treasure the biblical story of Jesus' birth. Today about 2,000 languages await the translation of Scripture. Wycliffe's vision is to see the Bible accessible to all people in the language they understand best. To make this vision a reality, Wycliffe also focuses on community development, literacy development and church partnerships. This week, please pray for Wycliffe staff efforts to result in an ongoing reduction in the number of people in the world who do not have access to the Bible.

# BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

## *Sunday, November 28*

8:15am **Sunday School**-Parlor

9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and  
livestreamed

15am **Sunday School Class**, Zoom or livestream  
Viewing available in Pastor Steve's office

## *Monday, November 29*

7:00pm **Prayer Meeting** (Zoom)

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

## *Tuesday, November 30*

7:00 pm **Missions** (Zoom)

7:30 pm **Adult Discipleship**, Parlor, Zoom

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Sons and Daughters of God" led by  
Debbie

## *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: [jlmpsyh@hotmail.com](mailto:jlmpsyh@hotmail.com)

## *Thursday, December 2*

4:00 – 5:00 pm **Kickball with the Pastor**,  
Gym. Please wear your face covering

## *Friday, December 3*

11:00 am **Women's Bible Study**

## *Saturday, December 4*

## *Sunday, November 5*

8:15am **Adult Sunday School**-Parlor

9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and  
livestreamed-

11:15am **Sunday School** Class Zoom or in  
person, Viewing available in Pastor  
Steve's Office

## *For a link to the above listed Zoom*

*meetings, please call the church office at 610-664-4880*

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