



# Narberth Presbyterian Church

January 09, 2022

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

Linda Pilacik, Organ

Welcome and Family News

Pastor Steve

Reception of New Members

Bill and Kachiu Higgins

Call to Worship

Psalm 40:1-3, 9, 10

David Cai

Hymn #498

*"I Love To Tell the Story"*

Hankey

Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading

Matthew 3:13-17

Ava & Vera Comstock

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Steve

Gracious God, in view of your mercy, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Please forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be. By the tender power of the Holy Spirit, restore us in our first love for you. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Silent Prayer and Assurance of Pardon

Testimony

Joyce Nicolai

Worship Song

**"King of My Heart"**

*McMillian*

Worship Song

**"God With Us"**

*All Sons and Daughters*

*(Children and Youth dismissed for Sunday School)*

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Passing of Friendship Pads

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

**"Greatness of Our God"**

Grant

Jennifer Fisher-Soloist; Linda Pilacik- Piano

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Revelation 2:1-5; Ephesians 3:14-19

Pastor Debbie

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|-----------------|---|----------------------|
| Sermon          | <i>"How to Restore Your First Love"</i>   | Pastor Steve         |
| Hymn #514       | <i>"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine"</i> | Assurance            |
| Benediction     |   | Pastor Steve         |
| Postlude        |   | Linda Pilacik, Organ |
| Prayer Ministry |   | Mike Morrison        |

**\*\*Next Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the Benediction there will be a brief in person congregational meeting to elect new Deacons.**

## FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS: Children

### CHILDREN'S NEWS

#### **Live Out Loud - NEW Sunday School Program!**

Squish, boing, chomp, splat! The only thing better than hearing these sounds is making them yourself! Children K-5th are encourage to make some noise during Sunday School and “Live Out Loud” in our new series. Together we will bring the early stories of Jesus’ life come alive with sound effects. The sounds of the story won’t be the only thing making noise, though. As kids hear about the wisdom, love, and compassion that Jesus showed, they’ll learn that following his example will help them to “Live Out Loud” so other people take notice and wonder who made them so extraordinary!

#### **Children’s Wednesday Night Program resumes Wednesday, January 12th!**

Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to attend "Bible and Craft" from 7:00pm - 8:00pm in RM 107.

#### **MLK Day of Service with The Philadelphia Project!**

NPC families are encouraged to join The Philadelphia Project for a Day of Service on Monday, January 17th. Please sign up using the link below. This event is great for all ages!

**Sign Up Here:** <https://thephillyproject.org/mlkday>

**Coats of Encouragement Needed!** Do you have any clean, gently used winter coats taking up space in your home? The Lord (and his people) needs them! If you do, please bring them to the boxes at the Dove Doors of the Church (on Windsor Avenue), where they will be picked up and distributed through a sister church in Upper Darby. All sizes, child and adult are welcome, and you will be helping ensure that precious people will experience the warmth of God's love through the warmth of your coats, and the prayers that accompany them! Thank you so much!

**Dr. Janet Moore** has been serving in our Counseling Ministry for over 16 years, working with individuals struggling with a wide range of personal and psychological challenges. Dr. Moore’s perspective is that addressing mental health issues is essential to opening our hearts and minds, thereby enabling a closer relationship with God that can sustain us in an imperfect world. You may reach Dr. Moore by leaving a message on her church extension, 610-664-4880 (ext. 121), or at 484-686-6630.

## LOOKING AHEAD

As we transition into the New Year, we are excited for the youth to gather around the themes of Community and Service. Our Sunday School and Youth Group schedules will not change. And along with those avenues for growth in our faith, we also have some opportunities planned to come together as a community for fellowship and service.

**Youth Groups** - MS and HS Youth groups will start back up the week of January 9th  
**Middle School** – Wednesdays 7:00 - 8:00 pm in the Youth Room (note new start time)

High School – Sundays from 5:00 – 7:00 pm in the Youth Room  
Youth Sunday School will start back up this week, January 9th

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**1/9 - Sunday School** - During Sunday School on January 9th we will start with an activity to come together to start off the New Year by focusing on what we want to let go of in our lives and what we want to embrace going forward. What does God say is important to focus on in our life on earth? We'll close with a time to pray and offer prayer intentions for others.

**January 16-17th - MLK Weekend of Service – We will have two opportunities to serve!**

**1/16 - During Sunday School on January 16th** we will be spending some of our time making sandwiches for our homeless outreach and listening to a member of the Parkway Ministry share about her experiences serving in Philly. These sandwiches will be delivered that day to our friends on the Parkway. Please sign up here [www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949adac28a13-parkway](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949adac28a13-parkway) to bring food items. Students should bring donations that day to Sunday School. You may also bring clothing items to donate. Items needed are hats, scarfs, gloves, coats, warm socks and winter boots (all adult sizes), as well as blankets.

**MLK Day of Service** - Monday January 17th - We have the opportunity to work on service projects at The Philly Project in Mount Airy. Families should sign up directly on your own and choose their project. Spots are filling up, so go to [www.thephillyproject.org/mlkday](http://www.thephillyproject.org/mlkday) to register. This is a FREE day of service, but donations are welcomed. Everyone is required to wear a mask and families must bring their own water and lunch. After you register, you will receive a release form and confirmation from TPP. It is really easy!

**1/23 – Sunday School** – Starting this week, we'll be starting a series “Back to the Basics” including some Christian How-To's. For four weeks we'll talk about topics like “How to be sure you're a Christian”, “How to experience God's love and forgiveness” and more.

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## 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 via Zoom for a lively in-depth study of the **Gospel of John** (Chapters 14 – 21) that will include an overview and active group discussion of each chapter with applications for everyday life. Explore questions like, "In what ways do we still see the Spirit advocating on behalf of those who suffer oppression and injustice in the world today?" And "What does Mary Magdalene's role in this story say about how God views the value of men and women in his new creation?" This 8-week study is led by Mark Wenger with assistance from Charlie Hurst. For the Zoom link, contact Mark at [markfwenger@yahoo.com](mailto:markfwenger@yahoo.com).

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

**“Bringing God’s Shalom to a World in Crisis: The Death & Resurrection of the Messiah”** What was life like for the disciples in the months leading up to Jesus’ death on the cross? What was going on in the world in Israel? Did everyone believe the same things? Were faithful Jews affected by social trends, other religious beliefs, politics, or commerce? What might have been some of their temptations? Fears? Hopes? Come learn about all this and more, as we walk that journey to Jerusalem and the Cross with Jesus and his reluctant disciples. We’ll begin in a fishing boat on the Sea of Galilee and go from there! Led by Debbie Watson. This class meets in-person (masks) and via Zoom. Please contact Donya in the Church Office (610-664-4880 x119) to sign up for the Zoom link.

**“Persevering With Joy During Covid.”** Pastor Steve will lead a 7-week study of Philippians. Philippians is Paul’s most joyful letter, yet it was written from a Roman prison. Just as we face the challenges of an unending pandemic, Paul faced a difficult confinement which he did not choose. Yet within those limitations, Paul persevered with joy through his faith in Jesus Christ. Perseverance without joy equals drudgery and exhaustion; joy without perseverance is shallow and fleeting. Like Paul, how can we combine both? Spoiler alert: Paul said, “For me to LIVE is Christ.” With whatever limitations we may be facing, together let’s deepen our relationship with Christ through this amazing little letter. This class meets in-person (masks).

**Prayer Focus:**

**Amnion Crisis Pregnancy Center** offers counseling to those who have undergone an abortion, whether recently or long ago, and provides support to young people who choose to parent their babies. Pray for those who provide the counseling, that they will be both kind and competent in their interactions with those who seek their help. Pray also for the clients to have hearts and minds open to the Lord as he comes to them through the ministry of Amnion staff and volunteers.

# BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

## *Sunday, January 9*

8:15am Sunday School-Parlor  
9:30am Worship Service In-person and live-stream  
11:15am Sunday School  
5:00-7:00pm HS Youth Group Mtg.

## *Monday, January 10*

7:30-9:00pm Men's Bible Study (Zoom)

## *Tuesday, January 11*

## *Wednesday, January 12*

7:00-8:00pm Two New Adult classes (Debbie, Steve)  
7:00-8:00pm Children's class with Danielle  
7:00-8:00pm MS Youth Group (Lisa Hoffman & Team)

## *Thursday, January 13*

4:00-5:00pm *Kickball with the Pastor*

## *Friday, January 14*

11:00 am Women's Bible Study

## *Saturday, January 15*

## *Sunday, January 16*

### *MLK Day of Service for Children & Youth*

8:15am Sunday School-Parlor  
9:30am Worship Service In-person and live-stream  
10:45am Congregational Meeting to elect New Deacons  
11:15am Sunday School  
5:00-7:00pm HS Youth Group Mtg.

*For a link to any 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

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