

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

January 23, 2022

Prelude

Linda Pilacik, Organ

Welcome and Family News

**Pastor Debbie** 

Call to Worship

Psalm 42:1-5

Katie Kennedy & son Rawson

Hymn #530

"Be Still My Soul"

Finlandia
Pastor Debbie

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-27

**Bailey Martin** 

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Pastor Steve** 

Gracious God, you call us to walk by faith and not by sight. We confess we have found it challenging to trust in you. Covid has been exhausting. Yet we have neglected to pray and to read scripture and to stay connected with other believers. Then we wonder why you do not seem real. Please forgive us for being conformed to this world, instead of being transformed by the renewing of our minds. In view of your mercy, we entrust ourselves to you. We renew our loyalty to kindness, and to the service of others. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Silent Prayer and Assurance of Pardon

Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

New Elders: Jie Chai, Jack Comstock, Jim Hornung

Elders renewing for 2nd term: Linda DiLullo, Pam Fleming, Clara Louie

New Deacons: Ray Bellamy, Gwen Blessing, Katie Kennedy, Donald Vangore, Gerri Wismer, Sandi Wray

Deacons renewing for 2<sup>nd</sup> terms: Dee Knight

Hymn #689 (1,2,4,5) "The Church's One Foundation"

Aurelia

(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

"I Am the Vine"

Allen Poke

Tom Patterson-Solo; Linda Pilacik-Piano

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading Luke 24:28-32 Pastor Debbie

Sermon "Trusting Your Invisible Means of Support" Pastor Steve

Worship Songs "Resurrecting" Sarah & Worship Team

"Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me"

Benediction Pastor Steve

Postlude Linda Pilacik, Piano

Prayer Ministry Jan Kennedy

Christian Preschool Registration: Registration for the 2022–2023 school year at NPC Christian Preschool will open to current preschool and church families beginning Monday, January 31. We offer two, three and five day options from 9-12 noon for morning preschool, an extended day option until 3pm and afternoon Kindergarten Enrichment for children who attend morning Kindergarten. If you are interested in a play-based preschool in a nurturing Christian environment, please reach out to learn more. Email director Virginia Davis at preschool@narberthpres.org or call 610-664-8890.

**CHOIR REHEARSAL** - Choir rehearsal begins at 11:00 in the choir room following each Sunday morning service. We welcome all who wish to join. Don't be shy...Come today and sing for the joy of the Lord!

**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.

# **FAMILY NEWS-CHILDREN**

# 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 - Bible and Craft!** Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to attend "Bible and Craft" from 7:00pm - 8:00pm in RM 107. Each week we will learn a new Bible story and complete a fun Bible Craft.

God's Love in all Seasons Workshop! Moms of Little Children (age 3 and under) are invited to attend a special workshop, led by Clara Louie, on finding God's love in different spiritual seasons. We will meet 5 consecutive Sundays beginning Sunday, February 6th in the NPC Parlor from 3:30pm - 5:00pm. Please RSVP to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org).

Messy Family Project - Parents of children and youth save the date! Friday, April 29th from 7:00pm - 9:00pm in the NPC gym. Join Mike and Alicia Hernon from the Messy Family Project for an evening of discussion on "Leaving a Legacy of Faith". Together we will discover how we can best share our faith with our children. More details soon!

## **FAMILY NEWS-YOUTH NEWS**

# FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS: Youth MS & HS YOUTH GROUP NEWS

\*\* Please note our times have changed slightly due to trying to allow time for students to eat dinner at home instead of together. \*\*

High School – Sundays from 6:00 – 7:30 pm in the Youth Room (note new times!)

Middle School – Wednesdays 7:00 - 8:00 pm in the Youth Room (note new start time!)

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

**1/19** – High School Youth Group – New Time – 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm starting in the gym

**1/26** – Middle School Youth Group – New time – 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Youth Room

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.

#### FOR PARENTS:

Parents, please look for an email with a link for an Information Form for all youth that came your way. We appreciate your help in gathering updated information on our students. If you do not receive an email, please contact Lisa Hoffman at <a href="lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net">lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net</a>. Thanks!

SAVE the DATE Friday, April 29 is the Messy Family Project! Parents, join us for a parenting seminar on Friday, April 29 from 7:00pm - 9:00pm in the gym hosted by guest speakers Mike and Alicia Hernon, founders of The Messy Family Project. Our focus for the evening will be "Leaving a Legacy of Faith". We will discover how parents can best share their faith with their children/youth. Please RSVP to Lisa (lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net (link sends e-mail)) or Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org).

## 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.

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.

### 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:**

House of His Creation is a life-affirming ministry existing to support young pregnant and parenting women and their children at different points of need, for various lengths of stay before, during and after pregnancy, through Christ-centered programs. Their greatest desire is to cultivate spiritual, intellectual, physical, and emotional growth, equipping them with tools to live well-rounded, healthy, productive lives, so that these women can provide the same for their children and families, impacting generations to come.

## BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, January 23

8:15am Sunday School

9:30am Worship Service In-person and live-stream

11:00am Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

11:15am Sunday School

6:00-7:30pm **HS Youth Group Mtg.** (Lisa

Hoffman & Team)(Gym)

Monday, January 24

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

Tuesday, January 25

7:00pm Missions Committee (Parlor)

Wednesday, January 26

7:00-8:00pm Adult classes (Debbie, Steve)

7:00-8:00pm **Children's class with Danielle** 7:00-8:00pm **MS Youth Group** (Lisa Hoffman &

Team)(Youth Room)

Thursday, January 27 4:00-5:00pm Kickball with the Pastor

Friday, January 28

11:00 am Women's Bible Study

Saturday, January 29

Sunday, January 30

8:15am Sunday School-Parlor

9:30am Worship Service In-person and live-

stream

11:15am Sunday School

6:00-7:30pm HS Youth Group Mtg. (Lisa

Hoffman & Team)(Gym)

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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