



Narberth Presbyterian Church

February 13, 2022

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

Linda Pilacik, Organ

Welcome and Family News

Pastor Steve

Call to Worship

Psalm 37:3-6

Dan Lacey and daughter Annarose

Hymn #66

"The God of Abraham Praise"

Leoni

Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading Mark 1:35-39; Luke 6:12,13; John 5:19

Jimmy Hoffman

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Steve

Gracious God, as the God of Abraham, we thank you for your faithfulness and your promises to guide us. We confess that too often we have neglected the gift of prayer and leaned on our own understanding. Other times, you have shown us your will and we have been slow to take action. Please forgive us through Jesus Christ. In this season of our lives, we pray that you would heal the holes in our heart, and rebuild our hope and confidence in you. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Silent Prayer and Assurance of Pardon

Worship Songs

"Blessed Be Your Name"
"Behold"

Sarah & Worship Team

(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

"In The Garden"
Ansley White, solo; Linda-piano

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Nehemiah 1:1-11

Pastor Debbie

Sermon

"What Difference Does Prayer Make"

Pastor Steve

Benediction

Pastor Steve

Postlude

Linda Pilacik, Piano

Amnion's "Make Change for Life" Baby Bottle Collection and Diaper Drive

Sunday, January 30 marked the beginning of NPC's annual fundraiser for Amnion Pregnancy Center. Baby bottles are available (in the chapel area of the church and in a box outside of the Windsor Ave. door) to take home, fill with loose change, cash or checks and returned to NPC by Sunday, February 20. Amnion could also use the following donations: newborn and size 6 disposable diapers, baby lotion, body wash, shampoo, baby oil, and diaper bags. All donations may be dropped off in the chapel or church office. Any questions, please contact Alice Antonelli at arichardson1@gmail.com.

Online Alpha Marriage Course - Starting February 9th!

Step out of the cold this winter and put your marriage on the front burner! Join other couples (virtually) from the Alpha Mid-Atlantic region for The Marriage Course—coming to you in the comfort of your own home! Beginning **Wednesday, February 9, 2022 from 7:00-9:00 p.m., and running for seven consecutive weeks**, The Marriage Course will be presented by Alpha Mid Atlantic's Marriage Course team leaders, Addy and Adrienne. The Marriage Course offers couples practical support for strengthening your relationship, no matter how long you have been married. **The sessions are completely private (cameras and sound are off!) with no group work.** And you don't even have to leave your own home! The seven sessions will help you to:

- Understand each other's needs
- Communicate more effectively
- Grow closer by learning methods to resolve conflict
- Recover from ways you have hurt each other
- Recognize how your upbringing affects your relationship
- And much more!

There is NO FEE to attend The Marriage Course, and the course workbooks can even be downloaded for free!

To secure your spot, and so we can send you the Zoom link and further details, please register here! And please invite your family and friends to participate as well. All are welcome! Give your marriage the gift of The Marriage Course this year. We know you'll be glad you did!

To register, visit online at <https://alphamidatlantic.org/events/regional-online-marriage-course-2/>

FAMILY NEWS-CHILDREN

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS: Children CHILDREN'S NEWS

Valentine Celebration for children! Sunday, February 13th will be a special valentine celebration during our Sunday School time together. Corrin Madden will lead us through a special activity called "Love Notes to our Church" where children will create a wall of love. Come and share God's love with your NPC church family! Parents please pick up your children from the gym and you too are encouraged to add to the Love by writing a note of your own.

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. Please RSVP to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org).

AXIS - Connecting Parents, Teens & Jesus in a Disconnected World - Parents of children and youth are encouraged to take advantage of these FREE tools that will help guide you through

FAMILY NEWS-YOUTH NEWS

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS: Youth MS & HS YOUTH GROUP NEWS

2/13 – Souper Bowl of Caring – Let's get riled up! Who's up for helping collecting donations at the church exits for this annual event? Wear your favorite football shirt or regalia if you want as long as you're at your post. Contact Lisa Hoffman at lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net to sign up.

2/13 – High School Youth Group – 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm Party at the Hoffmans! Please note that we'll not be meeting at church but gathering to watch the game and hang out at the Hoffmans. Please RSVP to lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net. You don't have to bring anything, just come!

2/16 – Middle School Youth Group – 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Youth Room

NEW - 2/19 – High School Girls Only Baking Day– Calling all high school girls! Let's get baking. We'll be working together and catching up all for a good cause. The cookies we make will go to our friends on the Parkway the next day Sunday 2/20. Don't worry, we'll make some extra to take home as well. Make time for bake time. Mark your calendars now.

SAVE THE DATE:

March 25-27 -- High School Retreat at Spruce Lake

April 22-24 – Possible Philadelphia Project Blitz Weekend

FOR PARENTS:

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 at lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net.

AXIS - Connecting Parents, Teens & Jesus in a Disconnected World - Parents of children and youth are encouraged to take advantage of these FREE tools that will help guide you through culture into a conversation around Jesus. You can sign up using the web address for FREE (usually a \$100 yearly fee). Please note Narberth Presbyterian Church is in the Heritage Presbytery. Please check it out this valuable material. If you have any questions please contact Danielle or Lisa. <https://axis.org/eco-family/>

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:

Dan and Rebecca Hall (DiscipleMakers – Penn State-Main Campus)

Please pray for Dan, Rebecca, the entire DiscipleMakers staff, and the students to and among whom they continue to share the gospel of Jesus at Penn State Main Campus, and bring the truth of the Scriptures to bear in this time of uncertainty. With creativity and commitment to the Lord and to the students, the DM staff team is continuing ministry to students, even when they cannot meet with them face-to-face.

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, February 13

**Souper Bowl of Caring Event

8:15am **Sunday School** (Parlor)

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

11:00am **Choir Rehearsal** (Choir Room)

11:15am **Sunday School**

3:30-5:00pm **God's Love in all Seasons**

Workshop! Moms of Little

Children (age 3 and under)

6:00-9:30 pm **HS Youth Party at the Hoffmans!**

Monday, February 14

7:30-9:00pm **Men's Bible Study** (In-person)

Tuesday, February 15

7:00pm **Session Meeting** (Parlor & Zoom)

Wednesday, February 16

7:00-8:00pm **Adult Bible 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, February 17

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

Friday, February 18

11:00 am **Women's Bible Study** (In-person)

Saturday, February 19

High School Girls Only Baking Day

Sunday, February 20

8:15am **Sunday School** (Parlor)

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

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6:00-7:30pm **HS Youth Group Mtg.** (Lisa Hoffman & Team)(Gym)

Preschool, Summer Camp and Kindergarten Enrichment Registration now open!

NPC Christian Preschool, a play-based, nurturing and fun preschool right here at NPC, is now taking registrations for the 2022-2023 school year and 2022 summer camp. You can register by visiting www.narberthpres.org/school. For more information, please reach out to our director Virginia Davis at preschool@narberthpres.org or 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!

Maxi Coforio has been a faithful volunteer for **Ronald McDonald House**, driving a shuttle van between Ronald McDonald House and Children's Hospital for their patients and family members. More drivers are needed for this wonderful ministry. Please contact Maxi for more information at 610-449-6750. Thank you!"

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.