



Narberth Presbyterian Church

February 27, 2022

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude		Linda Pilacik, Organ
Welcome and Family News		Pastor Steve
Call to Worship	Hebrews 4:14-16	Addison Archer
Hymn #72	<i>"To God Be The Glory"</i>	Dundee
Prayer of Invocation		Pastor Debbie
Covid Protocol Update		Dr. Nina O'Connor
Scripture Reading	1 Peter 5:6-11	Audrey (Rey) Wilcox
Prayer of Confession		Pastor Steve
Silent Prayer and Assurance of Pardon		
Testimony	<i>"Quiet Time: Our Family's Recent Twists & Turns"</i>	Dr. Andrew Steenhoff
Worship Songs	<i>"O' How Good To Be Together"</i> <i>"WayMaker"</i>	Sarah & Worship Team
<i>(Children and Youth dismissed for Sunday School)</i>		
Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer		Pastor Debbie
<i>Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings</i>		
Offertory	<i>"How Deep the Father's Love"</i> Dean Pappas	Townend
Doxology and Prayer of Dedication		
Scripture Reading	Nehemiah 2:17,18; 4:6-10,13-23; 6:15,16	Pastor Debbie
Sermon	<i>"Tools For Overcoming Discouragement"</i>	Pastor Steve
Hymn	<i>"There Is A Redeemer"</i>	

Wednesday Night Dinners are about to Resume!

March 2nd, Ash Wednesday, at 5:45pm. Soup and Focaccia (think puffy pizza without the sauce)! Come for good fellowship, food, and a beautiful service at 7pm to welcome the Lenten Season. Also, there will be a brief Ash Wednesday service at 7am. All are welcome! Please sign-up for the supper by following the prompt below, or by calling the church office (610-664-4880 x119).

****Masking Optional to Return to Narberth Presbyterian Church, Starting Sunday, March 13** By a unanimous vote, the Session of Narberth Presbyterian Church approved a motion on Wednesday, February 23, to change from “Masking Recommended” to “Masking Optional”, provided “the way be clear”, meaning local health conditions continue to support this change. The motion was originally forwarded by NPC’s Safety and Security Team. This happened because across all key metrics, Covid conditions are now rapidly improving. This recommendation was based on consultations with medical experts from within the congregation and after reviewing local health statistics for Covid mortality, hospital census/Covid admissions, positivity percentage and Covid case counts.

Here is the motion passed by Session on 2/23:

Starting on Sunday, March 13. Individuals who are "up-to-date" with their vaccinations (as defined by the CDC, those who have had all the primary Covid vaccines and any boosters they are eligible for) have the option to not wear masks indoors while encouraging and respecting the personal choice of those who wish to continue wearing a mask. This applies to Sunday worship, small groups, AA, Narberth Havurah and all Wednesday night activities, as well as to staff unless working in the Preschool or in Sunday school, nursery or activities with children under 5 years old, for whom no vaccine has yet been made available. Note, at this time the pre-school and children’s ministry activities for those over 2 but under 5 years old will continue to be required to wear masks. It is not recommended now, nor has it ever been recommended, that children under 2 wear a mask. Together, we will continue to monitor developments to reassess the appropriate safety protocols on an ongoing basis.

This Sunday, either in person or online, we encourage you to hear more details about this change during the Family News. Dr. Nina O’Connor, a leading physician in our greater community, and medical advisor on our Safety and Security Team, will be sharing an important update. Please see the full article on this topic in this past Friday’s newsletter.

FAMILY NEWS-CHILDREN

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS: Children CHILDREN'S NEWS

Bible Olympics! This Sunday, February 27th our Sunday School children will discover just as athletes train for the games - we must train ourselves up in God's word! Get ready for Bible, Relays, and Fun! Sneakers are encouraged.

Ash Wednesday Service! This Wednesday, March 2nd is Ash Wednesday. All are encouraged to join us for a meal beginning at 5:45pm in the gym followed by service beginning at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. Childcare will be provided for infants through 2nd grade in RM 107. Please note individual programming for children, youth, and adults will not take place this week but will resume March 9th.

Save the Date for VBC! Join us Monday, June 20th through Friday, June 24th as we *"Make Waves"*! Time is TBD. More details soon!

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).

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FAMILY NEWS-YOUTH NEWS

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS: Youth MS & HS YOUTH GROUP NEWS

2/27 – Sunday School – In today's class Nicole Cox will be giving a teaching about Identity and we'll be digging into what God says about who we are.

2/27 – High School Youth Group– 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm in the Youth Room

3/2 – No Middle School Youth Group – No Middle School Youth Group. Students are invited to participate in Ash Wednesday services.

3/6 – No Sunday School – No Sunday School this Sunday. Students remain in service for Family Worship.

SAVE THE DATE:

March 25-27 - High School Retreat at Spruce Lake

Sign-ups will open next week

Experience God's beautiful creation at Spruce Lake. The retreat center's 888 acres of stunning Pocono Mountains woodlands, trails, and waterfalls are perfect for drawing closer to God and building relationships with others. You will explore nature, refresh your body & soul, and deepen your faith at Spruce Lake. Activities will include hiking, ping pong, gym, and outdoor group adventures like zip lining, high ropes or wall climbing. We'll be cooking and eating together and roasting marshmallows by the campfire. All the while sharing lessons about our Creator and learning about his love for us. Contact Lisa Hoffman at lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net for more information. And keep your eye out for an email to sign up.

April 22-24 – Possible Philadelphia Project Blitz Weekend

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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.

New Sunday School class starting March 6 @ 11:15 am Today's society struggles with issues of justice and fairness. How can we reflect God's image, God's idea of a just society? How can we enact a just society in which all people are cared for holistically? Over the eight weeks beginning March 6 (with a break for Easter) this class, "A People, Place, and a Just Society," will explore how Scripture reveals God's vision for justice from Genesis to Revelation using daily (M-F) videos, Scripture readings, and a few questions for reflection. Each participant's course content is supplied at no cost to us by our ECO Heritage Presbytery. Mark Wenger will lead this class via Zoom and at church at 11:15 each Sunday. Contact Mark (markfwenger@yahoo.com) if you would like to join us so that we can provide you with the materials for this class.

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 INFORMATION

Remember in Prayer

- + For our Pastors, Staff, and church leaders to be filled with the Holy Spirit
- + God's guidance for our President and elected leaders: 1Tim. 2:1-2
- + For all people yearning to be free and safe, for a just solution which provides refuge and hope for them and their families.
- + God's solution to the ongoing deadly violence in Philadelphia
- + Gloria Watson, Ashley Reed, and all who face MS.
- + Maite Howells, continued recovery of strength after neck and spinal cord surgery
- + John Hart's brother, David, needing another bone marrow transplant
- + Naveen Daniel's brother, Prem, in Toronto, wisdom for cancer treatments
- + Mike Boccasini's father, needing new kidney
- + Helga Sauter, for encouragement and hope amidst medical challenges
- + Addie Brown, at home with daughter, Wanda, on hospice care
- + Linshuang Weed's father, Weiping Lu, recovering following spinal cord injury
- + Eric Simpson, recovery from shoulder surgery
- + Jim Hornung, recovery from shoulder surgery
- + Bob Howells, recovery from carpal tunnel surgery on both hands
- + Fay Bahmermann, encouragement as she has moved to Massachusetts
- + Karen Bachmann Moore, recovery from bladder surgery
- + Bob Plotnick, strength and healing following stem cell procedure
- + Rev Jonathan Miller, brother of Deborah Miller, wisdom for upcoming testing
- + Continued comfort for those who have recently lost loved ones
- + Continuing comfort for Ruth Ellen Patterson following the passing of her mother, Jeane Troxel and her father Bob
- + Linda Pilacik's sister Carolyn, had surgery this past Friday to remove aneurysm, and her other sister Shirley, currently in hospice care
- + Julie Raezer, recovering from brain surgery
- + Praise to God for the birth of Thomas Henry Sherlock born on 2/22/22, the grateful parents are Danielle and Andrew Sherlock

Prayer Focus:

Dave and Katie Brindley (CRU-City Philly – Philadelphia Gospel

Movement) Cru is a caring community passionate about connecting people to Jesus Christ. Their purpose is to help fulfill the Great Commission in the power of the Holy Spirit, winning people to faith in Jesus Christ, building them in their faith and sending them to do the same; and to help the Body of Christ do evangelism and discipleship. Dave Brindley brings people together to solve problems, as the Collaboration Director for Cru City, connecting neighborhood churches to service in their local public schools, and has launched the anti-litter site *Not in Philly*. Please pray the Lord's protection and provision for David and Katie as they love and serve their neighbor in Jesus' name.

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, February 27

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

Monday, February 28

Tuesday, March 1

7:00pm **Deacon's Meeting**

Wednesday, March 2

7:00 am **Brief Ash Wednesday Morning Service**
5:45pm **Lenten Supper** (Gym) Register Online or call church office
7:00pm **Ash Wednesday Service** with imposition of ashes (childcare for infants-2nd grade)

Thursday, March 3

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

Friday, March 4

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

Saturday, March 5

Sunday, March 6- 1st Sunday of Lent

8:15am **Sunday School** (Parlor)
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream
11:00am **Choir Rehearsal** (Choir Room)
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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

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