



# Narberth Presbyterian Church

March 27, 2022

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude		Paul Mortilla, Piano
Welcome and Family News		Pastor Steve
Invitation to Choir		<i>Paul Mortilla, Director of Music</i>
Call to Worship	Psalm 61:1-4	Lily Mathias
Hymn #517	<i>"The Solid Rock"</i>	<i>Solid Rock</i>
Prayer of Invocation		Pastor Debbie
Scripture Reading	Matthew 17:14-21; 13:31,32	Michael Steenhoff
<b>Prayer of Confession</b>		
<p>Gracious God, in our anxious world, we praise you that you are our refuge and our strength, a very present help in time of trouble. We confess that we have often yielded to fear, instead of actively trusting you. In our busy and stressful days, our hearts can become hard. We forget to be attentive to the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Please forgive us and be mindful of our frailty. Remind us that yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory. In the name of Jesus, please overcome the darkness, and let your light shine through us in small acts of kindness and love. In Jesus' name Amen.</p>		
<b>Assurance of Pardon</b>		
Worship Songs	<i>"No Longer Slaves"</i> <i>"The Kingdom Is Yours"</i>	Sarah & Worship Band
<i>(Children and Youth dismissed for Sunday School)</i>		
Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer		Pastor Debbie
<i>Passing of Friendship Pads &amp; Presentation of Tithes and Offerings</i>		
Offertory	<i>"In Christ Alone"</i>	Jonathan Rogers, Piano
Doxology and Prayer of Dedication		Linda Pilacik, Organ
Scripture Reading	Proverbs 4:23; Ezekiel 36:26,27; Ephesians 5:15-17	Pastor Debbie
Sermon	<b>"Guarding Your Heart in Times of Evil"</b>	Pastor Steve

Hymn #669

*"God of Grace and God of Glory*

*CWM Rhondda*

Benediction

Pastor Steve

Postlude

Paul Mortilla, Piano

Prayer Ministry

Mike Morrison

**Today is the fourth Sunday in Lent** as we journey together toward Good Friday and Easter. In this special season of renewed devotion to Jesus, our theme on Sunday mornings is "Victorious Struggle."

**Wednesday Night Dinners are BACK! 5:45-6:30pm, in the Gym** (in the Parlor, if stairs are an issue) This week's menu: Roast chicken, baked potato, almond slaw, fruit and yogurt for dessert. Come for good fellowship, food, and classes in this Lenten Season. Donations are welcome, to cover the cost of food. All are welcome!

### **Special Offering (Ukraine)**

There is still an opportunity to give a special offering to benefit our brothers and sisters in Ukraine through **Save A Life**; is the Ukrainian version of Amnion (since 2009). In addition to their work with young women expecting babies, they now are also aiding those fleeing, and providing shelter and support for those who cannot leave. Save A Life is Christian, Ukrainian, and already at work there. Here is a link to learn more about them. <https://savealifeintl.org/>

**Our search for Associate Director for Intergenerational and Youth Ministry is well underway.** Our team, led by Dave Bellamy, includes Pam Fleming, Jack Comstock, Linda Behmke, Jan Kennedy, Danielle Kauffman, Lisa Hoffman, Kim Ishmael, Dave Ishmael has met and is already reviewing potential candidates. Please pray that God would send us just the right person to minister intergenerationally with special focus on our youth, youth families, and youth staff. If you know someone we should talk with, please email [dbellamy@narberthpres.org](mailto:dbellamy@narberthpres.org).

We are also looking at you (YES, YOU) to see if you might be interested in a part time paid position as **Intergenerational Assistant for Volunteer Coordination**. This dynamic position is one of the keys to our new intergenerational ministry team, led by Danielle Kauffman. You would work just 6 hours a week to help find and care for our many ministry volunteers. Just reach out to Danielle.

### **Approved by Session: Masking is now optional for 2-to-5 Year Old Children**

This change, based on improving transmission levels for Covid-19, begins today, March 27, for NPC, and tomorrow, March 28 for our preschool. Meanwhile, indoor masking may be continued by caregivers of the preschool children at their individual choice. Please see Friday's Church newsletter for details.

# INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

## CHILDREN'S NEWS

**Lent to Life!** New Sunday School Hey kids, don't just give something up for Lent - let's bring it to life with new lessons, love letters, and crafts!

**Holy Week in a Box!** This Sunday, March 27th Sunday School children will receive their "Holy Week in a Box". Inside you will find meaningful activities to do as a family during Holy Week - no matter where you are. Next, Sunday, April 3rd "Holy Week in a Box" will be available to our congregation to share with a neighbor or friend. Boxes are one per family and can be found in the Chapel next Sunday.

### **Wednesday Night Program for Children** - Playful & Powerful

Prayer! Kindergartens through 5th grade are invited to this new program on Wednesday night. During Lent the children will discover some fun and meaningful ways to talk to God. Because spending time with God is fun! We meet from 7:00pm - 8:00pm in RM 107.

**All Church Bowling is Back!** Come out for a "striking" good time at Wynnewood Lanes (2228 Haverford Rd, Ardmore) from 2:30pm-4:30pm on Sunday, April 3rd. The cost is \$20 per family or \$10 single bowler. Snacks, drinks, and shoes provided. Please RSVP to Danielle ([dkauffman@narberthpres.org](mailto:dkauffman@narberthpres.org)).

**Save the Date for VBC!** Join us Monday, June 20th through Friday, June 24th from 9:00am - 11:30am! Registration will begin on Sunday, April 10th!

**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. This is a great opportunity for parents or grandparents of children and youth! All are welcome. Please RSVP to Danielle ([dkauffman@narberthpres.org](mailto:dkauffman@narberthpres.org)).

# INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

## YOUTH NEWS

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**3/27 – Sunday School** – Youth Sunday School in the Youth Room led by Ann Sattel.

**3/27 – High School Youth Group – 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at the Hoffmans!** We'll have dinner and walk to get some Rita's. Then wrap up back at the Hoffmans for small group discussion. Contact Lisa for more info at [lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net](mailto:lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net)

**4/2 – Day of Service at Cornerstone Christian Academy** – Volunteer opportunity for all youth and families as well as anyone from NPC. See below for details.

**4/3 – Sunday School – No Sunday School.** Family Worship – students remain in service.

**4/3 – Sunday School – All Church Bowling!** 2:30pm to 4:30 pm at Wynnewood Lanes.

**4/3 – High School Youth Group** – No Youth Group this night due to Bowling.

## 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 ([lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net](mailto:lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net)(link sends e-mail)) or Danielle ([dkauffman@narberthpres.org](mailto:dkauffman@narberthpres.org)).

### Save the Date:

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

**April 22-24 – Possible Philadelphia Project Blitz Weekend**

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

### Saturday, April 2 - Day of Service at Cornerstone Christian Academy

Join us for an outdoor day of service as we complete a spring clean-up on Cornerstone's ground and in our surrounding community. We are partnering with our neighbors; the Francis J. Myers Recreation Center, the Southwest Strong Community Association, and Rep. Joanna McClinton's Office to beautify our block, pouring love and light into our neighbors. Register directly and let Lisa know if you want to go together. Register online at [cornerstonephiladelphia.com/service](http://cornerstonephiladelphia.com/service)

**Confirmation Class** – This class is open to any student in grades 6th -12th and will begin the week of April 24th and culminate on Pentecost Sunday June 5th. Please contact Lisa Hoffman at [lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net](mailto:lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net) to register your student, or for more information.

**Baptism** – Are you interested in being baptized? If so, please let Pastor Steve know as we are planning a Baptism ceremony along with Confirmation in June.

# 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).

## "A People, a Place and a Just Society": New 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](mailto:markfwenger@yahoo.com)) if you would like to join us so that we can provide you with the materials for this class.

**Wednesday Night in the Chapel** - Pastor Debbie will continue a Wednesday night video-based journey through the land of Israel/Palestine, walking with Jesus and the disciples to the cross, and beyond, to the Resurrection. All are welcome to join "Bringing God's Shalom to a World in Chaos" – in-person, and via zoom – as we grow in our understanding of God and are challenged to live as true followers of Jesus. (7:00-8:00pm in the Chapel)

**Wednesday Night Bible Study: Spiritual Health Inventory.** Starting on Wednesday, March 9 at 7:00pm-8:00pm, Pastor Steve will lead a 6-week Bible Study focused on our spiritual health. Drawing largely from Philippians 3 and 4, topics will include knowing Christ, spiritual growth, progress not perfection, interpersonal relationships, affliction and joy, anxiety and peace, our thought life and a renewed mind, trial and contentment, and generosity. (Parlor)

**VBC 2022 – June 20-24th** – Be a leader and give back to the program that gave so much to you! Come out and help with VBC this summer as we "Make Waves". VBC will run Monday, June 20th - Friday, June 24th from 9:00am - 11:30am. Volunteer Registration will begin Sunday, April 10th and you can find it on our church website. Even if you can only help a few days that is okay! Details on VBC Volunteer Training will be out soon.

**Tech Room volunteer** – Virtual worship is having a huge impact in our community and beyond. We have people watching from all over the world and also especially those local members who can't come to church. Help out with projection or learn how to run the cameras for our online services and special events. Learn some great skills, get some volunteer hours in and hang out with some cool people! Contact Matt Weed to sign up.

## **Prayer Focus: 2022 ECO Church Planting**

Believing that churches and networks of churches should live out the whole of the Great Commission – including evangelism, spiritual formation, compassion, and redemptive justice – in our communities, and around the world,” ECO’s mission approach emphasizes the role of the local church in mission globally, through the planting of new churches, and the ongoing encouragement and equipping of Christians in existing congregations. Please pray for the Lord to move us all to share the Good News of Jesus through Christ-centered, biblically-based teaching, preaching, advocacy for the helpless, and compassionate service to all people.

# BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

*Sunday, March 27 – 4th Sunday in Lent*

**\*\*Holy Week in a Box**

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

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.** at the Hoffman's

*Monday, March 28*

*Tuesday, March 29*

*Wednesday, March 30*

5:45-6:45pm **Dinner in the Gym**

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, March 31*

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

*Friday, April 1*

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

*Saturday, April 2*

*Sunday, April 3 – 5th Sunday in Lent*

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

9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream (Pre-school Sunday)

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

11:15am **Sunday School**

6:00-7:30pm **HS Youth Group Mtg.** at the Hoffman's

## *Each Week*

**Christian Pre-School** – 610-664-8890 x118

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](mailto:jlmpsych@hotmail.com)

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