



Narberth Presbyterian Church

April 3, 2022

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude		Linda Pilacik, Organ
Welcome and Family News		Pastor Steve
Call to Worship	Psalm 133	Mary O'Connor
Hymn #689	<i>"The Church's One Foundation"</i> (1,2,4,5)	Aurelia
Prayer of Invocation		Pastor Debbie
Scripture Reading	Acts 2:41-47	James Chung
Prayer of Confession		Pastor Steve
Assurance of Pardon		
Apostles' Creed		
Children's Message		Danielle Kauffman
Worship Song	<i>"We Will Feast in the House of Zion"</i>	
Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer		Pastor Debbie
<i>Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings</i>		
Offertory	<i>"Behold The Lamb"</i> (arr Albritton)	NPC Choir
Doxology and Prayer of Dedication		Linda Pilacik, Organ
Scripture Reading	1 Corinthians 12:12-20,26,27	Pastor Debbie
Sermon	<i>"Bowling Alone and Christian Community"</i>	Pastor Steve
Hymn #776	<i>"Let Us Break Bread Together"</i> (1,3)	<i>Let Us Break Bread</i>
Litany of Communion		Danielle Kauffman
Sharing of Communion		Pastor Debbie

Hymn

“May the Lord”
(tune of Edelweiss)

Linda Pilacik, Piano

Benediction

Pastor Steve

Postlude

Linda Pilacik, Piano

Today is the fifth 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." Today is also Family Worship and the celebration of Holy Communion.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE: April 13-17

Wed Night, 7-8pm

Video teaching: "Total Commitment in Light of the Cross." Led by Debbie (Chapel). Bible Study on Isaiah 53 and the Atoning Death of Christ led by Steve (Parlor).

Thursday Night, 7:30-8:30pm

Maundy Thursday Communion and Tenebrae Service (service ends in darkness and silence)

Good Friday Service, 12noon-1:00pm

A full service of music, prayers, and reflections on the cross

EASTER SUNDAY - Two Services in the Sanctuary

7:30am and 9:30am (also livestreamed)

8:30am - Breakfast in the gym

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/>

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

This change, based on improving transmission levels for Covid-19, began on March 27, for NPC, and 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 on this as well as other guidelines in our Covid protocol.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S NEWS

Family Worship is Sunday, April 3rd! Children & Youth are encouraged to worship with their church family and participate in communion. Worship Bags and a Children Message will be available during worship. Please note, the NPC Nursery is available for infants - preschool age children.

Church Family Fellowship begins today! All are welcome to the gym for coffee and light snacks for a fun and meaningful fellowship time.

All Church Bowling is today! Come out for a “striking” 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.

Holy Week in a Box! Hey congregation, don't forget to pick up your “Holy Week in a Box” to share with a neighbor or friend! Inside are special prayer and hands-on activities to engage your whole family during this most Holy Week in the life of our church. Boxes can be found in the Chapel

Wednesday Night Program for Children - Playful & Powerful

Prayer! Kindergarten 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.

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 Herson 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).

Narberth 4th of July Celebration – Remember back to the olden days when Narberth used to have a carnival with games, food and pie eating contests? Me too! Well, NPC is going to help make it a celebration to remember especially for the little ones in our neighborhood. We'll be manning the moon bounce from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Youth and families, please sign up to help! Details to come.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**** NOTE:** We will be taking a Spring Break for Youth Groups from 4/10 – until 4/24

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

4/3 – **All Church Bowling!** Come on out this afternoon from 2:30pm to 4:30 pm at Wynnewood Lanes. The cost is \$20 per family or \$10 single bowler. Snacks, drinks, and shoes provided.

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

4/10 – Sunday School – Youth Sunday School in the Youth Room.

4/10 – **NO** High School Youth Group

4/13 – **NO** Middle School Youth Group

4/17 – Easter Sunday – **NO** Sunday School or Youth Group

4/20 – **NO** Middle School Youth Group

4/24 – Sunday School – Youth Sunday School in the Youth Room.

SAVE THE DATE:

4/24 - **Confirmation Class** – This class is open to any student in grades 6th -12th and will begin the week of April 24th and culminates on Pentecost Sunday June 5th. Please contact Lisa Hoffman at lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net to register your student, or for more information.

Who can be confirmed? When does it happen?

Confirmation classes this spring at NPC will be open to all youth, from 6th to 12th grades. The classes will be held on Sunday mornings, during an extended Sunday School time, from approximately 10:00 am to 11:00 am. On May 1st, Communion Sunday, class will be held after the church service, from approx. 10:45 am -11:45 am. All students not attending the Confirmation classes will attend the regular Sunday School class. The classes will be taught by Ann Saddell and one of the youth committee members.

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.

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 Herson, 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.

"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) if you would like to join us so that we can provide you with the materials for this class.

Wednesday Night in the Chapel with Pastor Debbie

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, 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 Neighborhood Crusades

From the beginning, over 40 years ago, Melvin Floyd took his message of hope in Jesus to people of all ages, but especially to youth - in the streets, schools and prisons in Philadelphia. Melvin died in 2020. Please pray that the staff of Neighborhood Crusades, led by Melvin's son-in-law, Daniel Sawyer, will also faithfully share the good news of Jesus Christ, and that God will continue to provide for this life-changing ministry in the city. Learn more at

<http://neighborhoodcrusades.org/mission.php>

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, April 3 – 5th Sunday in Lent

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, April 4

Tuesday, April 5

7:00pm **Deacon's Meeting** (Parlor)

Wednesday, April 6

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)

Wednesday night menu: Macaroni & cheese,
French carrot salad, yogurt/fruit/cookies,
LeBus Bread

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

Thursday, April 7

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

Friday, April 8

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

Saturday, April 9

Sunday, April 10 – 6th 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**

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Linda Pilacik, Interim Organist

Matt Weed, Worship Tech. Coordinator

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