

April 9, 2023

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

Marche Joyeuse

arr. Mitchell-Wallace

Jinhee Shim, Organist, Emil Pilacik, trumpet

Welcome and Family News

Pastor Steve

Call to Worship

Matthew 28:5-10

Juwan Williams

Hymn #92

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Diademata

Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:1-12

Ian Kauffman

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you have raised Jesus Christ from the grave and shattered the power of sin and death, yet we confess we are often bound by sins and doubts and fears. We allow the weights of the past, the stress of each day, and the uncertainty of the future to separate us from you and others. Through the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross, forgive us once again. Grant us the grace to overcome our doubts, and to trust you with our very lives. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Silent Prayer and the Assurance of Pardon

The Greeting

Worship Song

Son of Heaven
What A Beautiful Name
Resurrecting
NPC Worship Band

Children and Youth dismissed to Sunday School

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Come See the Tomb!

Curry

NPC Choir, Linda Pilacik, director

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:36-43; Matthew 28:16-20

Pastor Debbie

Sermon

It Ain't Over Till It's Over

Pastor Steve

Hymn234

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

Benediction

Pastor Steve

Postlude

Toccata from Symphony No. 5

Widor

Jinhee Shim, Organist

Prayer Ministry

Nina O'Connor

For further exploration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we encourage you to read the following 7 chapters in the New Testament: Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20,21; Acts 1; 1Corinthians 15. Read with an open mind and a praying heart, and ask Christ to reveal himself to you. See what happens...

There are multiple free copies of the Bible and of the book, The Case For Easter, by Lee Strobel, throughout the church. Please take one for yourself or to share with a friend.

Easter Flower Memorials

The EASTER FLOWERS in the Chancel today are given to the glory of God and...

In Loving Memory of

Mary Ann Cope
Al, Tom, & Peggy McGarrey
My parents, Mr. & Mrs. V.B. David
My parents, Mr. & Mrs. Dass
Joe Antonelli
Amy Tawadros
Cliff Ishmael
Houston & Kathy Ishmael and
Jacob & Dorothy Darnes
Our beloved parents, Warren & Jean
Mills, Irv & Shirley Weed
For God's Love and Grace
James & Caroline Watson

By

The Cope Family
The Kapner Family
Donald Vangore
Margery S. Vangore
Alice Antonelli, Grant & Maddie Fisher
Selim Tawadros
Evvie, Holly, David, & Shelly
Evelyn Ishmael

Steve & Teri Weed

Hing Kwan Morgan
Debbie Watson

If you are able, please take a plant or two to deliver to members of our church family who are unable to worship with us here or take one home to enjoy.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

Easter Sunday and Children! Yes, we do have Sunday School on Easter Sunday. Children will hear the Easter Story and enjoy a *Veggie Tales True Meaning of Easter*. All are welcome! The NPC Nursery is ready to welcome infants-PreK in RM 107. Younger children are encouraged to go straight to the Nursery and older children (K-5th) begin in the sanctuary.

Children's Lenten Offering! Throughout Lent the Sunday School children will be collecting a special offering to benefit The Philadelphia Project. TPP is a well-loved mission of NPC and next month our children and youth will be attending a weekend of service with them. We have a goal of \$300 and if we can meet it - we will enjoy an ice-cream party! All are invited to participate.

Bugs! A NEW Wednesday Night Program for kids! Love them or hate them, bugs are a part of God's creation. As small as they are, these little things can give us some direction on how to live a life that glorifies God! "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands." Psalm 19:1 (NIV)

VBC 2023! Stellar – Shine Jesus' Light! This summer NPC will launch kids on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. "Stellar" rockets kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun! VBC will take place **Monday, June 19th - Friday, June 23rd from 9:00am-11:30am**. VBC is best for rising kindergarten through rising 5th graders (2023-2024 school year). **Student and Volunteer registration begins today**. See the NPC Weekly newsletter or contact Sara Mahoney (smahoney@narberthpres.org) for registration links. Contact Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) with any questions.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY: YOUTH

Teen Girls' Ministry for 6th – 12th grade! We are off this Sunday, April 9th for Easter, but we will meet again next Sunday, April 16th.

VBC Volunteers Needed! All rising 6th – 12th graders are encouraged to volunteer for VBC 2023! Use the link in this week's newsletter to register. VBC is June 19th – June 23rd from 9:00am – 11:30am. Please reach out to Danielle with any questions!

The Philadelphia Project Blitz Weekend (April 21st – 23rd)! Male and female chaperones are welcome. Please reach out if interested! Our sign-up process is over, we are excited for those who will be joining us.

Middle School Youth Group! MS Youth Group will meet this Wednesday, April 12th. All 6th-8th graders are encouraged to join us for games and discipleship.

High School Youth Group! Please note HS Youth group will not take place on Easter Sunday (April 9th). We will resume on Sunday, April 16th.

Confirmation Classes are being held in the Youth Room each Sunday.

CLASSES

Next Men's Breakfast and Fellowship – Saturday, April 29th at 7:30am.

8:15am Sunday Class – Please join us – live in the NPC Parlor, or via Zoom, Meeting ID: 950 1380 3349; Passcode:291970 – for a time of conversation focused on the scriptures for the day's worship service. All are welcome!

The **ALPHA Marriage Course** provides couples tools to build and strengthen a vibrant relationship over time. On 7 **Friday evening (6:30-9pm), beginning on April 21st through June 2nd**, couples enjoy dinner at a table for two, watch a brief video presentation by Nicky and Sila Lee, and talk with each other about important issues that can get swept under the carpet in the rush of daily life. This is **not** a large group activity; you and your spouse work only with each other. The cost for 7 weeks of dinner and the course materials is \$110 per couple. It's a bargain! Whether you have been married a short time, or for many years, this is a great investment in your relationship! Contact Debbie (dwatson@narberthpres.org or 610-664-4880 ext.114) to sign up and check it out at: <https://alphausa.org/the-marriage-course/>.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

The New Testament in Its World Each week, we will travel from the twenty-first century to the era of Jesus and the first Christians, where we will learn about how the message of the Gospel impacted them and their world. All are welcome to the Chapel, from 7-8pm each Wednesday. Only the Bible is needed; the reading is found in its pages. Following each video there will be a time of interactive conversation based on what we have just seen/heard. If you would like to understand the NT at a deeper level, here is an opportunity to do that. For more info, please contact Debbie Watson (dwatson@narberthpres.org – 610-664-4880 ext.114).

"Pastor Steve's All-Time Favorites." Steve will share some of his favorite sermons, books, and readings over the last 40 years. There is no homework, and each class stands by itself, so please come as you are able.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Crying Room at NPC The presence of children is a gift to the church, and children are always welcome in our services. Please know the Parlor is available to parents of young children who are in need of a place for a crying or restless child during service. The Parlor is also set up so parents can view service while caring for their young child. We invite you to make use of this room, located off the Windsor Ave doors when needed, so that all who are in attendance can pray and worship. Thank you for your consideration in helping to make our time together as a church family a holy experience.

ALL-Church Retreat! – “LIFE TOGETHER”! We are looking forward to the All-Church Retreat taking place May 12th - 14th. Please see the NPC Weekly Newsletter or contact Sara Mahoney (smahoney@narberthpres.org) for the link to pay your remaining balance for the retreat.

Music Ministry: CHOIR Please join us for choir rehearsal which meets in the **Choir Room at 11:00am or directly following the worship service**. We are always looking for more voices! **BELL CHOIR:** The Windsor Bells are seeking more hands to chime in and ring for the Glory of God! If you are interested reach out to Linda Pilacik. **We rehearse on Monday evenings at 6:15pm.**

Flower Dedication: Each week beautiful flowers grace the altar of the church. They remind us of the Lord's goodness and are a way to honor Him. You may provide one week's flowers with a donation of \$25. Flowers may be given in memory/honor of someone or simply to God's glory; your dedication will be acknowledged in the weekly bulletin. If you would like to dedicate flowers, please call Sara in the church office: 610-664-4880.

Dr. Janet Moore is a licensed psychologist with over 30 years of therapeutic expertise. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Bible from Philadelphia College of Bible and a Master's degree in Theology from Denver Seminary. With an understanding of spirituality and faith in clients' lives, she is able to provide spiritually-integrated psychotherapy. Janet offers counseling to adults and couples experiencing such struggles as depression and anxiety, relationship issues, life crisis, grief, and personal adjustment problems. She provides compassionate help to survivors of physical, emotional, sexual, and spiritual abuse. Contact Dr. Moore at 610-664-4880 Ext 121, or 484-686-6630, jlmpsych910@gmail.com

There will be a grief support group on the fourth Monday of the month, continuing through August. This grief group will be an informal gathering to share whatever is on your heart (i.e., open discussion). Those grieving the death of a loved one or friend are welcome (former attendance in GriefShare is not required). The next session will be held on **Monday, April 24th from 6:30pm to 8:00pm** in the Chapel. No need to RSVP, just show up as you are able.

PRAYER INFORMATION

Missions Prayer Focus: WORLDLINK Please pray for the people of one of our newer causes, WorldLink, which calls, equips, and supports “Indigenous Missionary Partners” – Christians on a mission to share the tangible love of God and the Good News of Jesus with unreached people in the land where they live. Over 1000 Indigenous Missionary Partners are serving in 45 countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. 100% of the money received for international partners is sent to them. <https://www.worldlinkonline.org/>

Notes From Justice and Mercy: Please pray for our ministry of Loving our Neighbors. We are in the process of evaluating our practices so that we are best honoring God, encouraging our neighbors, and sharing our wealth with those who have less. We want to have a good plan for a sustainable ministry that builds relationships and ministers to people’s deepest needs. As Jennifer and Marilyn move toward retirement over the next year, new leadership is needed. Please pray and consider how you might be part of this rewarding ministry.

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, April 9

Easter Sunday

8:00 Sunrise Service, Courtyard
8:30 Easter Breakfast, Gym
8:30 – 9:15 Prayer Meeting, Pastor Steve’s Office
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream

Monday, April 10

Easter Monday

Church Office Closed
No Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 – 9:00 PNC Meeting, Parlor

Tuesday, April 11

7:00 Elder/Deacon/Staff Training, Chapel

Wednesday, April 12

5:45 – 6:45pm Church family supper in the gym
7:00 – 8:00pm Children’s class (K-5th) with Danielle
7:00 – 8:00pm MS Youth Group with Juwan
7:00 – 8:00pm Video Series: “The New Testament in Its World”, Pastor Debbie, Chapel
7:00 – 8:00pm “Pastor Steve’s All-Time Favorites”
8:15pm Adult Discipleship Meeting, Parlor

Thursday, April 13

4:00 – 5:00 Kickball with the Pastor, Gym

Friday, April 14

Saturday, April 15

Sunday, April 16

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor
8:30 – 9:15 Prayer Meeting, Pastor Steve’s Office
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream
11:00am Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
11:00 – 12:45 Explorers’ Class, Parlor
4:00 – 5:15pm Spiritual Formation Workshop, Parlor
7:00 – 8:00pm High School Youth Group

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: jlmpsych910@gmail.com

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