# NORTH STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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April 5, 2020 Morning Worship Begins at 10:00am We are a Bible church dedicated to sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. We strive to faithfully deliver the life-changing message of the Scriptures and we work to be a God influence in our community. The message of the cross keeps us vertically and horizontally focused. Thanks for joining us today!



#### JESUS' WORDS FROM THE CROSS ARE:

"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."

"Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

"Woman, this is your son." "This is your mother."

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
"I thirst."

"It is finished!"

"Father, into your hands, I commit my spirit."

# Easter Sermon Series LIVING THE WAY CHRIST DIED

On Sunday April 5, Pastor Jake will begin preaching an 8 week sermon series entitled Living The Way Christ Died. The series will lead listeners through the words uttered by Jesus while being crucified meanwhile making application to our daily lives as followers of Jesus Christ.

Whether we are meeting face to face or online, let's all do our best to not miss one of these timely messages. If do you happen to miss one, you will be able to watch anytime on YouTube

#### **VIEW SUNDAY MESSAGES ONLINE**

Our Sunday messages will now be live-streamed on YouTube. If you would like to access the Sunday Morning message via YouTube a link is provided on our NSCC Website at <a href="http://northstreetchristianchurch.org/">http://northstreetchristianchurch.org/</a>. Church announcements begin at 9:50 and the morning message begins at 10:00.

On Thursday April 2, the Elders and Pastors of NSCC met to discuss an updated response to the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic. The decision was made to continue meeting online only for the next two Sundays – which are Palm Sunday, April 5 and Easter Sunday, April 12. The group will make another evaluation of the situation early in the week of April 12 and once again inform our congregation via the NSCC Website and the North Street Christian Church Facebook page. Please share this information with others of our NSCC Family.

## NSCC GIVING REPORT Pastor Bob Huber

This uncommon time calls for uncommon commitment!

I would like to say thank you for those who are making it a priority to continue giving during this time of not being able to meet together on Sunday mornings. Our number of people giving online through TITHELY has increased and others are sending their offering through the mail. These gifts help bring great encouragement to our leadership as we continue to strive to faithfully serve the Lord.

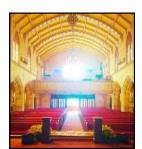
Our total offerings for the last two weeks would indicate that we are receiving about 25% to 30% of our usual total. Our regular ongoing expenses have been lower to some extent through using less water, electricity and gas and through a decrease of time worked by hourly employees. Other expenses will remain as projected through our 2020 Budget.

As you pray each day, I simply am asking you to join with me to include the giving at NSCC as one of your prayer commitments. Let's not only pray that God will provide but that He will move us (you and me) to give as each one decides in his/her heart!

Here's a favorite Scripture of mine to help us think/meditate biblically about our giving:

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: "He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness." 2 Corinthians 9: 6-10

Thank you ahead of time for making this a matter of your daily prayers. And remember, this uncommon time calls for uncommon commitment!



Here are a few ways you are able to give. One is by downloading the app "TITHELY" on your smartphone.

The second is to mail your offering to:

North Street Christian Church

220 West North Street
Butler, PA 16001,

and the third is by simply dropping off your contribution in the mailbox outside the office door.



#### **Meeting Ministry Needs**

Our church family is asked to please communicate any ministry needs to Pastor Bob or Pastor Jake during this coronavirus pandemic. NSCC will do its best to help meet those needs as they arise. Our Church Office telephone number is 724-282-7700.

#### Some Important COVID 19 Cancellation Notices

The annual GOOD FRIDAY EVENING WORSHIP has been cancelled. The will be no SUNRISE WORSHIP or EASTER BREAKFAST at NSCC this year.

# SHEPHERD OF MY HEART PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Registration for the 2020-2021 school year has begun at Shepherd of My Heart Preschool! If you know of anyone that has young children that may be interested in our program, please tell them about our preschool or pass along a brochure. Brochures are available at the Welcome Center.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN (4-5 years olds) Must be 4 years old by September 1. Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9:15 - 11:45 AM. Tuition: \$110 per month (September through May)

**PRESCHOOL** (3-4 years olds) Must be 3 years old by September 1 and potty trained. Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:15 - 11:15 AM. Tuition: \$85 per month (September through May)

Call Shepherd of My Heart Today. Schedule a Visit! Telephone: 724-282-4511

#### **CLUBHOUSE and ROOTED NEWS**

CLUBHOUSE NEWS: Well, with no meeting in the clubhouse for a while we had to get a bit creative! We are sending out email lessons for parents to follow at home. The email includes a video lesson, an at home challenge, cool extras, and encouragement for parents. If you aren't on our email list, let's fix this! Send me an email at <a href="mailto:davidsonkatie95@gmail.com">davidsonkatie95@gmail.com</a> and we will get you signed up on the fun. We cannot wait until we get to see your kids again, to teach them and pray with them, until then we continue to pray for them and teach them best we can.

ROOTED: Hooray for technology! We have been able to keep our Rooted program going over the internet. We host a lesson over Facebook Live followed by a discussion group on Zoom. It was great to video chat with the teens and pull them all together. We are going to continue with a weekly lesson and chat until we can be together in worship and fellowship. It is amazing how close a small group of teens have made such an impact on us, their joy in being together and willingness to serve is amazing!



#### **COVID 19 RESPONSE**

## ALL CHURCH EVENTS ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Sunday School Classes are suspended until further notice.
All Church Sponsored Weekly Bible Studies are
suspended until further notice.

Kid's Club is suspended until further notice.

Rooted Youth Ministry is suspended until further notice.

Shepherd of My Heart Preschool will follow protocol of
Butler Area School District.

The Preschool Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser will be rescheduled for a later date.

The NSCC Community Meal is suspended until further notice. All nursing home and hospital visitations are suspended. (Due to hospital and nursing home facility requirements)

#### Other response measures include:

- \*Increased sanitization efforts throughout our facilities will be implemented.
- \*Extra attention will be given to restrooms, nursery, high touch areas, hard surfaces, water fountains, handheld equipment etc.
- \*Hand sanitizer is available throughout the building.



### **NSCC Facebook** - A Word of Encouragement

A few days each week at 5:30 pm NSCC has been posting a word of encouragement as written by Pastor Bob. In order to read the Word of Encouragement simply go to the NSCC Facebook page <a href="https://www.facebook.com/northstreetchristianchurch/">https://www.facebook.com/northstreetchristianchurch/</a>.

The posts are also being shared by others in various formats. Feel free to pass the Word of Encouragement on to your friends and family.

#### We are MISSIONAL

We have a mission because Jesus had a mission. Our mission is the Great Commission.

We are INTENTIONAL We will send. We will serve.

We will go. We are not fearful, we are faithful.

We are **TRANSFORMATIONAL** We are a vessel of life, advancing His kingdom by proclaiming the message of the Gospel which when coupled with the power of the Holy Spirit brings new, transformed lives.

#### We are **RELATIONAL**

First upward and then outward! Living to please God first and then to reach people gives life to our mission and purpose to our message.

#### **Our Purpose**

~To present the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all who will hear, leading them to make a personal decision to accept Him as Savior.

To produce obedient followers of Jesus Christ by teaching His Lordship for the life of every believer.

To commit His followers to the study, understanding and application of His Word to everyday living.

~To engage each follower in ministry thereby advancing the Kingdom of Jesus Christ on earth.