

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

July 2, 2023

Prelude Nearer, my God, to Thee

Van der Hel

Jinhee Shim, organ

Welcome and Family News

Danielle Kauffman

Call to Worship

Psalm 27:1,4,5

Nicole & Ava Bley

Hymn #419

God of Our Fathers

National Hymn

Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Steve

Scripture Reading

Joshua 1:6-9; John 14:27

Juwan Williams

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Steve

Gracious God, we have sung of your almighty hand over all of life. Yet there are times when your presence seems far away, and we feel afraid. Or there are times you bid us to move forward, and we fail to trust you and take the risk. Please forgive us. Grant us a greater experience of your perfect love that casts out fear, and the courage to know that nothing can pluck us out of your hand. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Apostles' Creed

The Greeting

Worship Song

You Are With Me Oceans (Where Feet May Fall)

NPC Worship Band

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Jan Kennedy, Elder

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

Townend

Dean Pappas, vocals & guitar

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading 2 Timothy 1:5-7 Jan Kennedy

Sermon Faith and Fear Pastor Steve

Hymn #517 The Solid Rock (1,2) Edward Moore

Invitation To Communion

Danielle Kauffman

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe. You fashioned this world in love and govern all the earth with grace and peace. Nations and presidents rise and fall, but Your reign is for all time, and your mercy is without end.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Born as King in David's line, He lived with the lowly and cared for the least of Your children. His power was revealed in weakness, His majesty in mercy.

His only earthly throne was a cross on which to die. Even there His arms stretched out to embrace friends and foes in love. From the grave You raised him to Your right hand where he rules again from heaven, and commands true loyalty from peoples and nations.

Remembering Your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from Your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising. With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to You to be a living and holy sacrifice dedicated to Your service.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again. Amen.

Sharing The Bread And The Cup

Pastor Steve

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Benediction

Pastor Steve

Postlude

Do Lord

Dean Pappas, vocals & guitar, NPC Worship Band

Prayer Ministry

Jim Hornung

INTERGENERATONAL MINISTRY NEWS CHILDREN

Family Worship is Sunday, July 2nd - Children and Youth are encouraged to worship with their church family and participate in communion. Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to sit with Miss Danielle during service! Look for us in the first two pews.

Basketball! Kids VS. Adults - Join us in the church gym for some friendly competition on Wednesday, July 12th beginning at 7:00pm as the kids take on the adults! Youth are welcome too! Game on! Please RSVP to Danielle.

GLOW-Shine Bright for Jesus – Join us in Sunday School for a new series beginning June 18th. Fun crafts and activities will help us learn how we can shine brightly for Jesus and show others that Jesus is the light of the world!

VBC Mission Project is Atonement Afterschool Program! There's still time to be a part of our VBC Mission! We are collecting craft supplies, umbrellas, and backpacks. Cash or checks are also greatly appreciated! **The last day to give is Sunday, July 2**nd.

Save the Date for the All-Church Retreat! Get out your calendar and mark the dates for the All-Church Retreat taking place on Friday, May 10th through Sunday, May 12th at beautiful Sandy Cove, MD. Many more details soon.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

Teen Girls' Ministry for 6th – 12th grade! Food and Fellowship! Thursday, July 6th all Teen Girls are invited to grab lunch at 12:30 and enjoy time together. We will meet at Suburban Square. Please RSVP to Lisa Hoffman or Mia Rogers.

Special Service Project to support The Parkway Christmas Shop! It's Christmas in July for Teen Girls' Ministry as they serve with The Parkway Ministry and help plan their Christmas Shop. For more info, please contact Mia Rogers (mkuniholm@gmail.com). For information on Teen Girls' Ministry, please reach out to Danielle Kauffman (dkauffman@gmail.com) or Lisa Hoffman (Lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net).

Our next Middle School Youth Group will be Wednesday July 26th, from 7:00 – 8:00pm; our next High School Youth Group will be Sunday July 23rd, from 7:00 – 8:00pm.

CLASSES

8:15am Sunday Class – Please join us – live in the NPC Parlor, or via Zoom – for a time of conversation focused on the scriptures for the day's worship service. All are welcome! Contact the Church office for the Zoom link.

Summer Women's Bible Study. What does the story of two widows and a prominent landowner in the countryside of Judah have to teach us about the issues of shame, exclusion, loss, and hopelessness? How can the story of a few ordinary folks become the light and hope in a time of social and religious degradation? How did God work out his eternal plan of salvation through simple people carrying out their mundane roles? Join Clara Louie and Lalitha Naveen in a six-week interactive study of the Biblical *Book of Ruth* on **Thursday evenings, starting June 8 from 7:00 – 8:15pm in the Parlor**, to find out. Email claralouie@yahoo.com if you are interested.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

Stay tuned for information about August "Movie Nights" coming soon.

"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. This Wednesday's Topic: "The Gifts of The Holy Spirit." A biblical study of the person and work of the Holy Spirit and how we can experience the Spirit-filled life. Note: This class on the Holy Spirit will continue through the end of July.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

I Was Lost, But Now I'm Found That may be the exclamation your glasses or sunglasses are waiting to cry out to you, "I've been found!" Or, possibly your water (or coffee) mug is feeling lost. The office at NPC has generated quite a quantity of glasses, sunglasses, mugs, keys and even a book, left behind by members, friends or visitors to the church. Please look on the table in the Chapel to see if you can bring joy to your lost items. You may also call the church office to check and see if you have lost items waiting for you to find them at (610) 664-4880

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Room For Restless Children The presence of children is a gift to the church, and children are always welcome in our services. The Parlor is available to parents of young children who need a place for a crying or restless child during service. The Parlor is set up so parents can view the service while caring for their child. Thank you for your consideration in helping to make our time together as a church family a holy experience.

Redeemed for a Cause reaches out with the love of Christ and hands-on help to atrisk and trafficked women in the city of Philadelphia. Sakinah Love is the Director. If you would like to join in their efforts to share the Good News of freedom in Christ, and right relationship with others and oneself, for the next month there will be a box in the Chapel where you may donate the following items:

- soap (Dove, Dial, Irish Spring, etc.)
- lotion
- combs and/or brushes
- toothpaste (travel size)
- toothbrushes (travel size)
- shampoo and conditioner (travel size)
- hand sanitizers
- deodorant (travel size)
- underwear (all sizes)
- tank tops (all sizes)
- socks

Upcoming Men's Retreat The NPC Men's Ministry is organizing a Men's Retreat in Lake Champion, NY from September 21st – 24th. For more information and registration details, visit the NPC website or contact Justin Crawford (me@JustinCrawford.com / 646-588-9042).

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. The next session will be held on July 24th from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in the Chapel. No need to RSVP, just show up as you are able.

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

Missions: Interserve Jan Kennedy is now part of Interserve's International Council, whose members serve as trustees, providing governance to ensure that Interserve is true to God's calling on our mission, and is working to fulfill that vision. Please pray for discernment, wisdom, and the joy of the Lord for Jan and the entire Board.

Notes From Justice and Mercy: NPC's Justice and Mercy Committee seeks to fulfill God's commission in Micah 6:8 to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with Him. To this end, we seek to support members of our congregation already engaged in these ministries. We currently support people in the following areas: antihuman trafficking, The Chestnut Foundation (handicapped children in Narberth), foster families, mass incarceration, loving our disadvantaged neighbors, orphan care, quilting for comfort, racial reconciliation, racism, and young people aging out of the foster care system. We pray for those who serve and the people they minister to. We also attempt to inform those seeking to find their niche in this type of service through our Justice and Mercy library cart, our bulletin board in the chapel, these notifications and special events. Please pray for us and the people we serve. Please contact Ashley or Marilyn Reed with questions (amr0819@gmail.com or alsomarilynreed@gmail.com).

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, July 2

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor 8:30 – 9:15 Prayer Meeting, Pastor Steve's Office 9:30am Worship Service In-person and live-stream

Monday, July 3

Tuesday, July 4

Holiday - Church Office Closed Narberth July 4th festivities (10 am - 2pm) and fireworks at night

Wednesday, July 5

7:00 - 8:00pm "Pastor Steve's All-Time Favorites" -"Gifts of The Holy Spirit", Parlor

Thursday, July 6

4:00 - 5:00 Kickball with the Pastor, Gym 7:00 - 8:15pm Women's Bible Study on the Book of Ruth, Parlor

Friday, July 7

Saturday, July 8

8:30am Women's Breakfast, Parlor

Sunday, July 9

8:15am Sunday School (Parlor) 9:30am Worship Service In-person and live-stream; Sunday school for Children and Youth

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

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Dr. Janet Moore is a licensed psychologist with over 30 years of therapeutic expertise. 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, ilmpsych910@gmail.com