



Narberth Presbyterian Church

February 12, 2023

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude *Andante Religioso and Allegretto (from Sonata No. 4)* Mendelssohn
Jinhee Shim, Organist

Welcome and Family News Pastor Steve

Invitation Mens' Groups Jim Hornung

Invitation Amnion Baby Bottle Drive Alice Antonelli

Call to Worship Hebrews 11:1,6; 10:35 Jesse and Rawson Kennedy

Hymn #62 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* St. Denio

Prayer of Invocation Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 12:12-20,26,27 Greg and Brody Hein

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you have created us not only for yourself, but also for one another. We are truly the family of God and the body of Christ. Yet there are places where we feel stuck, but we do not ask for help. There are places in life where we struggle to believe. In your mercy, please forgive our sins and renew our hope. Strengthen our trust in you and our mutual support of one another. Fill us with the Holy Spirit that we may see others with your eyes and love them with your love. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Silent Prayer and the Assurance of Pardon

The Greeting

Worship Song *All the People Say Amen* Maher
There is One Gospel (City Alight)
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 *Just One God* arr. Davis
NPC Choir, Linda Pilacic, Director

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Mark 2:1-12

Pastor Debbie

Sermon

Jesus Sees Our Faith!

Pastor Steve

Hymn #700

We Are God's People

Symphony

Benediction

Pastor Steve

Postlude

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Payne

Jinhee Shim, Organist

Souper Bowl Offering

Received by our youth at the exits of the church

Prayer Ministry

Sue Wenger



Sunday, February 12th is the *SOUPER BOWL* collection! Please note our Youth will be hosting the annual Souper Bowl collection at the end of worship. You will find them at the exits of the church collecting cash donations to help the homeless in Philadelphia. Thank you for giving to this important mission! Go Birds!

Special Disaster Relief Offering for Turkey. For the next three Sundays we will hold a special offering for the victims of the devastating earthquake this week in Turkey. Your gifts may be given to NPC and designated for earthquake relief. Our offering will be distributed through First Hope, a Turkish NGO established by an association of Protestant Christian churches.

Amnion's "Make Change for Life" Baby Bottle Collection and Diaper Drive
Sunday, February 12th marks the beginning of NPC's annual fundraiser for Amnion Pregnancy Center. Baby bottles are available (in the chapel area of the church) to take home, fill with loose change, cash, or checks and **return to NPC by Sunday March 5th**. Amnion could also use the following donations: newborn and size 6 disposable diapers, baby lotion, body wash, shampoo, baby oil, and diaper bags. All donations may be dropped off in the chapel or church office. For more information about Amnion, please visit their website: <http://www.friendsofamnion.org>. If you have any questions, please contact Alice Antonelli (arichardson1@gmail.com).

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

TODAY is GREEN OUT for Sunday School Children! Hey kids, wear your GREEN to church on Sunday, February 12th, as we continue our memorization of the Books of the Bible and enjoy a pep-rally in the gym! Food, fun, and prizes!

Paper Plate Bible Animals! Each Wednesday children will create a new animal from a paper plate and hear a Bible story that relates to the animal they made. We meet in RM 107 from 7:00pm-8:00pm. All are welcome!

The Philadelphia Project Blitz Weekend for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders! It's time to begin the registration process for this special weekend of service that will take place on Friday, April 28th - Sunday, April 30th. For more information, please reach out to Danielle.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

Teen Girls' Ministry for 6th – 12th grade! Join us for a *Gal-entine Party* this Sunday, February 12th. Lunch and a fun treat provided! We meet in the church gym directly following worship and walk to the McGrew's home, here in Narberth, from 11:00am – 12:30pm. Together we enjoy fellowship, food, and focus on discipleship. Please reach out to Lisa Hoffman (Lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net) or Danielle Kauffman (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) with questions. All are welcome to join this amazing time together.

The Philadelphia Project Blitz Weekend! Save the date for April 21st – 23rd as all 6th – 12th graders are invited to The Philadelphia Project Blitz Weekend. Courtney Zellers from TPP will join us on Sunday, March 12th to give a presentation on TPP in the Youth Room during Sunday School. Please RSVP for the Blitz weekend to Juwan (jwilliams@narberthpres.org). Male and female chaperones are needed as well. Please reach out if interested!

Middle School Youth Group! Middle School Youth Group meets each Wednesday evening from 7:00pm – 8:00pm in the Youth Room. Each week offers games, lessons, and fun! All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are encouraged to attend and bring a friend!

High School Youth Group! Each Sunday, all 9th – 12th graders are encouraged to come enjoy time together from 7:00pm – 8:00pm in the Youth Room. Join us for a time of community, theology, and an opportunity to know, live, and share your faith.

Confirmation Classes – Are you interested in joining NPC? Would you like to learn more about what we believe and where the foundational practices of church originate? Well, we are inviting all youth (6th – 12th grade) to confirmation class. Our classes will begin **Sunday February 26, 2023** and will take place during Sunday School time. If families would like to participate in this journey reach out to Juwan via email or text.

CLASSES

Mens' Breakfast! Saturday, February 25 from 7:30am-9:00am there will be a breakfast and fellowship gathering for men in the Parlor. It will include a word from scripture, great food and fellowship, and a discussion of future plans.

11:15am Sunday Class: Join us for a thought-provoking look at the **book of Daniel**, with stories about people living out their faith while under cultural pressure, and stories of amazing visions, miracles, and prophecy. This 12-week class will have some teaching but mostly engaging discussion. We will meet in the Copy Room and have a Zoom option for those who can't be there in person. Led by Mark Wenger and Charlie Hurst. Please contact Mark at markfwenger@yahoo.com for the Zoom link.

Wednesday Class: *The New Testament in Its World* 37 weeks in length, this video-based study will look at the entire New Testament. 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. All 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 one opportunity to do that For more information, please e-mail or call Debbie Watson (dwatson@narberthpres.org – 610-664-4880 ext.114).

Wednesday nights at 7:00: "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. Right now, we are focusing on Pastor Steve's #1 favorite Christian book, *The Song Of Ascents*, the spiritual autobiography of E. Stanley Jones.

"Book of the Month" – Monday nights at 7:30pm. As Pastor Steve comes into the homestretch of ministry at NPC, one of his endeavors this winter and spring is to lead a "Book of the Month" study. The first book for 2023 is entitled: **"Getting To Know God's Voice: A 31-Day Interactive Journey"** by Jenny Randle. The theme of this practical study is to "discover the Holy Spirit in your everyday life." Brief daily readings are required as well as attendance in a 5-week class. Short and sweet and strong! The book study will run from **January 30th to February 27th 7:30 – 8:45pm.**

Day Retreat of Solitude in Community Once again will host a day of silence and solitude on **Wednesday March 22nd from 9:30am – 2:30pm at the Saint Raphaela Retreat House.** The non-refundable fee of \$35 is due on March 8th to secure your spot. Sign up in the chapel or contact Linda DiLullo at ldilullo3@gmail.com or 610-453-3420 for scholarship aid and questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Music Ministry: CHOIR Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! You may have this opportunity at choir rehearsal which meets in the **Choir Room at 11:00am** or **directly following the worship service**. There is always room for more voices!

Windsor Bells: The Windsor Bells are seeking more hands to chime in and ring for the Glory of God! Please do not let inexperience stop you from joining the fun of bell choir. If you are interested, add your name to the sign-up sheet located in the chapel or reach out to Linda Pilacik. **We will rehearse on Monday evenings at 6:15pm.**

There will be a grief support group on the fourth Monday of the months of January through March. 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 of GriefShare is not required). The next session will be held on **Monday, February 27th from 6:30pm to 8:00pm** in the chapel of the church. No need to RSVP, just show up as you are able. Please reach out to either Gerri Wismer (geewis46@gmail.com) or Alice Antonelli (arichardson1@gmail.com) for additional information.

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

NPC Christian Preschool registration is now open for the 2023-2024 school year. Our preschool offers two-day, three-day, and five-day options for children aged 18 months to pre-kindergarten. The school day runs from 9am-12pm from mid-September to early-June. We also offer afternoon programming (12-3pm) through Lunch Bunch for preschoolers and Kindergarten Enrichment for morning kindergarteners, and we have a wonderful six-week summer camp that runs from June 27 – August 3, 2023. To receive more information as well as the link to register, please reach out to director Virginia Davis at preschool@narberthpres.org or 610-664-8890.

Save the date: ALL Church Retreat! - "LIFE TOGETHER"! All ages are encouraged to attend the NPC All-Church Retreat taking place in Sandy Cove, MD on **May 12th, 13th, and 14th!** We belong together and we need each other so join us for an amazing adventure away building our lives with each other and with Jesus! Please reach out to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) with questions or to register!

PRAYER INFORMATION

Missions Prayer Focus: CRU – Leah Darwin Leah Darwin is a veteran missionary of 45 years with Cru (formerly called Campus Crusade for Christ). She is a teacher of the Bible to a class that meets digitally composed of 365 people coming from Asia, Middle East and America. She works part time with the Digital Strategies Department of Cru in Orlando, Florida. For 35 years she taught at the Cru seminary in Manila, Philippines where students come from Buddhist, Muslim and Hindu countries to be trained as pastors and church leaders.

Notes From Justice and Mercy: Since February is Black History month, let's take the opportunity to look for ways to encourage the Black community. Maybe it could be watching a documentary on Black achievements, reading a book by a Black author, or dining at a Black-owned restaurant. Please pray for NPC's Racial Reconciliation Committee as they work toward racial justice.

Neighborhood Crusades likes to give out **hygiene kits** to the homeless people they evangelize. Please donate personal size toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, soap, wash clothes, razors, deodorant, shampoo, or quart-size Ziplock bags. Place them in the box under the bulletin board right outside the sanctuary doors on the Windsor side of the building. Contact Marilyn Reed if you have any questions. 215-776-3598 Thank you!

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, February 12

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream
Youth Souper Bowl Offering for homeless
11:00am Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
11:15 Sunday School, the book of Daniel, Copy Room
6:30pm Super Bowl LVII Eagles vs Chiefs
NO HS Youth Group this Sunday

Monday, February 13

6:15 – 7:15 Bell Choir Rehearsal, Chapel
7:30 – 8:45 Book Study: Getting to Know God's Voice, Pastor Steve, Parlor

Tuesday, February 14

7:00pm Elder/Deacon/Staff Training, Parlor

Wednesday, February 15

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, Pastor Debbie (Chapel)
"The New Testament in Its World"
7:00 – 8:00pm "Pastor Steve's All-Time Favorites",
Pastor Steve (Parlor)

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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Thursday, February 16

4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor

Friday, February 17

11:00am Women's Bible Study (In-person)
6:30 – 9:00 Alpha Marriage Course

Saturday, February 18

Sunday, February 19

8:15am Sunday School (Parlor)
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream
11:00am Choir Rehearsal
11:15am Sunday School Class, the book of Daniel, Copy Room
7:00 – 8:00pm High School Youth Group

Stephen N. Weed, Pastor

Deborah Watson, Associate Pastor

Danielle Kauffman, Intergenerational Ministry

Juwan Williams, Intergenerational Ministry

Jinhee Shim, Organist

Colin & Sarah Comstock, Worship Band Ldrs

Linda Pilacik, Director of Music

Matt Weed, Worship Tech. Coordinator

Tim Roykoff, Business Administrator

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Chris Marinelli, Weekday Custodian

Michael Ochal, Weekend Custodian