



Narberth Presbyterian Church

November 26, 2023

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

Thanksgiving Medley

Linda Pilacik, piano

Welcome and Family News

Pastor Debbie

Teen Girls' Update on Service Project

Call to Worship

Romans 12:2

Annika Naveen

Responsive Reading: "That's My King"

Readers: Isabel Lally, Jim Hornung, Geri Wismer, Peter Phillips, Justin Crawford,
Gaby Anik

Hymn #50

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Mit Freuden Zart

Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading

John 17:14,15

Jan Kennedy

Prayer of Confession

Father, we confess our arrogance in turning away from you. We make light of your commandments. We scoff at discipline and boundaries as if they did not apply to us. Our tongues reveal our ignorance before the vastness of your truth. The words we speak in error contain poison that cannot be contained. O God, we cry out for forgiveness. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Our Creator knows our intent. If we truly turn from our undisciplined ways, a new way is opening up for us, and God welcomes us as partners in the gospel. If we believe in that gospel, our salvation is assured and so is our place in God's kingdom. Amen.

The Greeting

Worship Song

You Are With Me

We Will Feast

NPC Worship Band

Children & Youth dismissed to Sunday School

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer		Pastor Debbie
Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory	<i>Baroque Suite</i>	<i>Tartini/Buononcini</i>
	Emil Pilacik, trumpet, Linda Pilacik, piano	
Doxology and Prayer of Dedication		
Scripture Reading	Exodus 2:16-22; Matthew 2:13-15	Pastor Farrar
Sermon	Sojourning In a Foreign Land	Pastor Farrar
Hymn #517	<i>The Solid Rock</i>	<i>Solid Rock</i>
Benediction		Pastor Farrar
Postlude	Thanksgiving Medley	
	Linda Pilacik, piano	
Prayer Ministry		Linda Behmke

Decorating the Sanctuary for Advent/Christmas We are looking for a group of volunteers to help make our Sanctuary beautiful for the holiday season. Join us on Saturday, December 2nd to help hang wreaths and garlands and put up a tree. We will meet from 9:30 – 11:30 and donuts will be provided. All are welcome to come! Contact person: Katie Kennedy (610-731-1045).

December 10th is Music Sunday! The music ministry team presents “Great Joy,” a truly intergenerational event to Glorify God in this season of Advent. Join us to hear the Sanctuary Choir, the Bell Choir, the Worship Band, and the Children’s Sunday School Choir present inspiring musical selections interspersed with scripture. This will take place during our usual 9:30am service. Children and Youth will be dismissed to Sunday School as usual. We hope to see everyone there!

NPC’s Annual Meeting: Join us on December 10th directly following the worship service as we will hold our Annual Congregational Meeting All are invited to participate, especially members. Childcare and extended Sunday School are provided through 5th grade.

Our meeting will include a time of memorial remembrance for members and loved ones who have entered the Church Triumphant in the last year. We will also elect new Elders and Deacons, give an overview of our ministries and mission causes, and discuss the budget for 2023.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

Kids Praise – Join us on Wednesday Nights for music fun! Mrs. Pilacik, NPC's Minister of Music, will be joining us each week for an exciting time of music. Get ready to make a joyful noise! We will meet in the Choir Room from 7:00 – 8:00pm. This program is best for PreK through 5th grade.

Special Rehearsal for Christmas Concert - Sunday School children are encouraged to attend rehearsal for the Christmas Concert on Saturday, December 9th from 9:30 – 10:30am. Kids are also invited to stay following rehearsal for hot chocolate, cookies, and kickball in the gym with Miss Danielle. Parents can pick up their children in the gym at 11:30am.

Choir Christmas Concert - Save the date for Sunday, December 10th. Our children will be singing a few selections with the choir!

Children's Christmas Pageant - Save the date for Sunday, December 17th! Our pageant will take place at the end of worship in the sanctuary.

Save the Date for the 2024 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 in beautiful Sandy Cove, MD. Many more details soon.



INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY: YOUTH

Teen Girls' Ministry – Sunday, November 26th Teen Girls' Ministry will not meet. We will resume next Sunday, December 3rd at the McGrew's home. Please reach out to Danielle Kauffman (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) or Lisa Hoffman (Lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net) if you would like to get involved.

Teen Girls' Service Project - Teen Girls' Ministry is helping to support the Parkway Christmas Shop and you can get involved by donating new or gently used toys for children and babies. Please see the flier around NPC for more details. Donations can be left in the Toy Drive box in the Chapel. Contact Mia Rogers (mkuniholm@gmail.com) or Danielle Kauffman (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) to learn more.

Thanks for all your wonderful donations! We are still in particular need of:

- Racially/culturally diverse dolls and other toys
- Baby clothes
- Baby toys
- Teen books
- Early reader books
- Christmas Gift bags

The Parkway Christmas Shop - If your Youth (6th – 12th) is interested in helping set up, organize, and run The Parkway Christmas Shop on Sunday, December 17th please RSVP to Mia Rogers (mkuniholm@gmail.com). This is open to guys and gals! Parents are welcome to serve too. We will leave following worship and return by 3:00pm.

The Philadelphia Project Blitz Weekend for Youth – Join us for a meaningful weekend of service Friday, December 1st through Sunday, December 3rd! This weekend is open to current 6th through 12th graders. The cost is \$99 to participate, and scholarships are available. Please RSVP to Dave Bellamy (DBellamy@narberthpres.org) or reach out with any questions.

Winter Chill Youth Retreat - Save the date for some time away with our Youth Group at the shore this winter! January 19th – 21st! Stay tuned for more details.

Youth Sunday School – Takes place in the Youth Room for middle school and high school students each Sunday. Youth are dismissed from the sanctuary.

Middle School Youth Group - Middle School Youth Group meets every Wednesday in the Youth Room from 7:00 – 8:00pm. All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are encouraged to attend.

High School Youth Group – High School Youth Group will not meet this Sunday, November 26th. We will resume next Sunday, December 3rd.

CLASSES

8:15am Sunday Class – Please join us – 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 Pastor Debbie for the Zoom link.

As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead – James 2:26. The book of James emphasizes the importance of living out one's faith through actions and practical wisdom. It teaches us how to be mature Christians. Join the Women's Bible Study as we explore the book of James on **5 Thursday nights from 7:00 – 8:15pm** in the Parlor, starting November 2nd (and skipping the week of Thanksgiving). Contact Lalitha Naveen (lnaveen100@gmail.com) or Clara Louie (claralouie@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

Men's Interactive 5-week Bible Study on the Book of James starts on Thursday, November 2, from 7:00-8:15 p.m. in Pastor Farrar's office. Please contact Ken Eng (k_eng@msn.com) or Naveen Daniel (nav@drexel.edu) for questions. All men are welcome!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

The New Testament in Its World We will continue this 37-week, video-based study that looks at the entire New Testament. Each week, we will travel from the 21st 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. 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.

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Middle School Youth Group – we meet on Wednesdays evenings from 7:00 – 8:00pm in the Youth Room.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



The journey of grief is a painful process; you do not need to walk it alone. We encourage you to come to the video and support group, GriefShare. The sessions address topics and issues for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. GriefShare meets weekly, the content is Christ-centered and biblical. You will find this to be a place with people who understand the pain of your loss. GriefShare sessions meet on **Monday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00pm in the Chapel** into December (note that you can join at any time). It is important to register on the GriefShare website. Contact Alice Antonelli (arichardson1@gmail.com) or Gerri Wismer (geewis46@gmail.com) for more information about the group.

Surviving the Holidays – Help and hope as you navigate the Christmas season without your loved one. Are you wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Christmas? Are you dreading this holiday, knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from past years can't be recreated? The *Surviving the Holidays* seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death. You'll learn:

- How to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays
- What to do about traditions and other coming changes
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
- How to discover hope for your future

Our *Surviving the Holidays* event is scheduled for **Sunday, December 10 at 3:00pm** and lasts approximately two hours. Light snacks and dessert will be provided. For more information, please contact Alice Antonelli (arichardson1@gmail.com) or Gerri Wismer (geewis46@gmail.com).

Men's Small Group There is an open small group for men looking to connect in a more intimate setting. The Men's Small group **meets from 7:30 – 9:00am on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month in the Parlor**. Donuts sometimes exist, but coffee is *always* guaranteed! The format of the group is designed to facilitate intimate sharing, prayer, and accountability. While the study of scripture helps to facilitate those conversations, education is not the primary goal of this group. Our purpose is to provide a place for men to deepen relationships with a small cohort of other men and experience what it looks like for "iron to sharpen iron." Contact Justin Crawford (me@JustinCrawford.com / 646.588.9042) for more information.

Senior Adult “Slideshows” are back! While these have, traditionally, been for people aged 60 and above, we welcome *everyone* (of any age) to these gatherings, which are interesting, informative, FREE, and offer a great opportunity to meet and get to know your NPC “neighbors” in-person! We also have snacks! We meet on Fridays at 1:30pm in the Parlor.

- December 1st Guam (Alice Antonelli)
- December 15th Sr. Christmas Carol Sing & Tea (Save the date)

Save the Date for the Found Wandering Christmas Concert Sunday, December 17th in the evening at NPC!

Redemption Housing Bike Drive Do you have a bike that takes up space in your garage or shed? Want a good cause to donate it to? I am happy to pick up your bike and deliver it to Redemption Housing which houses men that are re-entering society from prison. As you can imagine, they don't have any wheels to get around, and a bicycle is a good first step. Just let Alice Antonelli know at arichardson1@gmail.com.

Notes From Justice and Mercy We have received a note from Ones Tuhenya, the first recipient of NPC’s Special Award Scholarship, studying at Montgomery County Community College for Social Work. Ones said, “Thanks for reaching out. School is going pretty well, and my grades are looking good so far. I appreciate your prayers and blessings. How are things with you? It sounds like you [all] are doing great work at church. I’ll definitely let you know if I need anything. Thanks!” Please continue to pray for Ones, the first of his family to be able to receive higher education. He is grateful for our support as it enables him to pursue his dream of helping other immigrants.

We need your help! The Parkway Ministry continues to request donations of food and warm clothing. Reach out to Jennifer Bonovitz or Marilyn Reed.

2023 CHURCH OFFICERS

THE SESSION with Current Ministry Connections

Pastor Steve Weed – Moderator

Class of 2023

*Jo-Anne Kaplan – Clerk of Session, Children’s Ministry

*Sue Wenger – Adult Discipleship, Co-Chair of PNC

Brint Nicolai – Chair of Worship Committee

Jie Cai Finance – Committee

Class of 2024

*Linda DiLullo - Prayer

*Pam Fleming – Children’s Ministry

*Clara Louie – Spiritual Formation

Jim Hornung – Property, Safety and Security

Class of 2025

Linda Behmke – Chair of Personnel

*Jack Comstock – Personnel, Chair of PNC

*Jan Kennedy – Liaison to Youth

Nina O’Connor – Safety and Security

THE BOARD OF DEACONS with Current Ministry Connections

Class of 2023

Gaby Anik – Treasurer, Deacons’ Assistance Fund

Gwen Blessing – Homebound Communications

*Godfrey Louie – Moderator, Deacons’ Assistance Fund

Gerri Wismer – Bereavement Care/GriefShare

Class of 2024

Ray Bellamy – Transportation

Katie Kennedy – Deacons’ Assistance Fund, College Age Communications

*Dee Knight – Ushering

Donald Vangore – Ushering

Class of 2025

*Mike Boccasini – Clerk, Youth Ministry

Ann Sattel – Missions

Rashmi Vyas – College Age Communications

* Sandi Wray – Deacons’ Pantry/Meal Train, Visitation

* serving second term

2023 MISSIONARY CAUSES

Mission

4D Ministries – Hank Paulson
 Amnion Pregnancy Center
 Cephas Tushima
 Child Evangelism Fellowship, Inc. – N. Ireland
 Chosen People Ministries– Paul Cruz
 Cornerstone Christian Academy
 CRU City – Brindleys (Philadelphia Gospel Movement)
 CRU International–Leah Darwin
 Development Associates International
 DiscipleMakers – Rebecca and Dan Hall
 ECO Church Planting and Global Missions Funds
 Esperanza Health Center
 Fellowship of Christian Athletes – Kasey Dougherty
 For Richmond – Matt & Anna Shenk (formerly CRU)
 Greater Europe Mission- Liz Loeffler
 Habitat for Humanity –N. Central Philadelphia
 House of His Creation
 InterAct Ministries – Dan & Bev Mayerle
 Interserve-USA – Jan Kennedy
 Kingdom Connect – Ben Duffy
 Neighborhood Crusades Inc.
 New Horizons/Amoenitas – Scott Todd
 Olney Christian School
 Presby’s Inspired Life (Human Good)
 Presbyterian Reformed Ministries International
 Rancho Del Rey
 REAP Granada-Scott Esposito
 Redeemed For A Cause Outreach – Sakinah Love
 Servant Partners – Dan & Denise Anderson
 The Antioch Partners-Haugens
 The Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota (Standing Rock)
 The Philadelphia Project
 The Welcome Church – Schaunel Steinnagel
 United World Mission – Nick & Ginny Woodbury
 World Link
 Wycliffe Bible Translators – Al & Barb Shannon
 Young Life (Western Philadelphia Suburbs)

Ambassador

Helga Sauter
 Alice Antonelli
 Scott Todd
 Danielle Kauffman
 Jennifer & Tim Roykoff
 Joyce Lewis
 Tom & Alyson Burnett
 Kathy McLean
 Open
 Bob Moore
 Open
 Open
 Ashley Reed
 Open
 Helga Sauter
 Linda Behmke
 Open
 Marilyn Reed
 Jesse Kennedy
 Ken & Sally Kapner
 Helga Sauter/M. Reed
 Marilyn Reed
 Ann Sattel
 Suzanne Morrison
 Open
 Ann Sattel
 Charlie Choi
 Sally Kapner
 Faithe Hornung
 Open
 Ashley Reed
 Dave Bellamy
 Jane Murray
 Helga Sauter
 Rob & Sandi Wray
 Kim Ishmael
 Barb Montgomery

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please pray for patience and discernment for the PNC. Please also pray for the person that God is calling to be our next Senior Pastor.

Missions: HumanGood (formerly Presby's Inspired Life) In addition to affordable housing for senior adults, **HumanGood**, provides Life plan communities (also known as continuing care retirement communities or CCRCs), which provide housing and health care on a continuum that changes as the needs of older adults change. Many of our NPC seniors have lived in the Rosemont Village community, Broomall (now Rosewood Gardens), and Rydal Park. Please pray this week for the ministry of care offered in all the HumanGood communities, that those who offer the care might be blessed in their own lives of faith and service, and those who receive the care might experience the love of God and the presence of Jesus, through the care they receive from staff members.

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, November 26

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor

9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream

Monday, November 27

6:15 – 7:15pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

6:30 – 8:00pm GriefShare, Chapel

7:00pm PNC Meeting, Parlor

Tuesday, November 28

12:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor

7:00pm Adult Discipleship Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, November 29

5:45 – 6:45pm Church Family Supper, Gym

7:00 – 8:00pm The New Testament in Its World,

Pastor Debbie, Chapel (Combined class this week)

7:00 – 8:00pm Kids Praise, Miss Danielle, Choir Room

7:00 – 8:00pm Middle School Youth Group, Youth Room

Thursday, November 30

Friday, December 1

TPP Youth Blitz Weekend begins

1:30pm Senior Slideshow, Parlor

Alice Antonelli, Guam

Saturday, December 2

PNC Meetings , Parlor

Decorating the Sanctuary

Sunday, December 3

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor

9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream

7:00 – 8:00pm High School Youth Group, Youth Room

Each Week

Christian Preschool – 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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Lisa Hoffman, Interim Youth Coordinator

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Sarah Comstock, Worship Band Leader

Linda Pilacik, Minister of Music

Matt Weed, Worship Tech. Coordinator

Tim Roykoff, Business Administrator

Sara Mahoney, Administrative Assistant

Hugh Barrie, Assistant Property Manager

Joyce B. Nicolai, Bookkeeper

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