

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

December 24, 2023

Prelude *Toccata on "Creator Alme Siderum" (from Advent Suite)* *Yon*
Jinhee Shim, organist

***Hymn #174** *Angels from the Realms of Glory* *Regent Square*

Call to Worship **Psalm 100** **Spencer Hurst**

Prayer of Invocation **Pastor Debbie**

Scripture Reading **Isaiah 56:1** **Ruth Ellen Patterson**

***Prayer of Confession**

O Light that shines in the darkness: come and free us from our sin. We await your coming, Lord, with eagerness and thanksgiving, and a fair amount of fear. Shine your true light in the corners of our hearts and in the vast wastelands of our society, that we might see more clearly the glory of the creation you have come to redeem. Amen

***Silent Prayer and Assurance of Pardon**

The child of Bethlehem becomes for us the Wonderful Counselor, whose life points us to new priorities. Away from our frantic busyness, we find true peace on our knees. The truth is dawning in us and among us. Good news of great joy fills us with hope. Glory to God in the highest heaven. Amen.

Lighting the 4th Advent Candle (LOVE) **The Higgins Family**
Bill, Kachiu, Alexandra, William, Parker

Advent Scripture Reading **1 John 4:7-10**

Declaration of Love:

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. Amen!

***The Peace**

As God has given us peace through Christ, let us pass the peace to one another. The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good Neighbors For some of our neighbors, 2023 has been a very hard year. Across the street on Hampden Ave there was a fatal house fire in April that caused extensive damage. Workers are now beginning to rehabilitate the damaged home. Please join in supporting their difficult work by respecting the cones they have placed in front of the home, when parking to worship at Narberth Presbyterian Church. In this small act, we can show our solidarity with our neighbors and help them to get these needed and extensive repairs done as quickly as possible.

Notes From Justice and Mercy On November 18th Redeemed for a Cause held their annual Thanksgiving dinner event but this year was a Friendsgiving Community Feeding. Traditional Thanksgiving food was served not only to the circle of people touched by human trafficking, but to everyone in the community. As usual they had a great turnout and served many people. All the donations and volunteers were endlessly appreciated. Please pray for the ministry of Redeemed for a Cause as they seek to build up the community with positive messages that shield them from a vulnerable mindset that makes people more susceptible to being trafficked. To this end, they are always happy to receive donations of grooming and personal hygiene products. See Sally Kapner to help.

The holidays can be a difficult time...**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, jlmpsych910@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DEDICATIONS



The beautiful Christmas poinsettias decorating the front of the church are dedicated to the Glory of God and in honor/memory of:

My Bill & our daughter, Frieda (stillborn)	Gerri Wismer
Our Children & their Families –	Peter & Soudabeh Kuklinski
Termeh-Marie Feinberg & Andrew Kuklinski	
Our Parents: Bill & Alice Dorman, Ed & Ruth Neilson	Tim & Betsy Neilson
Chris Abbott	Tim & Betsy Neilson
Our Parents & Grandparents	Scott, Julie, Connor & Aidan Todd
My Son-in-law, Rob Edson & Brother, John Barr	Carol Corner
Our Parents, William & Muriel Corner & Sister, Muriel Corner	George Corner & Mary Walker
Our Parents, John & Dorothy Barr	Carol Corner & Janet Norcini
David & Maryann Cope	The Cope Family
God's continuing Love & Grace	The Henry Family
Warren & Jean Mills and Irv & Shirley Weed	Steve & Teri Weed
James & Caroline Watson	Debbie Watson
My Dad, Richard	Diane Chen
Our Parents, George & Helen	Suzanne & Barbara Floyd
My Late Husband, Donald Lee Jacobs	Kathe Jacobs
My Late Mother-in-Law, Martha Jacobs Finney	Kathe Jacobs

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: Every day here at NPC, Hugh Barrie, Chris Marcelli, Devon Jackson, and, occasionally, Larry Lubchuk, work to clean and maintain the building. Joyce Nicolai, our Bookkeeper, keeps our accounts accurate, and makes sure that both bills and staff are paid, and Sara Mahoney shares herself and her gifts of administrative expertise and creative secretarial support with the rest of staff and congregation, always maintaining a welcoming presence for all who enter the building. This week, please pray the Lord's ongoing blessing of provision and encouragement for our support staff.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

Today, December 24th is Pajama Sunday! Wear your favorite pjs and bring your favorite stuffed animal to Sunday School. We will watch “The Star” and eat popcorn!

Thursday, December 28th is Marathon Kickball! Join Miss Danielle for kickball from 3:00 – 5:00pm in the church gym. Snacks and drinks provided! All are welcome!

Sunday, December 31st is Karaoke and Crafts! During Sunday School we will sing our favorite tunes and enjoy fun crafts.

Monday, January 15th join us for MLK Day 2024! All 2nd - 5th graders are invited to serve with The Philadelphia Project. This is a FREE event! Our workday will be 9:00am - 2:30pm. Please contact Danielle if your child is interested! Space is limited.

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. *Rev. Jane Filkin will be our speaker!* To register please contact Danielle Kauffman with your \$100 deposit. Full payment is due April 1, 2024.

Save the Date for VBC – Mark your calendar for Vacation Bible Camp the week of Monday, June 17th - Friday, June 21st! VBC is best for age 4 through rising 5th graders.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

Youth Service Project – Wow! Sunday was a wonderful day of service with a great group of youth! Thank you to Mia Rogers for organizing this service project.

Teen Girls’ Ministry – Resumes January 7th and will meet the first Sunday of each month going forward. More details soon!

NEW Teen Guys’ Ministry - Kickoff for Teen Guys (6th - 12th grade) is January 7th in the Youth Room directly following worship. Join us for lunch and a devotional. Parents can pick up at 12:45pm.

Winter Chill Youth Retreat – Save the date for some time away with our Youth Group at the shore this winter! January 19th – 21st. For more information, please reach out to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org).

Youth Sunday School, Middle School Youth Group and High School Youth Group – All will resume in January!

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor

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

4:00pm Childrens' Candlelight Service

5:30pm Family Candlelight Service

8:00pm Traditional Candlelight Service

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day – Church Office Closed

Tuesday, December 26

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, December 27

Wednesday Night Dinner and Classes are on break for the Christmas and New Year's Season, and will resume on **January 10th**, with dinner, and a new season of programming. Stay tuned for the exciting details!

Thursday, December 28

3:00 – 5:00pm Marathon Kickball, Gym

Friday, December 29

10:00am – 12:00pm Women's Bible Study
Parlor

Saturday, December 30

7:30am Men's Breakfast, Gym

Sunday, December 31

New Year's Eve

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

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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