



Narberth Presbyterian Church

January 14, 2024

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

Linda Pilacik, piano

Welcome

Pastor Farrar

Call to Worship

Adapted from **Psalm 46**

Pastor Debbie

Who is our refuge and strength?

Who is our help in trouble?

God is our refuge. God is our strength.

God is a very present help in trouble.

Though the earth gives way,

Though the mountains fall into the sea

We will not fear,

For God is with us.

The Lord of hosts is with us.

The Lord be exalted in the earth.

Be still, and know that he is God.

Come, and behold his works.

***Hymn #701**

God Is Here!

Beecher

Scripture Reading

James 1:22-25

Trae Hoffner

***Prayer of Confession**

Pastor Debbie

Father, we tremble before your all-knowing awareness of us. You have blessed us with abundance we have not counted and riches we have not fully appreciated. Our gratitude is insufficient. Our attention to the needs of the poor and oppressed is too little. Father, forgive us for misplaced anger and callous disregard of ways that we trample others. Help us to seek your face. Amen.

***Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. [1 John 1: 8-10] 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.**

***Worship Song**

Joy In Your Waters

Behold

NPC Worship Band

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month Only two Bible chapters after the Christmas story, Jesus announces His mission: *“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”* (Luke 4:18-19) How fitting that right after celebrating Christ’s birth, we get to participate in His mission of proclaiming freedom. Please stop by our resource table in the Chapel this month to learn more. If you’d like to get involved in an even deeper way, we are always accepting donations of toiletries for the trafficked women and vulnerable youth served by Redeemed for a Cause. Reach out to Sally Kapner if you have questions.

Road to Emmaus Day Retreat: Start the year 2024 with an extended quiet reflection and prayer time, with the option of exploring the Paschal rhythm of death, burial, and resurrection in our life through guided spiritual practices. Join us for a day of solitude in community on **Saturday January 27, 9:30am – 2:30pm**, at the Gallaghers’ idyllic barn in Devon, PA. Sign-up with Clara Louie (claralouie@yahoo.com) now. Registration fee is \$25. It is a bring-your-own-lunch event.

NPC Christian Preschool will open registration for the 2024-2025 school year for current preschool families and church families on Monday, January 29th. 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, and we also offer afternoon programming (12 – 3pm) through Lunch Bunch. Registration will also open for our wonderful six-week summer camp that runs from late June to early August. 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.

Giving Update – We are thankful for your significant giving in the final days of last year. Final numbers are still being worked on as deposits postmarked before 1/1 continue to come in, but we are going to finish within \$50,000 of the 2023 budget.
NPC Finance Committee

Lost and Found Are you missing an umbrella, gloves, a pair of glasses? Please stop by the Lost and Found shelf in the front office to take a look at the many items that have accumulated and be reunited with your stuff!

Notes From Justice and Mercy NPC's Orphan Care ministry continues to support foster families and youth aging out of foster care through our partnership with Well Rooted. Found Wandering chose Well Rooted as their mission cause for this year's Christmas benefit concert, and the congregation greatly blessed Well Rooted with our enthusiastic giving. Currently, we are looking to support Well Rooted's Personal Growth Experiences initiative. Growing up without the stability of a family, many foster kids lose out on the fun experiences we so often take for granted. Well Rooted gives former foster youth in their program a chance to experience concerts, sporting events, and other activities they've never had a chance to enjoy. If you would like to donate tickets to an event or donate your time to teach a young adult a new skill (art, music, etc.) please contact Sarah Todd at sarah@wellrootedpa.org. We'd also like to support the young adults served by Well Rooted through financial coaching and job search assistance. If you have experience in these areas, please reach out to Valerie Foley at valerie@vfoley.com.

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

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.

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

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: Esperanza Health Center seeks to provide high-quality, affordable health care in Jesus' name, and are committed to the promotion of their community's health and well-being. Please pray for those who seek care, and for the staff, as daily, in Jesus' name, they do the following:

- **Provide holistic care** for our patients—care that looks at the needs of the whole person, including physical, social, emotional, and spiritual well-being.
- **Ensure that care is available and affordable to all**, without regard for economic or social status or ability to pay.
- As a Patient-Centered Medical Home, **develop partnerships with each of our patients** to pursue total health.
- Work together with the Church and local organizations to **bring healing and wholeness to our North Philadelphia community**.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

Pixel Party Sunday School Series – Wait a minute, you have never heard of a pixel party? Let's fix that! A single pixel by itself is nothing too special, it's just a small square. But when you put a bunch of those pixels together, they combine to form a picture. During Sunday School, kids will use colored sticky notes to form pictures that help tell our Big Bible Story. All are welcome!

Kids Praise – Children (PreK-5th grade) are encouraged to join us each Wednesday in January for a time of music fun! Thank you to Linda Pilacik for leading this energetic time! We meet in the choir room from 7:00pm-8:00pm.

Monday, January 15th is MLK Day 2024! Thank you to those who are attending. We are looking forward to serving!

New Beginnings is our theme for our **2024 All-Church Retreat! Save the Date!** 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**. You can also leave your deposit online by choosing "2024 Spring Retreat" or by texting with the keyword "retreat".

VBC 2024 – START THE PARTY!

Jesus gives us the most amazing reason to party! This summer get ready to celebrate the good news of Jesus! Join us Monday, June 17th through Friday, June 21st from 9:00 – 11:30am at NPC for VBC 2024. VBC is best for those age 4 by June 1st, 2024 through those entering 5th grade (2024-2025 school year). Rising 6th graders through adults are encouraged to volunteer for this awesome week. Online registration for students and volunteers begins Sunday, March 17th. Let's get this VBC party started! Please reach out to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) with any questions.



INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

Confirmation Class 2024 - If your youth (6th – 12th) grade is interested in joining Narberth Presbyterian Church and would like to be a part of a new Confirmation Class, please reach out to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org). Confirmation Class will be held during our Sunday School time for 6 consecutive Sundays. Start date to be announced soon.

Youth Sunday School – Youth Sunday School for 6th – 12th grade meets each Sunday (except on the first Sunday of the month) in the Youth Room! Hope to see you there.

Teen Girls' Ministry – Girls Group meets the first Sunday of each month. Our next meeting is Sunday, February 4th. Details soon.

Teen Guys' Ministry – Guys Group meets the first Sunday of each month. Our next meeting is Sunday, February 4th. We meet in the Youth Room directly following worship.

High School Youth Group – All 9th – 12th graders are invited to Youth Group at NPC from 7:00 – 8:00pm. Pastor Farrar will be holding a special Bible Study just for our high school youth! We meet in the Youth Room. Please note HSYG will not meet on the first Sunday of each month. Instead, youth are encouraged to attend Teen Girls Ministry or Teen Guys Ministry.

Middle School Youth Group – All 6th – 8th graders are invited to the Youth Group each Wednesday at NPC from 7:00 – 8:00pm. We meet in the Youth Room for games, devotional, and fellowship.

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Youth Volunteers needed for VBC 2024 – Mark your calendar for Vacation Bible Camp the week of Monday, June 17th – Friday, June 21st! Rising 6th graders through adults are encouraged to volunteer! Online Registration begins March 17th for students and volunteers! Please reach out to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) with questions.

The Philadelphia Project – Summer of Service Retreat for Youth – All 6th through 12th graders are encouraged to attend a meaningful week of service with The Philadelphia Project! Mark your calendar for July 21st – 27th. Please reach out to Dave Bellamy (dbellamy@narberthpres.org) to RSVP or for more information.

ALL-CHURCH RETREAT

Save the Date for the 2024 All-Church Retreat – NEW BEGINNINGS!

Get out your calendar and mark the dates for the All-Church Retreat:

Who: YOU! All ages are encouraged to attend this special weekend together.

What: A fun-filled retreat weekend with our church family including: adult talks, fun activities for children & youth, worship, prayer, and fellowship.

When: Friday, May 10th through Sunday, May 12th

Where: Sandy Cove Ministries Retreat Center in beautiful North East, MD

Our Guest Speaker this year will be ***Rev. Jane Filkin!*** the Director of Leadership Development & Spiritual Formation at Eastern University's Campolo Center for Ministry and the Founder of BETWEEN Life Coaching. Jane's passion is to encourage, develop, and equip others to be who God has made them to be and do what God has called them to do. She has served in pastoral ministry for 20 years and is ordained in ECO. Jane holds a Master of Divinity from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and a degree in Sociology and Education from UC Berkeley as well as an Advanced Certificate in Life Coaching from the American Association of Christian Counselors and a Certificate in Resilient Leadership from The Seattle School of Theology and Psychology. Jane loves to be outside, have a house full of kids, take long walks, journal, and prepare and share good food.

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Look for pricing sheets around the church and check back for updates!

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.

Adult Bible Study – The Gospel of Mark. The Gospel of Mark is a vivid and dynamic account of the ministry and message of Jesus Christ. It is the shortest of the four gospels and portrays Jesus as the Servant of God: "*For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*" (Mark 10:45).

When: Thursdays from 7:00 – 8:15pm, starting Thursday, Jan 18th

Where: Women's Bible Study: Church Parlor; Men's Bible Study: Pastor G's office

Who: Women's Bible Study: contact Lalitha Naveen: lnaveen100@gmail.com.

Men's Bible Study: contact Ken Eng: K_Eng@msn.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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

Encounters with Jesus – Join us as we look all throughout the Bible for where and how Jesus appears in surprising and even amazing ways. Imagine yourself there with him, hearing what he says and seeing what he does, right there in front of you. What do you learn about Jesus that you didn't know before, and what does that tell you about what God is really like and how to love him even more? Come have these encounters with us in a 10-week class starting January 10th in the Parlor or on Zoom if you can't attend in person. Led by Mark Wenger.

Faith Lessons in the Old Testament – In this 5-week Old Testament series, we will travel to the lands of the Bible, and learn, on-site, with Dr. Ray VanderLaan, how God guided his people to a specific place – the Promised Land – to impact the world both in ancient times and today. Everyone is welcome to join this class (in the Chapel) for any or all of the lessons, which will include a video and conversation following.

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2023 MISSIONARY CAUSES

Mission

4D Ministries – Hank Paulson
Amnion Pregnancy Center
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
Global Horizons – Cephas Tushima
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
Save a Life
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

Eli Kauffman
Alice Antonelli
Danielle Kauffman
Jennifer & Tim Roykoff
Joyce Lewis
Tom & Alyson Burnett
Kathy McLean
David Fraser
Bob Moore

Open

Julie Fernandez
Ashley Reed
Scott Todd
Linda Behmke
Alison Foley
Marilyn Reed
Jesse Kennedy
Ken & Sally Kapner
Marilyn Reed
Marilyn Reed
Ann Sattel
Suzanne Morrison
Open
Fin Kauffman/Ann Sattel
Charlie Choi
Sally Kapner
Faithe Hornung
Faithe Hornung
Open
Ashley Reed
Dave Bellamy
Jane Murray
Open
Rob & Sandi Wray
Kim Ishmael
Barb Montgomery

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, January 14

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream
Newcomers Lunch directly following the Worship
Service in the Parlor
7:00 – 8:00pm High School Youth Group, Youth Room

Monday, January 15

Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Church Office Closed
9:00am – 12:30pm MLK Jr. Day Service Day at the
Philadelphia Project

Tuesday, January 16

12:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor
7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, January 17

5:45 – 6:45pm Church Family Supper, Gym
7:00 – 8:00pm Faith Lessons in the Old Testament,
Pastor Debbie, Chapel
7:00 – 8:00pm Encounters with Jesus, Mark Wenger,
Parlor.
7:00 – 8:00pm Kids Praise, Miss Danielle, Choir Room
7:00 – 8:00pm Middle 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

Counseling: Dr. Janet Moore: cell: 484-686-6630 email: ilmpsvch910@gmail.com

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Thursday, January 18

7:00 – 8:15pm Women's Bible Study, Parlor
7:00 – 8:15pm Men's Bible Study, Pastor's
Office

Friday, January 19

10:00 – 12:00pm Ladies Bible Study, Parlor

Saturday, January 20

7:30 – 9:00 Men's Group, Parlor

Sunday, January 21

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and
live-stream
7:00 – 8:00pm High School Youth Group,
Youth Room

Jesus Christ, Minister

Farrar Griggs, Pastor

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Deborah Watson, Associate Pastor

Danielle Kauffman, Intergenerational Ministry

Lisa Hoffman, Interim Youth Coordinator

Jinhee Shim, Organist

Sarah Comstock, Worship Band Leader

Linda Pilalik, Minister of Music

Matt Weed, Worship Tech. Coordinator

Tim Roykouff, Business Administrator

Sara Mahoney, Administrative Assistant

Hugh Barrie, Assistant Property Manager

Joyce B. Nicolai, Bookkeeper

Ruth Ellen Patterson, Financial Secretary

Isabel Lally, Pastoral Visitor

Virginia Davis, Dir. of Preschool

Chris Marinelli, Weekday Custodian

Devon Jackson, Weekend Custodian



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