



Narberth Presbyterian Church

September 11, 2022

Sermon

Miracles of Transformation

Pastor Steve

Hymn # 502

Amazing Grace
Jinhee Shim*New Britain*

Benediction

Pastor Steve

Postlude

Voluntary on "Thaxted"
Jinhee Shim*Gustav Holst*

Prayer Ministry

Jim Hornung

Today we have the joy of blessing and anointing our children and teachers as they go back to school. All children, pre-school through 12th grade, along with teachers at all levels, will be invited to come forward and be anointed and blessed in prayer.

Today we begin a new Fall sermon series on Paul's magnificent letter to the Philippians, "Breaking Out of Covid: Christ-Centered Resilience and Joy."

GriefShare: New Group Starting this Fall

While the journey of grief is a painful process, you do not need to walk it alone. We encourage you to come to a special seminar and support group called GriefShare (<https://www.griefshare.org>). The sessions specifically 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, and the sessions will be led by Alice Antonelli and Gerri Wismer. The first GriefShare session will be held on **Monday, September 12 from 6:30 - 8pm** in the Parlor (in person), and continue on into December (note that you can join at any time). You can register here: <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/155054/registrations/new>. Please feel free to email Alice Antonelli at arichardson1@gmail.com for more information about the group.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE begins this week

5:45 – 6:45pm

Church family supper in the gym

7:00 – 8:00pm

Children's programming with Danielle (K-5th grade)

7:00 – 8:00pm

Middle School Youth Group with Juwan

7:00 – 8:00pm

Bible Study with Pastor Steve (Parlor)

"Practicing The Presence of God: Finding God In All of Life"

7:00 – 8:00pm

Video Series with Pastor Debbie (Chapel)

"Living As A Christian in A World That Is Not." a 5 week series, filmed in Greece

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Road to Emmaus With Jesus is a series of three five-hour days set aside on NPC's 2022-2023 calendar for us to pray and reflect on our journey with God. In solitude and in community, we will slow down and let the Holy Spirit draw our attention to his recollecting, renewing, and redeeming work in us. Through guided spiritual practices, we will make space for God in our hearts and in our lives, inviting the Holy Spirit to speak personally to us through Scripture, prayer, nature, solitude, and community. The dates and times are **Monday October 3, Saturday January 21, and Wednesday March 22, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m..** Each day will have its stand-alone theme and will take place in a local and accessible site, so come to one or all, as your schedules allow. The first retreat day of prayer will take place at St. Raphaela Center in Haverford. No prior experience is needed for participation. To sign up, please contact Linda DiLullo at 610-453-3420 or ldilullo3@gmail.com. Cost \$35, lunch included.

NEW SUNDAY CLASS: Colossians and Philemon *Starting Sunday, September 18th at 11:15 am.* Join us for a close look at these two fascinating letters from Paul and Timothy while Paul was imprisoned. Colossians talks about Christ as the center of all reality, and as John Barclay puts it, offers us "a comprehensive vision of truth". This nine-week class will have some teaching but mostly engaging discussion. We will meet in the parlor 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.

NEW CLASS: Mere Christianity Book Study with Pastor Steve.

In 2000, *Christianity Today* voted *Mere Christianity* by CS Lewis as the "most important Christian book of the 20th century." Starting Monday, September 26, Pastor Steve will lead an 11-week study of this classic book. We will meet from 7:15 to 8:30pm. Please sign up in the Chapel at church, or email or text Pastor Steve if you are interested.

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The NPC Library

While you're organizing for the new school year, would you please check your bookshelves and if you find any NPC books, we would appreciate your returning them as soon as possible. We also are doing organizing!! Thanks, Helen Moffa

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

- **Sunday, September 11th is Sunday School Kickoff and Blessing & Anointing of the Children!** Today we officially begin a new program year at NPC. During the front part of worship children (preschool through 12th grade) and teachers are invited to come forward for a special blessing and anointing. Sunday School for K-5th grade will be held in the choir room this morning. All are invited to join us!
- **Volunteer Fair!** Join us **Sunday, September 11th** for our NPC Volunteer Fair! Learn more about the many ministry areas of NPC and discover ways you can get involved and strengthen our community! The Volunteer Fair will take place directly following service in the gym and FOOD is provided. **There will also be a special craft table for the children and volunteer recruitment table for the youth.** Thank you Sara Mahoney for leading this effort!
- **New Sunday School Program begins September 11th - Epic Love Story!** During the month of September our Sunday School Children (K-5th) will dive into God's One Big Story in the Bible - it's an Epic Love Story that unfolds in a garden and the love continues throughout the Bible. Join us as we learn to love others, comfort those who are hurting, and give to those in need! Special crafts and service opportunities too. Join the LOVE!
- **New Wednesday Night Program for Kids!** Beginning **Wednesday, September 14th** children (K-5th grade) are invited to a new program called **"God Strong"**! Get ready to exercise your muscles and your faith! We will meet in Rm 107 from 7:00pm-8:00pm. Sneakers and comfortable clothing are encouraged! All are welcome for dinner in the gym beginning at 5:45pm. This week children will learn about making healthy eating choices and kids will get to **"play with their food"** by making a healthy and fun snack! NPC member Janelle Lacey, Registered Dietitian Nutritionist and Health Educator, will be joining us to share her knowledge as well.
- **Communion & Baptism Class!** Beginning Sunday, October 9th a new Communion & Baptism Class will be offered to children interested in learning more about these two sacraments. This class is best for older elementary students, however it is open to any kindergarten through 5th grade student who would like to join. The class will take place October 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th during Sunday School. Children will be Welcomed to the Lord's Table on Sunday, November 6th. Please email Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) to register your child or if you have any questions.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS - YOUTH

- Calling all Middle Schoolers to a very special weekend. From September 30th - Oct. 2 we will venture as a group to NorthBay, Maryland for **Breakaway Retreat**. "Breakaway Retreat is an opportunity to join several hundred middle school students, leaders, youth pastors and volunteers as they gather to have fun, enjoy free time, play crazy games and hear more about the God who loves them. The price of the retreat is \$150 per person (\$30/person non-refundable deposit) RSVP for the event by September 11, 2022. For more information, please contact Juwan via phone or email. Thank you!
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- **Tech Room Volunteer** – Learn some great skills, get some volunteer hours in, and hang out with some cool people! Contact Matt Weed (mweed@narberthpres.org) to sign up.
- **Nursery Volunteer** - Come help care for our youngest and most adorable in the NPC Nursery! Contact Sharon Shallow if interested (sbshallow55@gmail.com).

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, September 11

8:15am **Sunday School** (Parlor)

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

After Service: VOLUNTEER FAIR, Gym

Monday, September 12

GriefShare, 6:30-8:00: Parlor

Tuesday, September 13

7:00pm Elder-Deacon-Staff Training, Chapel

Wednesday, September 14

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

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Thursday, September 15

Friday, September 16

11:00am **Women's Bible Study** (In-person)

Saturday, September 17

Sunday, September 18

8:15am **Sunday School** (Parlor)

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

11:15am **Sunday School**: Colossians and
Philemon, Parlor (and Zoom)

Looking Ahead: Tuesday, September 13: Elder/Deacon/Staff Training, Parlor

Tuesday, September 20: Session Meeting, 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

Counseling: Dr. Janet Moore: cell: 484-686-6630 email: jlmpsych@hotmail.com

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