



Narberth Presbyterian Church

October 23, 2022

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

Allegro-Grave-Fuga
(From Concerto in D Minor)
Jinhee Shim, Organist

Vivaldi/Bach

Welcome and Family News

Pastor Debbie

Call to Worship

Ephesians 3:17b-3:21

Nicole and Ava Bley

Hymn

O God Beyond All Praising
Jinhee Shim

Thaxted

Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading

Romans 8:31-39

Abby McGrew

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Steve

Gracious God, we thank you that you are for us and not against us. In your lavish grace, Christ has died for us, been raised for us, and now prays for us. We confess that we are not sufficiently amazed. We have not made Christ the supreme treasure of our lives, because we have not appreciated the depth of our need, and the wonder of what you have done. In subtle ways, we have relied on our own performance and worldly measurements of success instead of finding our identity in you. Please forgive us through the finished work of the cross. By the Holy Spirit, help us to see ourselves the way you do. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Silent Prayer and the Assurance of Pardon

Mission Update

Redeemed For A Cause

Sakinah Love

The Greeting

Worship Songs

All The People Said Amen
Who You Say I Am
NPC Worship Band

Dismissal of Children and Youth to Sunday School

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

June (Barcarolle)
From The Seasons
David Cai, Piano

Tchaikovsky

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Philippians 3:1-11

Sermon

Where's Your Confidence?

Pastor Steve

Hymn #473

And Can It Be That I Should Gain? (v. 1,3,4,5)

Sagina

Children's Song

A New Command

Pam Fleming, Accompanist

Benediction

Pastor Steve

Postlude

Allegro (from Concerto in D Minor)

Vivaldi/Bach

Jinhee Shim, Organist

Prayer Ministry

Jan Kennedy

Missions Luncheon: Please join us for lunch in the gym **TODAY!** Sakinah Love will be sharing her ministry to women who have been victims of human trafficking right here in our area. Lunch is free and child care will be provided.

Pastoral Nominating Committee In preparation for the timely and fruitful transition of Pastor Steve into retirement, the Session has initiated the process of forming the Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC). The PNC's role is to find and call a pastor who will fulfill the role of Senior Pastor/ Head of Staff after Pastor Steve's retirement. Members of the PNC should be individuals connected to the church body, well-versed in its mission and vision, spiritually mature and discerning, competent, and committed to the process. Members of the PNC are expected to serve from the beginning of December 2022 until the calling of the new pastor. Please suggest names of qualified candidates to the PNC Nominating Committee via email (preferred) NomComAtNPC@narberthpres.org or in writing to the Church Office (attn: PNC Nominating Committee) from now until October 30.

November 13th at 11:00am: There will be a congregational meeting to elect new elders and deacons on Sunday, Nov 13th. We will also officially approve the Pastoral Nominating Committee.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY CLASS: Colossians and Philemon 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 Youth 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.

MONDAY NIGHT

GriefShare Meets weekly from 6:30 – 8:30pm in the Parlor (in person), and will continue on into December (you can join at any time). 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 NIGHTS

- 5:45 – 6:45pm** Church family supper in the gym
- 7:00 – 8:00pm** Children’s programing 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”
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“The Dust of The Rabbi: Following Jesus Wherever You Are”

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

Pumpkin Parables Sunday School (K-5th)! Join us for small stories with BIG lessons this October. Each week we will enjoy a new pumpkin craft too!

Communion & Baptism Class! Beginning Sunday, October 9th a new Communion & Baptism Class will be offered to children (K-5th) who are interested. The class will take place October 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th during Sunday School time. Children will be Welcomed to the Lord's Table on Sunday, November 6th.

Snip & Tell Wednesday Night Program! Children (K-5th grade) are invited to a new program called *"Snip & Tell"*! Children will be captivated as we create simple paper cutouts that Unfold as the Bible story is Told!

EAGLES Football at NPC! Bring your favorite lawn chair, wear your favorite jersey, and bring your favorite football appetizer to share. NPC will be watching and cheering on the Eagles together on Sunday, October 30th in the gym! All are welcome beginning at 12:30pm.

Save the date: The Philadelphia Blitz Weekend for 3rd, 4th, 5th graders will take place April 28th, 29th, 30th. Please let Danielle know if you are interested! Registration has already begun and it fills up fast.

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! Look for more exciting details beginning next Sunday. Please reach out to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) with questions.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

Middle School Youth Group! Middle School Youth Groups meets each Wednesday evening from 7:00pm-8:00pm in the Youth Room. Each week offers games, lesson, and fun! All 6th, 7th, 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 on opportunity to know, live, and share your faith!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cold Weather is Coming!

Our friends along the Parkway and in Kensington are in need of hoodies, coats, gloves, hats, boots and sneakers. You can put them in the bin outside the Windsor Ave door or connect with Jennifer Bonovitz (484-802-2773) or Marilyn Reed (215-776-3598) to arrange a drop off. We are very thankful for your financial participation with NPC. Your gifts allow our ministry to flourish, helping us to reach out and support missions locally and around the world, teach our children and youth, and maintain our church building.

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!

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,
jlmpsy910@gmail.com

PRAYER INFORMATION

Missions Prayer Focus: Dave and Katie Brindley (CRU-City Philly – Philadelphia Gospel Movement)

Cru is a caring community passionate about connecting people to Jesus Christ. Their purpose is to help fulfill the Great Commission in the power of the Holy Spirit, winning people to faith in Jesus Christ, building them in their faith and sending them to do the same; and to help the Body of Christ do evangelism and discipleship. Dave Brindley brings people together to solve problems, as the Collaboration Director for Cru City, connecting neighborhood churches to service in their local public schools, and has launched the anti-litter site *Not in Philly*. Please pray the Lord's protection and provision for David and Katie as they love and serve their neighbor in Jesus' name.

Notes from Justice and Mercy:

Modern slavery is happening in our communities and being able to spot the signs and know what to do could make a life-changing difference. Here are a few signs to look for: - homes with too many residents - one person speaking on behalf of many others who may avoid eye contact or conversation - people who seem scared, confused or have untreated injuries - people with no control over their own phone, mail or legal documents.

To report suspicions, call 911 in emergency situations or the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888. Contact Sally Kapner for more information.

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, October 23

8:15am **Sunday School** (Parlor)
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream
11:00am Missions Luncheon, Gym
11:00am Explorers' Class, Parlor
11:00am Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
11:15am **Sunday School:** Colossians and Philemon,
Youth Room (and Zoom)
7:00pm **High School Youth Group**

Monday, October 24

6:30-8:30pm GriefShare , Parlor
7:15-8:30pm *Mere Christianity* Book Study, Chapel

Tuesday, October 25

12:00pm Full Staff Meeting, Parlor
7:00pm Missions Committee, Parlor

Wednesday, October 26

5:45 – 6:45pm **Church family supper** in the gym
7:00 – 8:00pm **Children's** class (K-5th) with Danielle
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In All of Life”
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You Are”

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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Thursday, October 27

4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor

Friday, October 28

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

Saturday, October 29

1:30-3:00pm Private violin recital

Sunday, October 30

8:15am **Sunday School** (Parlor)
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream
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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
Matt Weed, Worship Tech. Coordinator
Tim Roykouff, Business Administrator
Donya Perry, Administrative Assistant
Hugh Barrie, Assistant Property Manager
Joyce B. Nicolai, Bookkeeper
John Ellen Patterson, Financial Secretary
Isabel Lally, Pastoral Visitor
Virginia Davis, Dir. of Pre-School
Chris Marinelli, Weekday Custodian
Michael Ochal, Weekend Custodian