



# Narberth Presbyterian Church

January 15, 2023

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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**Prelude**

*Partita on Hymn to Joy*  
Jinhee Shim, Organist

*Callahan*

**Welcome and Family News**

Pastor Steve

**Introduction & Commissioning**

Sara Mahoney Administrative Assistant  
Linda Pilacik Director of Music

**Call to Worship**

**1 John 4:9,10**

Fin Kauffman

**Hymn #115**

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

*Crusader's Hymn*

**Prayer of Invocation**

Pastor Debbie

**Scripture Reading**

**Psalm 139: 1-7,13,14**

Rosemary Doherty

**Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, you know everything about us. We confess this could make us feel terribly afraid. But then we remember your word. Your perfect love casts out fear. Even so, too often we doubt your goodness and love. We keep you and others at a distance. Please forgive us. Thank you for pursuing us, even to the cross. Grant to us the hunger and thirst of Zacchaeus, who climbed a tree to see Jesus. By the Holy Spirit, awaken us with the longing to be found by you. Then help us to find others who are starved for you. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

**Silent Prayer and the Assurance of Pardon**

**Sacrament of Baptism**

**Calvin Theodore Sanders**

Son of Jason and Vicki Sanders

**The Greeting**

**Worship Song**

*You Are With Me*  
*Great Are You Lord*  
NPC Worship Band

*Children and youth dismissed to Sunday School*

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

Pastor Debbie

**Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

*Beautiful Gifts*  
Tom and Ruth Ellen Patterson

*Hatch*

## Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

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| Scripture Reading | Luke 19:1-10  | Pastor Debbie      |
| Sermon            | The Longing To Be Found                                       | Pastor Steve       |
| Hymn #45          | <i>Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>                      | <i>Nettleton</i>   |
| Benediction       |   | Pastor Steve       |
| Postlude          | <i>Fuga from Sonata No. 2</i><br><i>Jinbee Shim, Organist</i> | <i>Mendelssohn</i> |
| Prayer Ministry   |   |                    |

**CHOIR** Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! You may have this opportunity as **choir rehearsal resumes this Sunday, January 15th**. Meet in the Choir Room at 11:00am or directly following the worship service. Linda Pilacik.

**THIS SATURDAY: Day Retreat of Solitude in Community.** Weary in body or soul? Longing for more time with Christ? Desiring to start your year with a rhythm of rest and work, receiving and ministry? Join us for our second day of prayer retreat set aside on NPC's church calendar on **Saturday January 21, 9:30am to 2:30 pm**. Through guided spiritual practices of solitude, reflection, and prayer, we will seek to attune to the *Presence of God* through the Holy Spirit and Scripture, as we continue the Road to Emmaus With Jesus (Luke 24:13-29). This Event will take place at NPC. Cost (\$35) includes lunch, and scholarship is available.

**Registration and fees are due by Sunday January 15.** Sign up in the chapel or contact Linda DiLullo at [ldilullo3@gmail.com](mailto:ldilullo3@gmail.com) or 610-453-3420.

**NEXT SUNDAY: Please join us for a free brunch** next Sunday, January 22, at 11:15 in the gym. **Sakinah Love from Redeemed for a Cause** will be sharing about her anti human trafficking ministry. Children will eat with their parents and then go to childcare. Please let Danielle Kauffman ([dkauffman@narberthpres.org](mailto:dkauffman@narberthpres.org)) know if your children will be there. You don't need to sign up for brunch, just come if you can!

**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! Please reach out to Danielle ([dkauffman@narberthpres.org](mailto:dkauffman@narberthpres.org)) with questions or to register!

## INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

**Books of the Bible a NEW Sunday School Curriculum!** Each week children will learn a few books of the Bible along with some simple hand motions and a tune to memorize all 66. *“Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.”* Proverbs 30:5

**Paper Plate Bible Animals!** This NEW Wednesday Night children’s program begins January 11th. Each week children will create a new animal from a paper plate and hear a Bible story that relates to the animal they made. We meet in RM 107 from 7:00pm-8:00pm.

**MLK JR. Day of Service is January 16th!** All 3rd, 4th, 5th graders are invited to the church for a morning of service from 10:00am - 12:00pm. Lunch will be provided! Please RSVP to Danielle ([dkauffman@narberthpres.org](mailto:dkauffman@narberthpres.org))

## INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

**NEW Youth Girls Group** - All Youth Girls (6th-12th grade) are encouraged to attend a special Kickoff Event just for them on Sunday, January 22nd. We will meet in the church gym directly following worship and walk to the McGrew’s home, here in Narberth from 11:00am-12:30pm. Together we will enjoy fellowship, food, and focus on discipleship. Please RSVP by Monday, January 16th to Lisa Hoffman ([Lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net](mailto:Lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net)) or Danielle Kauffman ([dkauffman@narberthpres.org](mailto:dkauffman@narberthpres.org)).

**MLK JR Day** This coming Monday, the Country pauses to remember the life of Rev Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. His vision for all people still rings true today All Youth are invited to come hear about this great man, and to learn his vision for themselves. Our time together will be **1/16/23 from 12-2pm**. Food will be provided! Please RSVP to Juwan ([jwilliams@narberthpres.org](mailto:jwilliams@narberthpres.org)).

**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, lessons, and fun! All 6th, 7th, and 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.

## CLASSES

**Men's groups forming:** Anyone interested in a possible men's group please sign up in the chapel (days and times TBD).

**11:15am Sunday Class:** Our class has ended. Stay tuned for upcoming plans.

**Wednesday Class:** *The New Testament in Its World* is our Wednesday Night Study. Class resumes on January 11<sup>th</sup>.

37 weeks in length, this video-based study will look at the entire New Testament. Each week, we will travel from the twenty-first 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.

All are welcome to the Chapel, from 7-8pm each Wednesday, for all sessions (or as many as you are able). Only the Bible is needed. All the reading is found in its pages. 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 one opportunity to do that. There is no cost, other than your time, so please join the group! For more information, please e-mail or call  
Debbie Watson ([dwatson@narberthpres.org](mailto:dwatson@narberthpres.org) – 610-664-4880 ext.114).

**There will be a grief support group on the fourth Monday** of the months of January through March. This grief group will be an informal gathering to share whatever is on your heart (i.e., open discussion). Those grieving the death of a loved one or friend are welcome (former attendance of GriefShare is not required). The first session will be held on **Monday, January 23** from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in the chapel of the church. No need to RSVP, just show up as you are able. Please reach out to either Gerri Wismer ([geewis46@gmail.com](mailto:geewis46@gmail.com)) or Alice Antonelli ([arichardson1@gmail.com](mailto:arichardson1@gmail.com)) for additional information.

**“Book of the Month” – Monday nights starting January 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:15pm.** As Pastor Steve comes into the homestretch of ministry at NPC, one of his endeavors this winter and spring is to lead a “Book of the Month” study. The first book for 2023 is entitled: **“Getting To Know God’s Voice: A 31-Day Interactive Journey”** by Jenny Randle.

The theme of this practical study is to “discover the Holy Spirit in your everyday life.” Brief daily readings are required as well as attendance in a 5-week class. Short and sweet and strong! If you are interested, please sign up in The Chapel or contact Pastor Steve at [sweed@narberthpres.org](mailto:sweed@narberthpres.org) or the church office at 610-664-4880. The book study will run from January 29<sup>th</sup> to February 27<sup>th</sup> 7:15-8:30pm.

**Next Explorer’s Class** for newcomers to NPC will begin on **Sunday, January 29, 11:00-12:45**. The class will run for 6 weeks, through Sunday, March 6. Light brunch and childcare are provided. Please be in touch with Pastor Steve or Debbie or contact the church office.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **ALPHA Marriage Course** provides husbands and wives tools to build and strengthen a vibrant relationship over time. On 7 successive Friday evening (6:30-9pm), beginning on January 27<sup>th</sup> through March 10<sup>th</sup>, couples enjoy a nice dinner at a table for two, watch a brief video presentation by Nicky and Sila Lee, and talk with each other about important issues that can get swept under the carpet in the rush of daily life. This is **not** a large group activity; rather, you and your spouse work only with each other. The cost for 7 weeks of dinner and the course materials is \$110 per couple. It's a bargain! So, whether you have been married a short time, or for many years, this course is a great investment in your relationship! Please contact Debbie (dwatson@narberthpres.org or 610-664-4880 ext.114) to sign up, and check it out at: <https://alphausa.org/the-marriage-course/>

**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!

**Justice and Mercy** The Chestnut Foundation is looking for home improvement assistance to reach its goal of having an accessible room modification for Ben, a shower modification to make it easier to get in and out of it, and financial aid to cover increasing accessibility needs for their 2010 and 2011 handicapped vans. They say, "Thank you and God bless all of you at NPC for your continued support."

**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](mailto:jlmpsy910@gmail.com)

**NPC Christian Preschool will open registration for the 2023-2024 school year for current preschool families and church families on Monday, January 30.** 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. We also offer afternoon programming (12-3pm) through Lunch Bunch for preschoolers and Kindergarten Enrichment for morning kindergarteners, and we have a wonderful six-week summer camp that runs from June 27 – August 3, 2023. To receive more information as well as the link to register, please reach out to director Virginia Davis at [preschool@narberthpres.org](mailto:preschool@narberthpres.org) or 610-664-8890.

## PRAYER INFORMATION

**Missions Prayer Focus: 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**.

# BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

## *Sunday, January 15*

8:15am Sunday School (Parlor)  
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream  
11:00am Choir Rehearsal  
No 11:15 Sunday School this week  
11:15 Adult Discipleship Committee Meeting  
7:00-8:00pm High School Youth Group

## *Monday, January 16*

Office Closed  
10:00-12:00pm MLK Day of Service, Grades 3-5  
12:00-2:00pm MLK Day Event for Youth, Youth Room  
7:00PM Pastor Nominating Committee, Parlor

## *Tuesday, January 17*

7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor

## *Wednesday, January 18*

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  
7:00 – 8:00pm Video Series, Pastor Debbie (Chapel)  
“The New Testament in Its World”

## *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: jlmpsych910@gmail.com

## *Thursday, January 19*

4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor

## *Friday, January 20*

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

## *Saturday, January 21*

**9:30-2:30pm Day Retreat**

## *Sunday, January 22*

8:15am Sunday School (Parlor)  
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream  
11:00am Choir Rehearsal  
**11:15am Brunch with Sakinah Love:  
Redeemed For A Cause (Gym)**  
No 11:15am Sunday School Class this week  
7:00-8:00pm High School Youth Group

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