



Narberth Presbyterian Church

February 5, 2023

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

February 5, 2023

Prelude

Benedictus
Jinhee Shim, Organist

Rowley

Welcome and Family News

Pastor Steve

Update on the Pastor Nominating Committee

Jack Comstock

Call to Worship

1 John 3:1-2

Hudson Martin

Hymn #701

God Is Here!

Beecher

Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading

John 1:35-42

Josh Mehdi

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we thank you that in Jesus Christ, you have made yourself available to us. You invite us to "come and see" who you are and what you have done. Yet we have not made Christ the supreme treasure of our lives, and we are slow to realize the depth of our need. In subtle ways, we have relied on our 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 and others the way you do. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Silent Prayer and the Assurance of Pardon

Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sacrament of Baptism

Magnolia Elaine Hawthorn

Daughter of Daniel and Jamie Hawthorn

The Greeting

Worship Song

Who You Say I Am

NPC Worship Band with Children and Youth

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Adagio and Allegro (from Sonata No. 6 in E Major)

Handel

Pam Fleming, violin, Jinhee Shim, piano

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Books of the Bible

Danielle and the Children

Followed by the Congregation

Scripture Reading

Matthew 9:35-10:1; 2 Corinthians 5:16

Sermon

The Eyes Of Jesus

Pastor Steve

Hymn #479

O How He Loves You and Me!

Patricia

Invitation To Communion

Danielle Kauffman

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe. You fashioned this world in love and govern all the earth with grace and peace. Your reign is for all time, and your mercy is without end. May your kingdom come and your will be done, on earth, as it is in Heaven.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Born as King in David's line, He lived with the lowly and cared for the least of Your children. His power was revealed in weakness, His majesty in mercy.

His only earthly throne was a cross on which to die. Even there His arms stretched out to embrace friends and foes in love. From the grave You raised him to Your right hand where he rules again from heaven, and commands true loyalty from peoples and nations.

Remembering Your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from Your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate His dying and rising. With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to You to be a living and holy sacrifice dedicated to Your service.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Linda Pilacik, piano

Pastor Debbie

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn #20

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Ode To Joy

Benediction

Pastor Steve

Postlude

Allegro (from Concerto Grosso No.4)

Corelli

Jinhee Shim, Organist

Prayer Ministry

Nina O'Connor

Pastor Nominating Committee:

Linda Behmke

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Diane Chen

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Jack Comstock (chair)

Ashley Reed

Lisa Hoffman

Jonathan Rogers

Katie Kennedy

Nina O'Connor

Jyrki Mattila

Sue Wenger (co-chair)

Please pray for the PNC as they continue their important work.

Hear about the Holy Land Experience Wednesday, February 8th! All ages are encouraged to attend a special evening where our NPC friends who traveled to the Holy Land will share their experience with us. Food, fellowship, and amazing stories. Join us on Wednesday, February 8th from 6:00pm – 7:30pm. **Please note individual programs for children, youth, and adults will not take place on this day.**

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

Family Worship is Sunday, February 5th! Children and Youth (Kindergarten-12th grade) are encouraged to worship with their family and participate in communion. This Sunday children and youth will sing, and our children will recite the first 27 Books of the Bible. The NPC Nursery is available for our younger children in RM 107.

GREEN OUT for Children next Sunday! Hey kids, wear your GREEN to church next Sunday as we continue our memorization of the Books of the Bible and enjoy a pep-rally in the gym! Food, fun, and prizes!

Books of the Bible 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 them all. ***“Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.”*** Proverbs 30:5

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The Philadelphia Project Blitz Weekend for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders! It's time to begin the registration process for this special weekend of service that will take place on Friday, April 28th - Sunday, April 30th. For more information, please reach out to Danielle.

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) with questions or to register!

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

Teen Girls' Ministry for 6th – 12th grade! We 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. For more information, please reach out to Lisa Hoffman (Lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net) or Danielle Kauffman (dkauffman@narberthpres.org). All are welcome!

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The Philadelphia Project Blitz Weekend! Save the date for April 21st – 23rd as all 6th – 12th graders are invited to The Philadelphia Project Blitz Weekend. Courtney Zellers from TPP will join us on Sunday, March 12th to give a presentation on TPP in the Youth Room during Sunday School. Please RSVP for the Blitz weekend to Juwan (jwilliams@narberthpres.org). Male and female chaperones are needed as well. Please reach out if interested!

Middle School Youth Group! Middle School Youth Group 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! ***Please note there is no MS Youth Group on February 8th, instead all are encouraged to hear about the Holy Land Experience.***

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 opportunity to know, live, and share your faith.

Confirmation Classes – Are you interested in joining NPC? Would you like to learn more about what we believe and where the foundational practices of church originate? Well, we are inviting all youth (6th – 12th grade) to confirmation class. Our classes will begin **Sunday February 26, 2023** and will take place during Sunday School time. If families would like to participate in this journey reach out to Juwan via email or text. You have until the first day of class to sign up. Looking forward to this wonderful opportunity!

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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: Join us for a thought-provoking look at the **book of Daniel**, with stories about people living out their faith while under cultural pressure, and stories of amazing visions, miracles, and prophecy. This 12-week class will have some teaching but mostly engaging discussion. We will meet in the Copy 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.

Wednesday Class: *The New Testament in Its World* is our Wednesday Night Study. 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 – 610-664-4880 ext.114).

Wednesday nights at 7:00: "Pastor Steve's All-Time Favorites." Steve will share some of his favorite sermons, books, and readings over the last 40 years. There is no homework, and each class stands by itself, so please come as you are able. Right now, we are focusing on Pastor Steve's #1 favorite Christian book, *The Song Of Ascents*, the spiritual autobiography of E. Stanley Jones.

"Book of the Month" – Monday nights at 7:30pm. 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 or the church office at 610-664-4880. The book study will run from **January 30th to February 27th 7:30 – 8:45pm.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Music Ministry: CHOIR Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! You may have this opportunity at choir rehearsal which meets in the **Choir Room at 11:00am** or **directly following the worship service**. There is always room for more voices!

Windsor Bells: The Windsor Bells are seeking more hands to chime in and ring for the Glory of God! Please do not let inexperience stop you from joining the fun of bell choir. If you are interested, add your name to the sign-up sheet located in the chapel. **The first rehearsal will be on Monday February 6th at 6:15pm.**

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 next session will be held on **Monday, February 27th 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) or Alice Antonelli (arichardson1@gmail.com) for additional information.

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, jlmpsych910@gmail.com

NPC Christian Preschool registration is now open for the 2023-2024 school year for current preschool families and church families. 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 or 610-664-8890.

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!

2023 CHURCH OFFICERS

THE SESSION with Current Ministry Connections

Pastor Steve Weed – Moderator

Class of 2023

*Jo-Anne Kaplan

*Sue Wenger

Brint Nicolai

Jie Cai

Class of 2024

*Linda DiLullo

*Pam Fleming

*Clara Louie

Jim Hornung

Class of 2025

Linda Behmke

*Jack Comstock

*Jan Kennedy

Nina O'Connor

THE BOARD OF DEACONS with Current Ministry Connections

Class of 2023

Gaby Anik

Gwen Blessing

*Godfrey Louie

Gerri Wismer

Class of 2024

Ray Bellamy

Katie Kennedy

*Dee Knight

Donald Vangore

Class of 2025

*Mike Boccasini

Ann Sattel

Rashmi Vyas

* Sandi Wray

* Serving second term

2023 MISSIONARY CAUSES

Mission

4D Ministries – Hank Paulson
 Amnion Pregnancy Center
 Cephas Tushima
 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
 For Richmond – Matt & Anna Shenk (formerly CRU)
 Greater Europe Mission- Liz Loeffler
 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
 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

Helga Sauter
 Alice Antonelli
 Scott Todd
 Danielle Kauffman
 Jennifer & Tim Roykoff
 Joyce Lewis
Open
 Kathy McLean
Open
 Bob Moore
Open
Open
 Ashley Reed
Open
 Helga Sauter
 Linda Behmke
Open
 Marilyn Reed
 Jesse Kennedy
 Ken & Sally Kapner
 Helga Sauter/M. Reed
 Marilyn Reed
Open
 Suzanne Morrison
Open
 Ann Sadel
 Charlie Choi
 Sally Kapner
 Faithe Hornung
Open
 Ashley Reed
 Dave Bellamy
 Jane Murray
 Helga Sauter
Open
 Kim Ishmael
 Barb Montgomery

Please reach out to Faithe Hornung and the Missions Committee if you are interested in becoming an ambassador for any of the open Missionary Causes.

PRAYER INFORMATION

Missions Prayer Focus: Philadelphia Gospel Movement – Dave and Katie Brindley (CRU) 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 is currently establishing a ministry center in University City, which is bringing in a variety of people, from those experiencing food insecurity to young professionals and academics. Katie invests most of her time at a school in North Philly as well as a drop-in center for women in Kensington. Please pray for Dave and Katie as they love and serve their neighbors in Jesus' name.

Notes From Justice and Mercy: Since February is Black History month, let's take the opportunity to look for ways to encourage the Black community. Maybe it could be watching a documentary on Black achievements, reading a book by a Black author, or dining at a Black-owned restaurant. Please pray for NPC's Racial Reconciliation Committee as they work toward racial justice.

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, February 5

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream
11:00am Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
11:15 Sunday School, the book of Daniel, Copy Room
7:00 – 8:00pm High School Youth Group

Monday, February 6

7:30 – 8:45 Book Study: Getting to Know God's Voice, Pastor Steve, Parlor
6:15 – 7:15 Bell Choir Rehearsal, Chapel

Tuesday, February 7

7:00pm Deacons Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, February 8

6:00 – 7:30pm Hear about the Holy Land Experience, starting with dinner at 6:00pm, Gym. **All are welcome!**

NOTE: Regular Wednesday night programming for children, youth, and adults will resume next week.

Thursday, February 9

4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor

Friday, February 10

11:00am Women's Bible Study (In-person)
6:30 – 9:30pm Alpha Marriage, Parlor

Saturday, February 11

Sunday, February 12

8:15am Sunday School (Parlor)
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream
Youth Souperbowl Offering for homeless
11:00am Choir Rehearsal
11:15am Sunday School Class, the book of Daniel, Copy Room
NO HS Youth Group this Sunday

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

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Linda Pilacik, Director of Music
Matt Weed, Worship Tech. Coordinator
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