



Narberth Presbyterian Church

March 5, 2023

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

March 5, 2023

Prelude

Variations on Kum Ba Yah
Jinhee Shim, Organist

Behnke

Welcome and Family News

Danielle Kauffman

Invitation for donations to the Parkway Ministry

Jennifer Bonovitz

Call to Worship

John 3:16,17

Jack Mahoney

Hymn

O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading

Proverbs 3:1-6

Ruth Ellen Patterson

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, despite your great love for us, we have wavered in our trust of you. We have not loved you with all our hearts and minds, and we have withheld ourselves from others. We are quick to judge, and slow to examine ourselves. Please forgive us through our Savior Jesus Christ, who surrendered to your will in the Garden of Gethsemane. Help us to taste and see that you are good, that you are for us, not against us, and that in your will is our peace. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Silent Prayer and the Assurance of Pardon

The 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.

The Greeting

Worship Song

Oh, How Good To Be Together
We Will Feast

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

Etude Op. 10, No. 3

Chopin

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

Mark 10:17-22

Pastor Debbie

Sermon

The Fear of Surrender

Pastor Steve

Hymn #118

We Will Glorify (1,3,4)

Invitation To Communion

Danielle Kauffman

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up 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, O God our creator and redeemer. In your wisdom, you made all things and sustain them by your power.

You formed us in your image to love and serve you, but we forgot your promises and abandoned your commandments. In your mercy, you did not reject us but still claimed us as your own.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He took upon himself the weight of our sin and carried the burden of our guilt on the cross. He shared our life in every way, and though tempted, was sinless to the end. Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ.

Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Make us eager to work with you in building a better world, so that it may listen to your Church and its gospel of peace. We confess, Lord, that we have sinned, wash us clean by your gift of salvation.

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again. Amen.**

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Pastor Debbie

Hymn #213 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (1,3,4)*

Hamburg

Benediction

Pastor Steve

Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in D Minor

Bach

Jinhee Shim, Organist

Prayer Ministry

Nina O'Connor

Please pray for the Pastor Nominating Committee, meeting Monday evening, March 6th. Pray for ongoing discernment in this journey as well as for the person God is calling.

Special Disaster Relief Offering for Turkey. For the next three Sundays we will hold a special offering for the victims of the devastating earthquake in Turkey. Your gifts may be given to NPC and designated for earthquake relief.

Day Retreat of Solitude in Community “Come unto me, all you who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest”. This gentle invitation from God is extended to our community as we once again will host a day of silence and solitude on **Wednesday March 22nd from 9:30-2:30 pm at the Saint Raphaela Retreat House.** Through prayer, times of quiet and guided meditation, we will consider the themes of *loss, grief and disappointment*, drawing from the Road to Emmaus With Jesus (Luke 24:13-29) passage. You will have the opportunity to spend time with God individually in solitude but may also receive prayer and spiritual direction, if desired. **The non-refundable fee of \$35 is due on March 8th to secure your spot.** Sign up in the chapel or contact Linda DiLullo at ldilullo3@gmail.com or 610-453-3420 for scholarship aid and questions.

Breakfast at NPC on Sunday, March 12th! Let’s celebrate daylight savings time together. All are invited to the church gym for a delicious breakfast with pancakes, eggs, sausage, and coffee from 8:30am-9:15am!

Save the Date: A new 6-week Explorer’s Class will begin on March 19th from 11:00-12:45. Light brunch and childcare provided. There is a sign-up in the chapel.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

Family Worship is this Sunday! All Sunday School aged children are invited to sit with Miss Danielle and friends in the first two pews as we prepare to recite 43 Books of the Bible! There is no Sunday School this week, but the NPC Nursery is available as usual in RM 107.

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

Children’s Lenten Offering! Throughout Lent the Sunday School children will be collecting a special offering to benefit The Philadelphia Project. TPP is a well-loved mission of NPC and next month our children and youth will be attending a weekend of service with them. We have a goal of \$300 and if we can meet it - we will enjoy an ice-cream party!

Girl Scout Sunday is March 12th– On Sunday, March 12th we will celebrate the Girl Scouts of NPC as they lead parts of service and host the coffee hour table with delicious Girl Scout Cookies! If your daughter is a Girl Scout, please contact Danielle to get involved (dkauffman@narberthpres.org).

Children’s Wednesday Night Program – Mashup! Join us for **“Mashup”** and learn how Easter and Christmas connect each Wednesday night from 7:00pm – 8:00pm in RM 107. Kids will gain new insight into the truth that Jesus came as a baby but grew into a man who laid down his life to save us. We will also enjoy special activities and treats each week with a Christmas/Easter theme. All are welcome!

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! This Sunday, March 4th we will meet in the church gym following service and walk to the McGrew's home for pizza, fellowship, and a devotional. Our time will conclude at 12:30pm. If you have questions, please reach out to Lisa Hoffman (Lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net) or Danielle Kauffman (dkauffman@narberthpres.org).

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. Please RSVP for the Blitz weekend to Juwan (jwilliams@narberthpres.org). Male and female chaperones are needed as well. Please reach out if interested!

Learn more about The Philadelphia Project! Courtney Zellers from TPP will be joining our children and youth during Sunday School on Sunday, March 12th. This is a great opportunity to hear all about this amazing time of service. Parents with youth interested in serving are welcome to join us in the Youth Room for this presentation.

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!

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 began **Sunday February 26th** 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.

Note: Confirmation students will meet with Juwan on Family Worship Sunday, March 4th. We are asking all potential confirmands to come directly to the Youth Room. There is still an opportunity this week to join!

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CLASSES

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 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.

Wednesday Class: *The New Testament in Its World* 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. 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 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.

Spiritual Formation Workshops for Women - 2 Corinthians 3:18 says, "And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit." What does Christlikeness look like? How are we to live into being his image-bearers in the unique way he has created us? What gets in the way of our transformation into Christ likeness? In this series of four in-person workshops, we will take a look together at the garden of our soul – its design, its seeds, and its weeds. This Intergenerational Women's Workshop will be led by Clara Louie and will take place at NPC on **Sundays, March 12, 19, 26 and April 2 from 4:00pm - 5:15pm**. Participants are required to have taken the online WEPSS test (\$15) before they start the series. Please RSVP to Danielle Kauffman (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) if you plan to attend.

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 or reach out to Linda Pilacik. **We will rehearse on Monday evenings at 6:15pm.**

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

NPC Christian Preschool registration is now open for the 2023-2024 school year. 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.

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 in GriefShare is not required). The next session will be held on **Monday, March 27th from 6:30pm to 8:00pm** in the chapel of the church. No need to RSVP, just show up as you are able.

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 – Clerk of Session

*Sue Wenger – Adult Discipleship, PNC

Brint Nicolai – Chair of Worship Committee

Jie Cai – Finance Committee

Class of 2024

*Linda DiLullo – Prayer Ministry

*Pam Fleming – Children’s Ministry

*Clara Louie – Spiritual Formation

Jim Hornung – Property, Safety and Security

Class of 2025

Linda Behmke – Chair of Personnel, PNC

*Jack Comstock – Personnel, Chair of PNC

*Jan Kennedy – Liaison to Youth

Nina O’Connor – Safety and Security

THE BOARD OF DEACONS with Current Ministry Connections

Class of 2023

Gaby Anik – Treasurer, Deacons’ Assistance

Gwen Blessing – Homebound Communications

*Godfrey Louie – Moderator, Deacons’ Assistance, Visitation

Gerri Wismer – Bereavement Care/GriefShare

Class of 2024

Ray Bellamy – Transportation

Katie Kennedy – Vice Moderator, Deacons’ Assistance, College Age Communications

*Dee Knight – Ushering

Donald Vangore – Ushering

Class of 2025

*Mike Boccasini – Secretary

Ann Sattel – Missions

Rashmi Vyas – College Age Communications

*Sandi Wray – Deacons’ Pantry/Meal Train, Visitation

* 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 Sattel
 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: ECO Church Planting and Global Mission Funds

Believing that churches and networks of churches should live out the whole of the Great Commission – including evangelism, spiritual formation, compassion, and redemptive justice – in our communities, and around the world,” ECO’s mission approach emphasizes the role of the local church in mission globally, through the planting of new churches which will reach their neighbors with the Good News that in Christ, there is individual and shared life they long for, and the ongoing encouragement and equipping of Christians in existing congregations. Please pray for the Lord to move us all to share the Good News of Jesus through Christ-centered, biblically-based teaching, preaching, advocacy for the helpless, and compassionate service to all people.

Notes From Justice and Mercy: Please pray for the Parkway Ministry. First, there was one and now we have over 25, volunteers; we could use more so that the workload remains doable. Each week we provide lunches for 90 friends and often clothing and grocery items as well. Many of the drivers have developed relationships that are true friendships in the love of Christ. Jennifer Bonovitz has been growing this ministry for nearly 20 years. She and Marilyn Reed would like to retire soon so new leadership is needed. Please contact Marilyn (215-776-3598 alsomarilynreed@gmail.com) if you'd like to talk about preparing lunches, driving, or leading.

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, March 5

Second Sunday in Lent

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, Parlor
7:00 – 8:00pm High School Youth Group

Monday, March 6

6:15 – 7:15pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:00 – 9:00pm PNC Meeting, Parlor

Tuesday, March 7

7:00pm Deacons Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, March 8

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: "The New Testament in Its World", Pastor Debbie, Chapel
7:00 – 8:00pm "Pastor Steve's All-Time Favorites", Pastor Steve, Parlor

Thursday, March 9

4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor

Friday, March 10

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

Saturday, March 11

Sunday, March 12

8:15am Sunday School (Parlor)
8:30 – 9:15 "Spring Forward" Breakfast, Gym
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream
11:00am Choir Rehearsal
11:15am Sunday School Class, the book of Daniel, Parlor
4:00 – 5:15pm Spiritual Formation Workshop, Parlor
7:00 – 8:00pm High School Youth Group

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

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Deborah Watson, Associate Pastor

Danielle Kauffman, Intergenerational Ministry

Juwan Williams, Intergenerational Ministry

Jinhee Shim, Organist

Colin & Sarah Comstock, Worship Band Ldrs
Linda Pilacik, Director of Music

Matt Weed, Worship Tech. Coordinator

Tim Roykoff, 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 Pre-School

Chris Marinelli, Weekday Custodian

Michael Ochal, Weekend Custodian



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