



Narberth Presbyterian Church

March 12, 2023

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

Elegy
Jinhee Shim, Organist

Thalben-Ball

Welcome and Family News

Danielle Kauffman

Update on Pastor Nominating Committee

Sue Wenger

Call to Worship

Proverbs 4:20-27

Maggie Hawthorn

Hymn #634

Guide Me, O Though Great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

Prayer of Invocation

Juwan Williams

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 30:11-20

Kristen, Caitlin, & Natalie Henry

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, Scripture tells us that you will lead us well, if we are willing to walk with you. We say it and we sing it, but sometimes we keep walking on paths that are not of your making, and we wander far from you – in our hearts and minds, as well as in our words and actions. Forgive us for walking away from you, our Creator, Savior and Sustainer. Call us to change- change that looks like turning around – change that looks like walking toward you – change that looks like walking with you – change that others can see, want to know where we are headed, and find you. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

Silent Prayer and the Assurance of Pardon

The Greeting

Worship Song

Give Us Clean Hands

There Is One Gospel

NPC Worship Band

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Where E're You Walk

Handel

Emil Pilacik, trumpet, Jinhee Shim, organ

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 12:1-3, 12-13; John 8:12, 11:9-10
2 John 1:4-6; 3 John 1:4

Diane Chen

Sermon	How Do We Change? Take A Walk!	Pastor Debbie
Hymn #643	<i>I Know Not Where the Road Will Lead</i>	Noel
Benediction		Pastor Debbie
Postlude	<i>Prelude and Fugue in F Major</i> Jinhee Shim, Organist	Bach
Prayer Ministry		Jim Hornung

Girl Scout Sunday is TODAY, March 12th – We will celebrate the Girl Scouts of NPC as they lead parts of the service and host the coffee hour table with delicious Girl Scout Cookies!

Last week to return the Amnion Baby Bottles Thank you to everyone that has filled and returned their baby bottle for the Amnion fundraising campaign. If you took a bottle but haven't been able to return it yet, just bring it to church next Sunday and place it in the *new* Amnion Baby Bottle Box in the Narthex area (look for the Amnion sign and basket on the top of the white box). If you still want to donate but did not already pick up a bottle you can also make your donation online through NPC's online giving platform (choose "Amnion") via the NPC website at <http://www.narberthpres.org/give> or you can text your gift to 610-624-4831. Thank you all for your generous support of Amnion Pregnancy Care Medical Center!

Special Disaster Relief Offering for Turkey. For the last four Sundays we have held a special offering for the victims of the devastating earthquake in Turkey. Today is the last Sunday to give. Your gifts may be given to NPC and designated for earthquake relief.

Preschool Sunday is March 19th! Join us as we celebrate our amazing NPC Christian Preschool! We will get a glimpse into this beautiful ministry through a parent testimony, picture slideshow, and a special video, "Preschool Day Hooray"!

Next Explorers' Class for newcomers to NPC will begin on **Sunday, March 19, 11:00-12:45**. The class will run for 6 weeks, through Sunday, April 30th (no class on Easter Sunday). Light brunch and childcare are provided. Please be in touch with Pastor Steve or Debbie or contact the church office.

EASTER FLOWERS 2023

On **Easter morning, April 9th**, our sanctuary will again be filled with the beauty and fragrance of lovely spring flowers. If you wish to dedicate a plant as a memorial to loved ones or simply to express your joy in God's love, please fill out the form below. After the worship service on Easter, if you are able, please sign up to deliver a plant or two to members of our church family who are unable to worship with us here or take one home to enjoy.

You do not need to donate a plant in order to deliver one.

Please consider being the bearer of Easter greetings and love from our congregation to someone who otherwise might be alone on that day. See below for further details.

If you want to donate a memorial plant for Easter, please make your check in the amount of \$12.00 payable to **Narberth Presbyterian Church** and mark it "Easter Plant." You may call the office with the information, put it in the offering plate, or mail it to be received in the church office by **Thursday, April 6th**.

Name: _____

_____ I would like to give a plant as a memorial:

"Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

(Please print name clearly)

by:

or

_____ I would like to give a plant to express my joy for God's continuing love and grace.

WE NEED YOU to help deliver these plants and the warm greetings of the congregation after the 9:30am Easter service. If you are willing to help, please indicate below:

Name and phone number



INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

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!

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!

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY: YOUTH

Teen Girls’ Ministry for 6th – 12th grade! This Sunday, March 12th will meet in the church gym following service and walk to the McGrew’s home for lunch, 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.

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.

Confirmation Classes are being held in the Youth Room each Sunday.

CLASSES

8:15am Sunday Class – Please join us – live in the NPC Parlor, or via Zoom, Meeting ID: 950 1380 3349; Passcode:291970 – for a time of conversation focused on the scriptures for that day's worship service. All are welcome!

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.

Spiritual Formation Workshops for Women – 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 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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

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).

"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. We will shift our focus this week to the **"Fainting Fits of the Christian,"** by Charles Haddon Spurgeon, considered the greatest preacher of the 19th century.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Music Ministry: CHOIR Please join us for choir rehearsal which meets in the **Choir Room at 11:00am or directly following the worship service.** We are always looking for more voices! **Bell Choir:** 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 reach out to Linda Pilacik. **We rehearse on Monday evenings at 6:15pm.**

PNC Update NPC's Profile and Job Description have been posted on a variety of ministry job websites. As a result, we have been receiving submissions. We are evaluating the current candidates that we have received while also continuing to gather additional submissions. We are also looking into Pastoral Search Assistance tools recommended by ECO that help evaluate the potential fit of candidates. Please continue to pray for the PNC as well as for the pastor God is calling.

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.

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! We are excited to announce our All-Church Retreat Speaker, Christopher DiVietro, Senior Pastor at Park Road Presbyterian Church. Please use the link in the newsletter to hear more from Pastor Chris about our special weekend together! There is also a link to register directly from the NPC Newsletter. Please reach out to Sara in the church office for assistance (610-664-4880) or Danielle with questions about the retreat.

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.

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 April 21st through June 2nd, 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/>

Flower Dedication: Each week beautiful flowers grace the altar of the church. They remind us of the Lord's goodness and are a way to honor Him. You may provide one week's flowers with a donation of \$25. Flowers may be given in memory/honor of someone or simply to God's glory; your dedication will be acknowledged in the weekly bulletin. If you would like to dedicate flowers, please call Sara in the church office: 610-664-4880.

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, jlmpsyh910@gmail.com

2023 CHURCH OFFICERS

THE SESSION with Current Ministry Connections

Pastor Steve Weed – Moderator

Class of 2023

*Jo-Anne Kaplan – Clerk of Session, Children’s Ministry

*Sue Wenger – Adult Discipleship, Co-Chair of PNC

Brint Nicolai – Chair of Worship Committee

Jie Cai Finance – Committee

Class of 2024

*Linda DiLullo - Prayer

*Pam Fleming – Children’s Ministry

*Clara Louie – Spiritual Formation

Jim Hornung – Property, Safety and Security

Class of 2025

Linda Behmke – Chair of Personnel

*Jack Comstock – Personnel, Co-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 – Deacons’ Assistance

Gwen Blessing – Homebound Communications

*Godfrey Louie – Visitation, Treasurer, Deacons’ Assistance Fund

Gerri Wismer – Bereavement Care/GriefShare

Class of 2024

Ray Bellamy – Transportation

Katie Kennedy – Deacons’ Assistance, College Age Communications

*Dee Knight – Ushering

Donald Vangore – Ushering

Class of 2025

*Mike Boccasini – Clerk

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 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: Development Associates International

Founded by our own Dr. David Fraser, and Dr. James Engel, **Development Associates International (DAI)** is committed to effectiveness, integrity, humility, partnering, mentoring, holism, biblical standards and to reaching those leaders with the least access to formal higher education. **DAI** works to enhance the integrity and effectiveness of Christian leaders worldwide, so that the church can fulfill its role in extending the kingdom of God. Please thank God for the founders and all who currently serve in this ministry of equipping Christian leaders through education and mentoring.

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 12

Third Sunday in Lent; Girl Scout Sunday

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor

8:30 – 9:15 Prayer Meeting, Pastor Steve's Office

8:30 – 9:15 "Spring Forward" Breakfast, Gym

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

11:00am Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

11:15 Sunday School, the book of Daniel, Parlor

4:00 – 5:15pm Spiritual Formation Workshop, Parlor

7:00 – 8:00pm High School Youth Group

Monday, March 13

6:15 – 7:15pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Tuesday, March 14

6:30 – 8:30pm Light supper (Parlor) followed by Elder/Deacon/Staff Training, Chapel

Wednesday, March 15

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" – The Fainting Fits of the Christian, Parlor

Thursday, March 16

4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor

Friday, March 17

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

6:30 – 9:00pm Alpha Marriage Course, Parlor

Saturday, March 18

Sunday, March 19

Preschool Sunday

8:15am Sunday School (Parlor)

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

11:00am Choir Rehearsal

11:00 – 12:45 NEW Explorers' Class, Parlor

Light brunch & Childcare provided

11:15am Sunday School Class, the book of Daniel, Copy Room

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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Juwan Williams, Intergenerational Ministry

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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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