



Narberth Presbyterian Church

April 16, 2023

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude *Introduction and Toccata in G Major* *Walond*
Jinhee Shim, Organist

Welcome and Family News Pastor Steve

Call to Worship Colossians 3:1-4 Rawson Kennedy
Hymn #254 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven* *Ode To Joy*

Prayer of Invocation Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading John 11:17-27 Kevin Gallagher

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, on this Sunday after Easter, the shouts of victory are often more subdued. We have a way of returning to "normal" and forgetting that you are alive. We confess our hesitancy to trust you. Too often our fears are stronger than our faith. Please forgive us and come to us in those places where we are stuck. Open our eyes to the "new normal" of your resurrection. Speak your peace over us, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, breathe your new life into us. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Silent Prayer and the Assurance of Pardon

The Greeting

Worship Song Son Of Heaven
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 *Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor* *Ashdown*
NPC Choir, Linda Pilacik, director

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading John 20:19-23,30,31 Pastor Debbie

Sermon Life Before Death Pastor Steve

Hymn #247

The Day of Resurrection

Lancashire

Benediction

Pastor Steve

Postlude

Allegro from Concerto in B Minor

Walther

Jinhee Shim, Organist

Prayer Ministry

Jie Cai

NEW! 11:00am Sunday class – Sermon Reflections – join us for an interactive look at the day's sermon topic, with a review of the Bible verses and the message, and an opportunity to talk about your impressions and reflections. In person in the Copy Room (behind the door left of the pulpit), or via Zoom. Led by Mark Wenger and Charlie Hurst. Contact Mark with questions or for the Zoom link, markfwenger@yahoo.com.

Alpha Marriage Course: There is still time to sign up **TODAY!** Please reach out to Debbie to sign up or even if you just have questions. See the full course description on page 5.

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.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

What Next? – Jesus’ Post-Resurrection! During Sunday School children will learn it didn’t end at Easter. So, what next?! Find out in Sunday School. Sunday School is best for kindergarten through 5th grade. The NPC Nursery is ready to welcome infants through PreK in RM 107.

Children’s Lenten Offering Update! Thank you to our Sunday School children for faithfully giving each week! Our total is \$160! We will celebrate with an ice cream party! The date is TBD. Stay tuned!

BUGS – Children’s Wednesday Night Program! Each week a new little creature is featured, and we relate a Bible story to it. We also enjoy bug hunts and outdoor lessons! Children meet in RM 107 from 7:00pm-8:00pm.

The Philadelphia Project Blitz Weekend! Please keep our children and chaperones who are attending TPP’s weekend of service for 3rd, 4th, 5th graders in your prayers! We leave Friday, April 28th and return Sunday, April 30th.

VBC 2023! Stellar – Shine Jesus’ Light! This summer NPC will launch kids on a cosmic quest where they’ll have a blast shining Jesus’ light to the world. “Stellar” rockets kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that’s light years of faith-building fun! VBC will take place **Monday, June 19th - Friday, June 23rd from 9:00am – 11:30am**. VBC is best for rising kindergarten through rising 5th graders (2023-2024 school year). **Student and Volunteer registration:** see the NPC Weekly newsletter or contact Sara Mahoney (smahoney@narberthpres.org) for registration links. Contact Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) with any questions.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY: YOUTH

Teen Girls’ Ministry! All girls (6th – 12th grade) are welcome to join us at the McGrew’s home for lunch, games, and discipleship! We meet in the church gym directly following worship service and our time concludes at 12:30pm. Please reach out to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) or Lisa Hoffman (lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net) with any questions. All are welcome!

The Philadelphia Project Blitz Weekend! (April 21st – 23rd) Male and female chaperones are welcome. Our sign-up process is over, we are excited for those who will be joining us.

Middle School Youth Group! Come join us every Wednesday as we explore the scriptures and enjoy fellowship in fun and creative ways! We meet from 7:00pm – 8:00pm in the Youth Room.

High School Youth Group! We are resuming High School Youth Group **tonight Sunday, April 16th**. Excited about continuing our journey through Genesis; and learning more about beginnings. We will meet in the Youth Room from 7:00pm – 8:00pm.

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 the day's worship service. All are welcome!

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The **ALPHA Marriage Course** provides couples tools to build and strengthen a vibrant relationship over time. On 7 **Friday evening (6:30-9pm), beginning on April 21st through June 2nd**, couples enjoy 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; 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! Whether you have been married a short time, or for many years, this is a great investment in your relationship! 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/>.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

The New Testament in Its World 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; 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 an opportunity to do that. For more info, please contact 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. **This Week: "Experiencing The Resurrection"**.

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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.**

VBC Volunteers Needed! All rising 6th – 12th graders and Adults (must have clearances on file at NPC) are encouraged to volunteer for VBC 2023! Use the link in this week's newsletter to register. VBC is June 19th – June 23rd from 9:00am – 11:30am. Please reach out to Danielle with any questions!

ALL-Church Retreat! – “LIFE TOGETHER”! We are looking forward to the All-Church Retreat taking place May 12th - 14th. Please see the NPC Weekly Newsletter or contact Sara Mahoney (smahoney@narberthpres.org) for the link to pay your remaining balance for the retreat.

There will be a grief support group on the fourth Monday of the month, continuing through August. 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, April 27th from 6:30pm to 8:00pm** in the Parlor. No need to RSVP, just show up as you are able.

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

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.

PRAYER INFORMATION

Missions Prayer Focus: HumanGood (formerly Presby's Inspired Life)

In addition to affordable housing for senior adults, **HumanGood**, provides Life plan communities (also known as continuing care retirement communities or CCRCs), which provide housing and health care on a continuum that changes as the needs of older adults' change. Many of our NPC seniors have lived in the Rosemont Village community, Broomall (now Rosewood Gardens), and Rydal Park. Please pray this week for the ministry of care offered in all the HumanGood communities, that those who offer the care might be blessed in their own lives of faith and service, and those who receive the care might experience the love of God and the presence of Jesus, through the care they receive from staff members. <https://www.humangood.org/>

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, April 16

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor
8:30 – 9:15 Prayer Meeting, Pastor Steve’s Office
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream
11:00am Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
11:00 – 12:45 Explorers’ Class, Parlor
4:00 – 5:15pm Spiritual Formation Workshop, Parlor
7:00 – 8:00pm High School Youth Group

Monday, April 17

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

Tuesday, April 18

7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, April 19

5:45 – 6:45pm Church family supper in the gym
6:45 – 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” – “Experiencing The Resurrection”

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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Thursday, April 20

4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor

Friday, April 21

11:00am Women’s Bible Study (In-person)
6:30 – 9:00pm Alpha Marriage Course, Parlor
Youth Blitz Weekend with The Philadelphia Project

Saturday, April 22

Sunday, April 23

8:15am Sunday School (Parlor)
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream
11:00am Choir Rehearsal
11:00 – 12:45 Explorers’ Class, Parlor
7:00 – 8:00pm High School Youth Group

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
Linda Pilacik, Minister 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