



# Narberth Presbyterian Church

April 23, 2023

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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**Prelude**                      *Now Let the Vault of Heaven Resound*                      *Johnson*  
Jinhee Shim, Organist

**Welcome and Family News**                      Pastor Steve

**Pastor Nominating Committee Update**                      Jack Comstock

**Call to Worship**                      **Matthew 28:16-20**                      Mary O'Connor

**Hymn #95**                      *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*                      *Coronation*

**Prayer of Invocation**                      Pastor Debbie

**Scripture Reading**                      **John 20:24-29**                      Mark Wenger

## **Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, according to your Word, the resurrection of Jesus Christ was a game changer. Yet we confess our struggle to believe. We see problems much more readily than we see possibilities. We are often absorbed with our own interests, instead of your redemptive plan for the world. We have allowed our inconsistencies to diminish our expectancy of what you can do in us and through us. Please forgive us. We believe, help our unbelief. Imperfect as we are, use us to bless others. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

## **Silent Prayer and the Assurance of Pardon**

**Sacrament of Baptism**                      **Jace David Otting**  
Son of Michael & Devon Otting

## **The Greeting**

**Worship Song**                      *You Are With Me*  
*We Will Feast*  
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**                      *Be Thou My Vision*                      *arr. Burswold*  
Pam Fleming, violin, Jinhee Shim, piano

**Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

Scripture Reading	Luke 22:31-34; John 21:15-17	Pastor Debbie
Sermon	How God Uses Imperfect People	Pastor Steve
Hymn #45	<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
Benediction		Pastor Steve
Postlude	<i>Prelude in Classic Style</i> Jinhee Shim, Organist	<i>Young</i>
Prayer Ministry		Clara Louie

**PNC Update** The PNC has posted the Job Description and Church Profile on numerous job sites. As a result, we have steadily received submissions. We have been reviewing resumes and cover letters and watching sample sermons. Based on our assessments from these sources, we have begun further dialogue with some of the candidates. We also continue to accept additional submissions. Please pray for God’s wisdom, discernment, and strength as the PNC continues the search process. Please also pray for the person that God is calling to be our next Senior Pastor.

**Special Disaster Relief Offering for Turkey – Update.** Through your generous support, we were able to raise \$10,155 to give to First Hope Association (FHA) to help with the Turkish earthquake relief efforts. FHA is a Turkish NGO established by members of the Association of Turkish Protestant Churches.

**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 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm to 8:00pm** in the Chapel. No need to RSVP, just show up as you are able.

**Monday Night at 7:30** Pastor Steve will lead a one-time gathering to listen to a very important message on **“The Power of Forgiveness and Empathetic Repentance.”** All are welcome to listen to this 35-minute message followed by discussion and prayer.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The NPC Nursery is ready to welcome infants through PreK in RM 107.

**Children’s Ice cream Party!** To celebrate our Lenten Offering we will enjoy an ice-cream party on Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup> during Sunday School.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> graders in your prayers! We leave Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> and return Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**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 19<sup>th</sup> – Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00am – 11:30am**. VBC is best for rising kindergarten through rising 5<sup>th</sup> 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 for 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade!** We meet each Sunday! All girls (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>) 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!

**VBC Volunteers Needed!** All rising 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> – June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00am – 11:30am. Please reach out to Danielle with any questions!

**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!** Each Sunday, all 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders are encouraged to come enjoy time together from 7:00pm – 8:00pm in the Youth Room.

## 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!

**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](mailto:markfwenger@yahoo.com).

## 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](mailto: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: "What Difference Does The Resurrection Make?"**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Crying Room at NPC** The presence of children is a gift to the church, and children are always welcome in our services. Please know the Parlor is available to parents of young children who are in need of a place for a crying or restless child during service. The Parlor is also set up so parents can view service while caring for their young child. We invite you to make use of this room, located off the Windsor Ave doors when needed, so that all who are in attendance can pray and worship. Thank you for your consideration in helping to make our time together as a church family a holy experience.

**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.**

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

**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

## PRAYER INFORMATION

**Missions Prayer The Welcome Church**, in Philadelphia, is a church without walls. Pastors Violet Little (a Lutheran) and Schaunel Steinagle (a Presbyterian) lead the congregation and volunteer clergy, as together they proclaim the hope and love of our gracious God to all people, and especially those experiencing homelessness in the city. Please pray for this congregation to grow strong in the blessing of God, as they seek to share that blessing on the streets and in the parks of Philadelphia in these challenging days of violence and uncertainty. Discover more at <https://thewelcomechurch.org/>.

**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](mailto:alsomarilynreed@gmail.com)) if you'd like to talk about preparing lunches, driving, or leading.

# BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

## *Sunday, April 23*

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 – 12:00 Sunday School, “Sermon Reflections”,  
Copy Room  
11:00 – 12:45 Explorers’ Class, Parlor  
7:00 – 8:00pm High School Youth Group

## *Monday, April 24*

6:15 – 7:15pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
6:30 – 8:00pm Grief Support Group, Chapel  
7:00 – 9:00pm PNC Meeting, Parlor  
7:30pm “Empathetic Repentance”, a message on the  
power of forgiveness, Pastor Steve

## *Tuesday, April 25*

7:00pm Missions Meeting, Parlor

## *Wednesday, April 26*

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” –  
“What Difference Does The Resurrection Make?”

## *Thursday, April 27*

4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor

## *Friday, April 28*

11:00am Women’s Bible Study (In-person)  
Children Blitz Weekend with The Philadelphia  
Project

## *Saturday, April 29*

7:30am Men’s Breakfast

## *Sunday, April 30*

8:15am Sunday School (Parlor)  
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-  
stream  
11:00am Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room  
11:00 – 12:00 Sunday School, “Sermon  
Reflections”, Copy Room  
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## *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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