



Narberth Presbyterian Church

April 30, 2023

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

April 30, 2023

Prelude

Fantasia a Gusto Italiano in F
Jinhee Shim, Organist

Krebs

Welcome and Family News

Pastor Steve

Call to Worship

John 14:16-20

Jack Mahoney

Hymn #77

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Herren

Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading

John 20:9-18

Josh Mehdi

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd who calls us by name. Yet too often we do not hear your voice or recognize your presence. We are very absorbed with our own pursuits, and we forget to look up to you, and outward to our neighbor. Please forgive us for our near-sighted vision. Restore to us the wonder and adventure of the resurrection. By the Holy Spirit, stir our desire for you, and teach us to pray with greater expectancy and faith. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Silent Prayer and the Assurance of Pardon

The Greeting

Worship Song

Joy In Your Waters
There Is One Gospel
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

You Raise Me Up
Jinhee Shim, Organist

arr. Denninger

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

John 16:19-24

Pastor Debbie

Sermon

Don't Settle For A Distant God!

Pastor Steve

Worship Song

Way Maker
NPC Worship Band

Hymn #234

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

Benediction

Pastor Steve

Postlude

God of Grace
Jinhee Shim, Organist

Manz

Prayer Ministry

Linda Behmke

The Philadelphia Project Blitz Weekend! This weekend our children are serving with The Philadelphia Project. Please keep them and their chaperones in your prayers.

Monday Night at 7:30 Pastor Steve will again 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. We will meet in the Parlor.

Special Guest Soloist: Joseph Smith will be sharing his music with us for the prelude and offertory on Sunday, May 7th. Joseph is the principal clarinetist of Opera Philadelphia, The Philly Pops, and Academy of Vocal Arts Orchestra. Come early and enjoy this special music!

Pentecost Readers: Pentecost Sunday will be celebrated on May 21st, and we would like to have the scripture for the day read in as many languages as possible, to highlight that aspect of our varied congregation. If you are willing to read a verse or two in your language of birth, we would be thrilled! Please e-mail or call Pastor Debbie, if you would like to be placed on the Pentecost Readers list, or just to find out a little bit more! dwatson@narberthpres.org or 610-664-4880 (x114).

For further exploration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we encourage you to read the following 7 chapters in the New Testament: Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20,21; Acts 1; 1Corinthians 15. Read with an open mind and a praying heart and ask Christ to reveal himself to you. See what happens...

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.

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. Sunday School is best for kindergarten through 5th 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, May 21st 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.

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 for 6th – 12th grade! We meet each Sunday! All girls are welcome to join us at the McGrew’s home for lunch, games, and discipleship! If you would like to walk with us from the church, please meet in the gym directly following worship service. Our time concludes at 12:30pm. Please reach out to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) or Lisa Hoffman (Lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net) with any questions. Please note that we will not meet on **Sunday, May 14th**.

Confirmation Class! Our Confirmation Class meets each Sunday during the Sunday School hour. **Please note that on May 7th** all confirmands should be in the sanctuary for the beginning of service and will be dismissed from here to class with Juwan.

The Philadelphia Project Blitz Weekend Highlights! On **Sunday, May 7th** we will show a special slideshow that will highlight the great work our children and youth did on their weekends of service. This will play at the front part of worship.

Middle School Youth Group! (6th, 7th, 8th grade) Join us every Wednesday from 7:00pm – 8:00pm in the Youth Room. All are welcome!

High School Youth Group! (9th – 12th grade) Join us every Sunday from 7:00pm – 8:00pm in the Youth Room. Please note we will not meet on **Sunday, May 14th**.

VBC Volunteers Needed! All rising 6th – 12th graders 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!

VBC Training Save the Date - All Youth and Adult VBC Volunteers are required to attend VBC training that will take place on **Friday, June 16th at 6:00pm in the church gym**. Pizza and fun provided! If you cannot attend, please let Danielle know.

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.

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 Wednesday's New Topic: "The Holy Spirit and You."** A biblical study of the person and work of the Holy Spirit and how we can experience the Spirit-filled life.

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PARTNERING IN MISSIONS

“Go.” After his resurrection, Jesus spent forty days with his disciples, demonstrating that he was indeed alive, commissioning them to carry on his ministry, and promising the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. That ministry – of proclaiming in word and deed the profound and saving love of God in Christ Jesus – continues today through His body, the Church.

At NPC we love to discover those places – in our region, our nation, and around the world – where God is at work and where we are able to come alongside in partnership. We believe that God’s activity takes many forms. In addition to serving and loving those who come through our doors, we see God at work through those who share his work, equip disciples, provide a home, medical care, food, safe haven, or a path to livelihood in his name, and proclaim God’s commitment to peace and justice.

NPC supports diverse ministries under the leadership of our Missions Committee. We invite you to consider prayerfully how God may be calling you to give support. Would you consider becoming a Mission Ambassador to one of our 37 Mission Causes?

Members and Friends of NPC congregation may function as an Ambassador and have direct contact with an individual Mission Cause. The individual(s) may work to establish and build a relationship between NPC and their cause. Ambassadors will also:

- Pray regularly for the Mission Cause
- Collect and update contact information
- Visit the Mission Cause at least once per year (if physically practical) or send notes of encouragement
- Correspond with Cause to obtain personal needs, prayer requests, and ways that the Ambassador and the congregation at NPC may participate as volunteers to further their Mission
- Advise/communicate to the Mission’s Committee of any special needs, prayer requests, ways for the NPC congregation to get involved

There are currently **7 Causes in need of an Ambassador**. Please contact Faith Hornung, Chair of the Missions Committee (610-496-4770), Jane Murray, Missions Committee Secretary (215-275-5569), or any committee member for more information on becoming a Missions Cause Ambassador.

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
Tom & Alyson Burnett
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
Ann Sattel
Suzanne Morrison
Open
Ann Sattel
Charlie Choi
Sally Kapner
Faithe Hornung
Open
Ashley Reed
Dave Bellamy
Jane Murray
Helga Sauter
Rob & Sandi Wray
Kim Ishmael
Barb Montgomery

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, 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 Fund

Gwen Blessing – Homebound Communications

*Godfrey Louie – Moderator, Deacons’ Assistance Fund

Gerri Wismer – Bereavement Care/GriefShare

Class of 2024

Ray Bellamy – Transportation

Katie Kennedy – Deacons’ Assistance Fund, College Age Communications

*Dee Knight – Ushering

Donald Vangore – Ushering

Class of 2025

*Mike Boccasini – Clerk, Youth Ministry

Ann Sattel – Missions

Rashmi Vyas – College Age Communications

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

* serving second term

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Room For Restless Children 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.**

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.

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

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 **May 22nd from 6:30pm to 8:00pm** in the Chapel. No need to RSVP, just show up as you are able.

PRAYER INFORMATION

Missions Please pray for **Liz Loeffler** as she officially retired on April 30th. Liz worked with Greater Europe Mission and has been supported by NPC for over 30 years. Prayers for her as she faces an upcoming surgery and subsequent recovery. Liz is grateful for the support and investment NPC has made in her ministry.

Notes From Justice and Mercy: Please continue to pray for the Parkway Ministry. Contact Marilyn (215-776-3598 alsomarilynreed@gmail.com) if you'd like to talk about preparing lunches, driving, or leading.

Join Val Foley, NPC's advocate for Orphan Care, at a fundraiser benefitting young adults and families entering or exiting the foster care system on May 4th, 6:30 - 9 pm at 500 E. Manoa Rd., Havertown. Learn about the great work of Well Rooted and how you can connect at <https://www.wellrootedpa.org>.



SERMON NOTES

April 30, 2023

Steve Weed

Don't Settle For A Distant God!

John 20:10-18; John 16:19-24

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, April 30

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, May 1

6:15 – 7:15pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:15 – 8:30pm Women’s Group, Chapel
7:30pm “Empathetic Repentance”, a message on the
power of forgiveness, Pastor Steve, Parlor

Tuesday, May 2

7:00pm Deacons Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, May 3

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” –
“The Holy Spirit and You.”

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, 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



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