



# Narberth Presbyterian Church

May 7, 2023

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

*Adagio*

*Mozart*

Joseph Smith, clarinet, Linda Pilacik, piano

Welcome and Family News

Pastor Steve

Call to Worship

Psalm 133; Ephesians 2:22

James Chung

Hymn #701

*God Is Here! (1,2,3)*

*Beecher*

Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-20,26,27

Dee Knight

**Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, we praise you for the ongoing reality that Christ is alive! Thank you for choosing to dwell among us and to manifest your presence to ordinary, broken people like us. We are humbled and grateful, yet we often forget to say thank you and to respond to your love. Please forgive us. Today as we share communion, help us to forgive one another, and to live together in your peace. As we prepare for Pentecost, we boldly ask for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit, that we might be vibrant, contagious witnesses of Jesus. And all the people said, "Amen!"

**Silent Prayer and the Assurance of Pardon**

TPP Service Weekend

Testimonies from Vera Comstock & Josh Mehdi

TPP service Weekend

Slideshow

The Greeting

Worship Song

*That Where I Am*  
*All The People Said Amen*  
NPC Worship Band

*Mullins*

*Maher*

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Gabriel's Oboe (from the Mission)*

*arr. Longfield*

Joseph Smith, clarinet, Jinhee Shim, organ

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Acts 1:8,12-14

Pastor Debbie

Sermon

Don't Settle For A Distant Church

Pastor Steve

Hymn #776

*Let Us Break Bread Together (1,2)*

*Crimond*

Invitation To Communion

Danielle Kauffman

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them 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, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe.

**With the majesty of your hand you shaped this world and all that is in it. By your Holy Spirit, you breathed life into human form, and set us on the earth to praise and serve you.**

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. In all he did and said, he announced the coming of your saving might. By his death on the cross and rising from the tomb, he broke the power of sin and death and led the way to eternal life.

**Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.**

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again. Amen.**

Sharing The Bread And The Cup

Pastor Debbie

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn #700

*We Are God's People (1,3,4)*

*Symphony*

Benediction

Pastor Steve

Postlude

*Toccata pour Grand Orgue*

*Belier*

Jinhee Shim, Organist

Prayer Ministry

Sue Wenger

**Special Guest Soloist TODAY!** Joseph Smith, a principal clarinetist in the Philadelphia region, will be sharing his music with us for the prelude and offertory. Enjoy this special music!

## INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

**TODAY is Family Worship!** All children (K-5th) are encouraged to sit with Danielle and friends in the first two pews. Children are also invited to help lead our worship songs. The NPC Nursery is available, as usual, for infants through PreK in room 107.

**The Philadelphia Project Recap!** Today we will hear testimony from our children and youth about their weekend of service with TPP. A slideshow of our weekends will also be shown.

**Children's Ice cream Party!** To celebrate our Lenten Offering we will enjoy an ice-cream party on Sunday, May 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.

**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!** This Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> all teen girls are invited for fellowship at **Get Cafe!** We will meet in the gym directly following the service and walk together to downtown Narberth. Parents can pick up from NPC at 12:15pm. Reach out to Danielle or Lisa Hoffman with any questions. Please note that we will not meet on **Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**.

**Confirmation Sunday will be May 21, 2022.** We are excited for our Confirmands who have made the decision to become members of NPC. Our confirmands are in the process of writing their papers and will meet with Session on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Praise God!

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

**High School Youth Group!** This Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> we will meet at Chipotle on Lancaster Ave for our time of fellowship from 7:00 – 8:00pm. I am excited for the time we will be sharing together! Please note **we will not meet on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**.

**VBC Volunteers Needed!** All rising 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders 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!

**VBC Training Save the Date** - All Youth and Adult VBC Volunteers are required to attend VBC training that will take place on **Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> 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 Parlor, 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).

**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 Chapel.

**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...

## 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 Wednesday's 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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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Room For Restless Children** The presence of children is a gift to the church, and children are always welcome in our services. The Parlor is available to parents of young children who need a place for a crying or restless child during service. The Parlor is set up so parents can view the service while caring for their 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.

**Pentecost Readers:** Pentecost Sunday will be celebrated on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 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](mailto:dwatson@narberthpres.org) or 610-664-4880 (x114).

**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! **We rehearse on Monday evenings at 6:15pm.**

**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 in the church office for the link to pay your remaining balance.

**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.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30pm to 8:00pm** in the Chapel. 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. 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](mailto:jlmpsy910@gmail.com)

## PRAYER INFORMATION

**Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) Update:** The PNC has posted NPC's Job Description and Church Profile on 20+ job sites. As a result, we have steadily received submissions. Currently, we are conducting Zoom interviews with the top 6 candidates out of an initial 15 submissions. We also continue to receive resumes, cover letters, and sermon links from new candidates. **Please pray** for God's wisdom, discernment, and strength for the PNC as we commit ourselves wholeheartedly to this process. **Our next meeting is on Monday, May 8th. Please also pray** for the person that God is calling to be our next Senior Pastor.

**Missions:** The **Fellowship of Christian Athletes** is touching millions of lives...one heart at a time. Since 1954, FCA has been challenging coaches and athletes on the professional, college, high school, junior high and youth levels to use the powerful platform of sports to reach every coach and every athlete with the transforming power of Jesus Christ. FCA focuses on serving local communities around the globe by engaging, equipping, and empowering coaches and athletes to unite, inspire and change the world through the gospel. <https://www.fca.org/>

**Notes From Justice and Mercy:** Please pray for Val Foley and the people of Well Rooted as she continues her ministry of caring for those who have lost the protection and nurture of their parent or caregiver. Well Rooted is a local organization started by three foster parents who realized how little support there is for those who have aged out of the foster care system and those adults who have recently begun or ended the role of a foster parent. Learn more about Well Rooted and how you can connect with them at <https://www.wellrootedpa.org/ways-to-connect-new>.

# BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

## *Sunday, May 7*

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

## *Monday, May 8*

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

## *Tuesday, May 9*

7:00pm Elder/Deacon/Staff Training, Chapel

## *Wednesday, May 10*

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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## *Thursday, May 11*

4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor

## *Friday, May 12*

11:00am Women’s Bible Study (In-person)  
NPC All-Church Retreat, “Life Together”  
at Sandy Cove Ministries in North East,  
MD

## *Saturday, May 13*

## *Sunday, May 14*

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”, Parlor

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  
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