



# Narberth Presbyterian Church

May 14, 2023

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

Linda Pilacik, piano

Welcome and Family News

Pastor Debbie

Invitation & Video

Good Grief Burger

Alice Antonelli

Call to Worship

Janelle & Anna Rose Lacey

Hymn #77

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

*Herren*

Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 55:1-5

Julia Furlong

Prayer of Confession

Gracious, loving God, we put so much time and effort into the pursuit of recognition, status, and stuff, but they never quite satisfy the longing of our hearts. We do not realize that these things, while nice, cannot bring us an enduring sense of acceptance, worth, or security. Forgive us for pursuing lesser things and expecting them to do for us what only you, God, can. Fix our eyes on Jesus, so that we may be like him, and find our satisfaction in the living of our lives, as we trust and obey you, who know and love us best. We pray in his strong name, amen.

Silent Prayer and the Assurance of Pardon

The Greeting

Worship Song

*The Trees of the Field*

*Gaither*

Linda Pilacik, vocals & piano

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Diane Chen

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*As The Rain Cometh Down*

*McDermid*

Linda Pilacik, vocals & piano

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 55:6-13; Revelation 21:6; 22:17

Diane Chen

Sermon

Don't Settle for What You Can Achieve

Pastor Debbie

Hymn #121

*Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

*Quebec*

**Benediction**

**Pastor Debbie**

**Postlude**

**Linda Pilacik, piano**

**Prayer Ministry**

**Linda DiLullo**

**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.

**Pentecost Readers:** Pentecost Sunday will be celebrated **next week, 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).

**Good Grief Burger Fellowship:** Good Grief Burger Fellowship will take place on **Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm** in the gym, and will be a time of celebrating our loved ones who have passed on before us. For those of you who have lost loved ones and want to share your memories with others, please feel free to come! Expect an email from the church to register for the dinner. If you don't use email just reach out to either Alice Antonelli or Dee Knight. Feel free to bring a picture and a fun, happy memory. There is no time period that the person has had to have passed; all you need is the desire to share a happy memory! If so, please come share a burger and a happy memory with us!

## 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, 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. **Please note the last day of Children’s Wednesday Night Programming will be May 24<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 will not meet this Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, but look forward to seeing everyone next Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. More details soon! Please reach out to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) or Lisa Hoffman (Lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net) with any questions.

**Confirmation Sunday will be Next Week, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 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!** 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. **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 – for a time of conversation focused on the scriptures for the day's worship service. All are welcome! Contact Pastor Debbie for the Zoom link.

**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).

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**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.

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**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.**

**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, [jlmpsyach910@gmail.com](mailto:jlmpsyach910@gmail.com)

## PRAYER INFORMATION

**Missions:** For over sixty years, Young Life has been at work in the high schools and middle schools of the Western Philadelphia Suburbs. Staff and volunteers enter the world of kids, focusing on what matters to them — fun, adventure, friendship and a sense of significance. In doing so, they earn the privilege of talking to them about something YL thinks matters most of all — the truth about God and His love for them. Please pray that the people of Young Life would continue to love God and their teenaged neighbors in ways that bring them all into deeper relationship with the Lord. <https://younglife.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 14*

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

## *Monday, May 15*

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

## *Tuesday, May 16*

7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor

## *Wednesday, May 17*

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

## **Narberth Presbyterian Church**

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## *Thursday, May 18*

4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor

## *Friday, May 19*

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

## *Saturday, May 20*

7:30 – 9:00am Men’s Group, Youth Room  
9:30am Funeral Service for Charles Hutton

## *Sunday, May 21*

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  
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  
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