



Narberth Presbyterian Church

May 21, 2023

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

May 21, 2023

Prelude

Cathedral Suite
Jinhee Shim, organ

Young

Welcome and Family News

Pastor Steve

Pastor Nominating Committee Update

Sue Wenger

Call to Worship

Acts 1:6-8

Juwan Williams

Hymn

On Pentecost They Gathered
(tune of, *All Glory, Laud and Honor*, 4 stanzas)
Jinhee Shim, organ

Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-21

NPC Pentecost Readers
(see p.3)

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you are the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth, and the source of our strength. We confess that we have labored for what does not satisfy. We have turned away from you and tried to do life on our own. We have minimized the Spirit's power and allowed ourselves to drift into complacency. Please forgive us through the saving death of Jesus Christ. Tenderize our hearts, expand our faith, and reignite us with the mighty wind of your Spirit. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Silent Prayer and the Assurance of Pardon

The Greeting

Worship Song

Son of Heaven
Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me
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

How Great Thou Art & Majesty
NPC Choir, Linda Pilacik, director

Hine/Hayford

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading **Luke 11:9-13; Ephesians 5:15-18**
Sermon **Be Filled With The Spirit!** **Pastor Steve**
 5 Questions

Hymn ***Descend O Holy Spirit***
 (tune of *Lead On, O King Eternal*, 3 stanzas)
 Jinhee Shim, organ

Benediction **Pastor Steve**

Postlude ***Toccata (from Cathedral Suite)*** ***Young***
 Jinhee Shim, organ

Prayer Ministry **Jim Hornung**

| Acts 2: 1-21 | | | NPC Pentecost Readers | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| <u>Verse</u> | <u>Reader</u> | <u>Language</u> | <u>Verse</u> | <u>Reader</u> | <u>Language</u> |
| 2:1 | Julie Todd | Greek | 2:13 | Diane Chen | Mandarin |
| 2:2 | Ilonka Comstock | Dutch | 2:14 | Andrew Steenhoff | Zulu |
| 2:3 | Donald Vangore | Tegulu | 2:15 | Shiang Ju | Afrikaans |
| 2:4 | Michael Steenhoff | French | 2:16 | Marilyn Reed | German |
| 2:5 | Rashmi Vyas | Hindi | 2:17 | James Hoffman | Italian |
| 2:6 | Dinah Adjaye | Ga (Ghana) | 2:18 | Seble Zein | Amharic |
| 2:7-8 | Juen Kim | Korean | 2:19 | Jie Cai & Chang Liu | Cantonese |
| 2:9,10 | Lana Boyd | Russian | 2:20 | Lalitha Naveen | Tamil |
| 2:11,12 | Jyrki Mattila | French | 2:21 | Ken Kapner | Hebrew |

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.

Moving Up Sunday! – Sunday, June 4th During worship our rising 2nd graders will receive new Bibles and we will recognize our rising 6th, 9th, and High School Graduates. Please contact Danielle or Juwan with any questions.

Confirmation Sunday will be June 4th, 2023. We are excited for our Confirmands who have made the decision to become members of NPC. Praise God!

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

Children's Ice cream Party! Sunday, May 21st children (K – 5th) will celebrate Pentecost with ice cream during Sunday School.

VBC Preview Night – Children's Wednesday Night Program! This Wednesday, May 24th, all are invited to get a sneak peak of VBC 2023! Music, games, craft and snack. Children meet in RM 107 from 7:00pm – 8:00pm. **Please note the last day of children's Wednesday Night Programming will be May 24th.**

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.

Postcard Prayer Pal – All ages are encouraged to sign up to be a Postcard Prayer Pal this summer! You will be paired with another person from NPC and enjoy postcard writing (and receiving) all summer. Please reach out to Danielle if you are interested. Your first postcard and stamp are on me! Please sign up by June 1st.

Save the Date for the All-Church Picnic – Sunday, June 25th! More details soon.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY: YOUTH

Teen Girls' Ministry for 6th – 12th grade! All are invited to join us for food, fellowship, and discipleship this Sunday, May 21st. We meet in the church gym and walk to the McGrew's home. Our time will conclude at 12:30pm. Please reach out to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) or Lisa Hoffman (Lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net) with any questions.

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

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 – 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.

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 – 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.

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.

Good Grief Burger Fellowship: Good Grief Burger Fellowship will take place on **Wednesday, June 7th 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 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!

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>.

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

PRAYER INFORMATION

Missions: InterAct – Dan and Bev Mayerle. InterAct desires to see disciples of Jesus Christ impacting communities across the North Pacific Crescent with the Gospel. Dan and Bev Mayerle have worked for many years with indigenous people through disciple making and church planting in Calgary's First Nations community. They have a passion for encouraging and equipping the next generation to follow the Lord's call into ministry. Please pray for Dan and Bev as they offer encouragement to the 25+ missionary units they oversee across western Canada, all of whom are involved in First Nations and New Immigrant (Sikh and Muslim) disciple making.
<https://interactministries.org/>

Pastor Nominating Committee Update: The PNC continues to receive submissions from denominational and seminary jobsites. In addition, we have recently posted our job opening with a minister who seeks to match churches with potential pastoral candidates. To date, we have received 29 candidate submissions. From that group, we have conducted 9 first-round interviews via Zoom and one second-round interview. We also continue to welcome new submissions. Please continue to pray for wisdom and strength for the team during this intensive phase of the process. The PNC team members are: Linda Behmke, Diane Chen, Jack Comstock, Lisa Hoffman, Katie Kennedy, Jyrki Mattila, Sean McGrew, Omar Mehdi, Nina O'Connor, Ashley Reed, Jonathan Rogers, and Sue Wenger. Please also pray for the person that God is calling to be our next Senior Pastor

Notes From Justice and Mercy: See page 6.

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, May 21

Celebration of Pentecost

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
2:00 – 3:30 Violin Recital, Sanctuary
7:00 – 8:00pm High School Youth Group

Monday, May 22

6:15 – 7:15pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
6:30 – 8:00pm Grief Support Group, Chapel
7:00 – 9:00pm PNC Meeting, Parlor

Tuesday, May 23

7:00pm Missions Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, May 24

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 25

4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor

Friday, May 26

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

Saturday, May 27

No men’s breakfast this week; the next one will be on June 24th.

Sunday, May 28

8:15am Sunday School (Parlor)
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream
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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 Roykouff, Business Administrator
Sara Mahoney, Administrative Assistant
Hugh Barrie, Assistant Property Manager
Joyce B. Nicolai, Bookkeeper
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