



# Narberth Presbyterian Church

May 28, 2023

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude *We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit* *Buxhetude*  
Jinhee Shim, organ

Welcome and Family News Danielle Kauffman

Call to Worship Psalm 147:3-7 Caitlin Henry

Hymn #52 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* *Ellacombe*

Prayer of Invocation Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading Luke 22:24-27; 1 Peter 4:10,11 Justin Crawford

## Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, every Sunday in the Lord's Prayer we declare that yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory. We confess that too often we put ourselves at the Center, instead of you. Please forgive us and set us free from the narrow orbit of self-interest. Fill us with the power of the Holy Spirit that our love for you and others may overflow. As we give thanks for our veterans who have given themselves for our country, we pray in the name of Jesus, who gave his life for all people. Amen.

## Silent Prayer and the Assurance of Pardon

Sacrament of Baptism Mathias Neal DeLucia  
Son of Neal & Liz DeLucia

Song *This is the Day*

## The Greeting

Worship Song *In the Fields*  
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 *Nothing But the Blood* *arr. Pappas*  
Dean Pappas, guitar

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading	Acts 1:1-8	Pastor Debbie
Sermon	The Indispensable Power	Pastor Steve
Worship Song	<i>What a Beautiful Name</i> NPC Worship Band	
Hymn #669	<i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i>	<i>Cwm Rhondda</i>
Benediction		Pastor Steve
Postlude	<i>Festival Alleluia</i> Jinhee Shim, organ	<i>Miller</i>
Prayer Ministry		Jay Cai

**Moving Up Sunday** – Join us on **Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>** as rising 2<sup>nd</sup> graders are presented new Bibles and we recognize our rising 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders and celebrate our graduating 12<sup>th</sup> graders! Please reach out to Danielle (children) or Juwan (youth) with any questions.

**Confirmation Sunday** Confirmation Sunday is also next Sunday as our confirmands will profess their faith in Christ and be received as new members.

**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 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!

**Women's Breakfast!** Saturday, **June 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am** there will be a breakfast and fellowship gathering for women in the Parlor. It will include a word from scripture, great food and fellowship, and a discussion of future plans. **RSVP to Sandi Wray (610-952-8869) by Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**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.

**Save the Date for the All-Church Picnic** – **Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>** directly following service in the church parking lot. Games, Food, and Fellowship for all.

## INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

**Sunday School** – Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade meet in the gym following the worship songs for lesson, game, and music. The NPC Nursery is located in room 107 and they are ready to welcome all infants through preschool aged children.

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**Lunch Making for our Friends on the Parkway** - Sunday School children will be making lunch on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> for the Parkway Ministry during Sunday School. Please be on the lookout for a signup genius on how you can help!

**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.

**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 1<sup>st</sup>.

## INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY: YOUTH

**Teen Girls' Ministry for 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade!** Teen Girls' Ministry will not meet this Sunday, but please be on the lookout for details on our next time together Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. Please reach out to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) or Lisa Hoffman (Lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net) with any questions.

**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. **Note: there is no High School Youth Group today, May 28<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!

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## 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).

**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...

**Summer Women Bible Study.** What does the story of two widows and a prominent landowner in the countryside of Judah have to teach us about the issues of shame, exclusion, loss, and hopelessness? How can the story of a few ordinary folks become the light and hope in a time of social and religious degradation? How did God work out his eternal plan of salvation through simple people carrying out their mundane roles? Join Clara Louie and Lalitha Naveen in a six-week interactive study of the Biblical *Book of Ruth* on Thursday evenings, starting June 8, to find out. Email [claralouie@yahoo.com](mailto:claralouie@yahoo.com) if you are interested.

## 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.

## 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.

**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 **June 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm to 8:00pm** in the Chapel. No need to RSVP, just show up as you are able.

**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, [jlmpsyh910@gmail.com](mailto:jlmpsyh910@gmail.com)

## PRAYER INFORMATION

**Missions: Olney Christian School** Founded in 2011, the Mission of Olney Christian School is to provide students in the Northeastern Philadelphia area with a choice for a quality, affordable, Christ-centered education. The vision of Olney Christian School is to equip students in our Philadelphia communities for life by educating their minds, nurturing their hearts, and training their hands with practical life skills. Please pray for the school to fully staff its faculty and to flourish during this academic year.  
<https://olneychristianschool.org/>

**Notes From Justice and Mercy:** see page 6.

**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 10 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

# BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

## *Sunday, May 28*

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 29*

Memorial Day Holiday; Church Office closed

## *Tuesday, May 30*

7:30pm Session Meeting, Parlor

## *Wednesday, May 31*

5:45 – 6:45pm Church family supper in the gym  
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.”, Parlor

## *Thursday, June 1*

4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor

## *Friday, June 2*

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

## *Saturday, June 3*

## *Sunday, June 4*

*Confirmation Sunday; Moving Up Sunday*  
8:15am Sunday School (Parlor)  
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11:00 – 12:00 Sunday School, “Sermon Reflections”, Parlor  
7:00 – 8:00pm High School Youth Group

## *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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