



Narberth Presbyterian Church

June 4, 2023

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude *Children's Medley* arr. Hayes
Jinhee Shim, piano

Welcome and Family News Pastor Steve

Call to Worship Hebrews 10:22-25,35 Heather & Sally Kaplan

Worship Song *Your Grace is Enough*
NPC Worship Band

Prayer of Invocation Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading John 14:15-19; Ephesians 1:13,14 Annika Naveen

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, ever since Pentecost, you have given the Holy Spirit to all who believe in Christ. We confess that too often we ignore this gift or live as if we were on our own. We aspire to high achievements in the world, but we are often complacent about our faith. Please forgive us. As young people profess their faith in Christ, inspire us to renew our commitment to Christ and to his beloved church. In Jesus' Name and in the communion of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The Greeting

Hymn #470 *Jesus Loves Me, This I Know (1,2)*

Presentation of Bibles to Rising Second Graders Danielle, Pam Fleming

Recognition of Rising Sixth & Ninth Graders Danielle, Pam

Recognition of High School Graduates Juwan Williams

Profession of Faith and Reception of Confirmation Class (See p. 3)

Hymn #514 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine (1)*

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer Pastor Debbie

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Kid's Praise Medley* Traditional
Sunday School Children, Linda Pilacik, piano

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading	Philippians 3:12-14	Pastor Debbie
Sermon	Pressing On in the Holy Spirit	Pastor Steve
Hymn	<i>We Are One in the Spirit (1,4)</i>	
Invitation To Communion		Danielle Kauffman
Sharing The Bread And The Cup		Pastor Debbie
Prayer of Thanksgiving		
Song of Blessing	<i>May the Lord (tune of Edelweiss)</i>	Linda Pilacik, piano
Benediction		Pastor Steve
Postlude	<i>Leaning on the Everlasting Arms</i> Jinhee Shim, organ	arr. Burkhardt
Prayer Ministry		Nina O'Connor

Confirmation Class

Heather Grace Kaplan is the daughter of Jo-Anne and Boris Kaplan of Bala Cynwyd. Heather is in 8th grade and attends Claritas Classical Academy.

Sarah Abigail Chen McGrew is the daughter of Charlene and Sean McGrew of Narberth. Abby is in 8th grade and attends Bala Cynwyd Middle School.

Joshua James Mehdi is the son of Gina and Omar Mehdi of Havertown. Josh is in 8th grade and attends Haverford Middle School.

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! An email from the church was sent out 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 10th 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 8th.**

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

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

Moving Up Sunday is Sunday, June 4th - Join us as rising 2nd graders are presented new Bibles and we recognize our rising 6th and 9th graders and celebrate our graduating 12th graders! Please note there is no Sunday School for K-5th grade but the NPC Nursery is available for infants through PreK.

Lunch Making for our Friends on the Parkway is Sunday, June 11th - Sunday School children will be making lunch for the Parkway Ministry during Sunday School. Thank you to those who have signed up to help.

All-Church Picnic is Sunday, June 25th – All are welcome for food, fun, and fellowship in the NPC parking lot directly following worship on June 25th.

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! *Join us for Tea Time at Teen Girls' Ministry this Sunday, June 4th.* This week we welcome the rising 6th graders for fun, fellowship, and tea. We meet directly following service in the gym and walk to the McGrew's home. Parents can pick up at 12:30pm from the home too. Please reach out to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) or Lisa Hoffman (Lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net) with any questions.

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...

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 from 7:00 – 8:15pm in the Parlor**, to find out. Email 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 – 610-664-4880 ext.114). **Note: class will not be held on Wednesday June 7th.**

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

Narberth 4th of July Celebration Volunteers - Represent NPC at the Narberth 4th of July Celebration this year by volunteering some time at the Moon-bounce! For more details, please email or call Sara Mahoney in the church office. Note: volunteer clearances must be up to date.

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: The Philadelphia Project Throughout the school year, The Philadelphia Project provides education assistance through an affordable Christian after-school program (k – 5th grades) and Christian Preschool (2yrs – 4yrs). Kids at Refuel and Prefuel Day Camp (ages 3 through 6th grade) learn more about how they are loved and accepted by Jesus Christ. Our generous giving helps to support interns who give their time, effort and joy to this practical, people-to-people ministry of encouragement and hands-on hard work and do it all in Jesus' Name. David Bellamy participates, not only in July, when our summer youth/adult crew do, but as a board member for the ministry. Please pray the Lord's blessing on this ministry and all the people participating in it.

Notes From Justice and Mercy: We continue to support our brothers and sisters in Kensington with snacks, fruit, beverages and clothing. These items are distributed by the Project Home outreach workers. A new ministry is slowly taking hold at the corner of Ridge and 23rd in North Philly, one of the poorest neighborhoods in the city. With the help of two local storekeepers, we set up tables on the sidewalk and distribute groceries, beverages and clothes. We are blessed by donations from supermarkets, a school with leftover lunches, and a drugstore that must throw out "expired" items if we don't rescue them. Please pray for the families who are struggling to provide for their children's needs. And pray especially for their safety from gun violence. Jennifer Bonovitz expresses her deep gratitude for your ongoing support.

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, June 4

Confirmation Sunday; Moving Up Sunday

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, June 5

6:15 – 7:15pm Bell Choir Practice, Sanctuary

Tuesday, June 6

7:00pm Deacons Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, June 7

5:30pm Good Grief Burger Fellowship, gym

7:30 – 8:30pm “Pastor Steve’s All-Time Favorites” – “The Holy Spirit and You.”, Parlor

Thursday, June 8

4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor

7:00 – 8:15pm Bible Study on the *Book of Ruth*, Parlor

Friday, June 9

11:00am Women’s Bible Study, Parlor

6:00pm Preschool Graduation, Sanctuary

Saturday, June 10

8:30am Women’s Breakfast, Parlor

Sunday, June 11

8:15am Sunday School (Parlor)

9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream

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

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