



Narberth Presbyterian Church

June 11, 2023

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude *Crown Him with Many Crowns* **Raney**
Jinhee Shim & Linda Pilacik, piano

Welcome and Family News **Pastor Steve**

Racial Reconciliation Scholarship Video **Clara Louie**

Choral Introit *What Brings Us Together* **Althous**
NPC Choir, Linda Pilacik, director

Call to Worship **Ephesians 2:19-22** **Pastor Steve**

Hymn #254 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven* **Ode To Joy**

Prayer of Invocation **Pastor Debbie**

Scripture Reading **1 John 1:5-2:2** **Mia Rogers**

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we thank you that you are the Light, that you show us our sin and how much we need your grace. You also point us to the Savior Jesus, so that we are not left in despair. We confess that there is a holiness gap between where we are and the person you are calling us to be. Have mercy on us, O Lord. We ask not only for your forgiveness, but for the power of the Holy Spirit to live a new life. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The Greeting

Worship Songs *Behold* **Mission House**
Build My Life **Barrett/Redman**
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 *Come, People of the Risen King* **arr. McDonald**
NPC Choir, Linda Pilacik, director

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading	Galatians 5:13-17,22-23a	Pastor Debbie
Sermon	Victorious Struggle	Pastor Steve
Hymn #45	<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
Benediction		Pastor Steve
Postlude	<i>Toccata on "Amazing Grace"</i> Jinhee Shim, organ	<i>Pardini</i>
Prayer Ministry		Clara Louie

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.

Redeemed for a Cause reaches out with the love of Christ and hands-on help to at-risk and trafficked women in the city of Philadelphia. Sakinah Love is the Director. If you would like to join in their efforts to share the Good News of freedom in Christ, and right relationship with others and oneself, for the next month there will be a box in the Chapel where you may donate the following items:

- soap (Dove, Dial, Irish Spring, etc.)
- lotion
- combs and/or brushes
- toothpaste (travel size)
- toothbrushes (travel size)
- shampoo and conditioner (travel size)
- hand sanitizers
- deodorant (travel size)
- underwear (all sizes)
- tank tops (all sizes)
- socks

NPC Racial Reconciliation Scholarship Update: The Lower Merion Township Scholarship Fund announced the recipients of the scholarships awarded for 2023 at a lovely reception on May 24th at Merion Tribute House. We are thrilled to announce that **the recipient of the Narberth Presbyterian Special Award is Onesphor Tuhenya** (Ones, pronounced O ness), a graduating senior at Lower Merion High School. Ones was an East African refugee who came to this country with his older brother in 2016. The boys were paired with a foster family in Lower Merion and have been fervently pursuing their education. Ones will be attending Montgomery County Community College in the fall and then either Temple or West Chester with the goal of becoming a social worker that helps others trying to acclimate to life in the U.S. Please remember Ones in your prayers as he continues his education.

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.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

Sunday, June 11th is Lunch Making for Our Friends on the Parkway - Sunday School children will be making lunches this Sunday for the Parkway Ministry during Sunday School. Thank you to all who are helping and donating lunch items!

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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 registration is still OPEN!** See the NPC Weekly newsletter or contact Sara Mahoney (smahoney@narberthpres.org) for registration links. Contact Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) with any questions.

VBC Volunteer Training – Thank you to our many volunteers for VBC. Please join us for VBC Training on Friday, June 16th in the church gym beginning at 6:00pm. Pizza and drinks provided!

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY: YOUTH

Teen Girls’ Ministry for 6th – 12th grade! We meet in the church gym directly following worship and walk to the McGrew’s home for lunch, fellowship, and discipleship. All are welcome to join at any time! Please reach out to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) or Lisa Hoffman (Lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net) with any questions.

Youth Group Updates: During the summer months our programming does not come to a halt, however we do slow down a bit. With that in mind, Youth Groups will not meet as frequently. Our next Middle School YG will be Wednesday June 28th, from 7:00 – 8:00pm; our next High School YG will be Sunday June 25th, from 7:00 – 8:00pm.

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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.

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

Note: Wednesday June 14th will be the final Church Family Supper until full Wednesday night programming resumes in the fall.

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: Wednesday June 21st will be the final class until full Wednesday night programming resumes in the fall. Stay tuned for information about August “Movie Nights” coming soon.**

"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. **Note: This class will continue until the end of July.**

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.

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.

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.

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: Habitat for Humanity Habitat's ministry is based on the conviction that to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ, we must love and care for one another. Our love must not be words only— it must be true love, which shows itself in action. Habitat provides an opportunity for people to put their faith and love into action, bringing diverse groups of people together to make affordable housing and better communities a reality for everyone. Please pray for the people who work together to make “home” reality for families here in greater Philadelphia and Camden and throughout the world— that they would be encouraged in their own walk with God, and filled with love for the family that will one day inhabit “their” house.

Notes From Justice and Mercy: See page 6.

Pastor Nominating Committee Update: The PNC has spent the past few weeks finalizing the hiring process from initial assessment of a candidate until the final offer. To date, the PNC has conducted ten first round interviews. Two of the candidates interviewed were invited to participate in a second-round interview and are being asked to complete written assessments related to job fit and theology. In addition, we continue to welcome new submissions. Please continue to pray for ongoing discernment and unity for the PNC. The group meets tomorrow evening, June 12th. 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, June 11

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor
8:30 – 9:15 Prayer Meeting, Pastor Steve’s Office
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream
11:00 – 12:00 Sunday School, “Sermon Reflections”, Parlor

Monday, June 12

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

Tuesday, June 13

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

Wednesday, June 14

9:30 – 11:30 All Staff Meeting, Parlor
5:45 – 6:45pm Church family supper in the gym
Note: This is the final Church Supper of the year
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 15

4:00 – 5:00 Outdoor Kickball with the Pastor, Parking Lot
7:00 – 8:15pm Women’s Bible Study on the *Book of Ruth*, Parlor

Friday, June 16

11:00am Women’s Bible Study, Parlor

Saturday, June 17

Sunday, June 18

Father’s Day
8:15am Sunday School (Parlor)
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream

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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