



# Narberth Presbyterian Church

June 18, 2023

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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**Prelude**

*Blessed Assurance*  
Jinhee Shim, organ

*arr. Miller*

**Welcome and Family News**

Pastor Steve

**Commissioning of VBC Leaders & Volunteers**

Pastor Debbie

**Call to Worship**

Proverbs 3:1-6

Ben & Evan Doane

**Hymn of Praise**

*This Is My Father's World*

*Terra Beata*

**Prayer of Invocation**

Pastor Debbie

**Scripture Reading**

Numbers 6:22-27

Ricky Nicolai

**Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, we praise you that throughout Scripture you are the author of blessing. You blessed Abraham so that through him all peoples on earth might be blessed. Yet we confess we often live as people who have not received your benediction. We struggle to trust your goodness, and we are more apt to criticize than to encourage. Please forgive us and crown us with the Father's blessing. Remind us that we are no longer slaves or orphans, but your adopted sons and daughters through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Joy Elizabeth Nicolai & Grace Brinton Nicolai

Daughters of Brinton & Kendra Nicolai

Lennon Nora Doll

Daughter of Bobby & Elise Doll

**The Greeting**

**Worship Song**

Good Good Father

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**

*The Lord Reigns*

*Butler*

Tom Patterson, vocals, Jinhee Shim, piano

**Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

Scripture Reading	Luke 24:44-53	Pastor Debbie
Sermon	The Defining Power of Blessing	Pastor Steve
Worship Song	Who You Say I Am NPC Worship Band	
Benediction		Pastor Steve
Postlude	God of Our Fathers Jinhee Shim, organ	arr. Lorenz
Prayer Ministry		Linda DiLullo

**All-Church Picnic is NEXT WEEK, Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup>** – All are welcome for food, fun, and fellowship in the NPC parking lot directly following worship.

**Upcoming Men’s Retreat** The NPC Men’s Ministry is organizing a Men’s Retreat in Lake Champion, NY from September 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>. For more information and registration details, visit the NPC website or contact Justin Crawford (me@JustinCrawford.com / 646-588-9042).

**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

**Narberth 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration Volunteers** – Represent NPC at the Narberth 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

## INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

**GLOW-Shine Bright for Jesus** – Join us in Sunday School for a new series beginning June 18<sup>th</sup>. Fun crafts and activities will help us learn how we can shine brightly for Jesus and show others that Jesus is the light of the world!

**VBC 2023! Stellar – Shine Jesus’ Light!** This week 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**. Please keep VBC in your prayers.

**VBC Mission Project is Atonement Afterschool Program!** The mission of Atonement Afterschool is to provide educational assistance, life skills and emotional support to children. Please visit [www.atonementafterschool.com](http://www.atonementafterschool.com) to learn more! You can also donate items such as craft supplies, Expo markers, folders, and backpacks. Cash or checks are also greatly appreciated! Please reach out to Danielle for more details.

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## INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY: YOUTH

**Teen Girls’ Ministry for 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade!** Details on summer service projects and events coming soon! Please reach out to Danielle ([dkauffman@narberthpres.org](mailto:dkauffman@narberthpres.org)) or Lisa Hoffman ([Lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net](mailto: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 28<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 – 8:00pm; our next High School YG will be Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 – 8:00pm.

## 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.

**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](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). **Note: Wednesday June 21<sup>st</sup> 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 on the Holy Spirit will continue through 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.

**Pastor Nominating Committee Update:** Two candidates have completed further steps in our multi-step evaluation process. These are reference checks, a ProScan that matches a candidate's profile with the expectations of the Senior Pastor/Head of Staff position, and written answers to in-depth theological questions. One candidate has also completed the third of three interviews while the other candidate has completed two interviews. In addition, we continue to welcome new submissions. Please pray for stamina, discernment, and unity for the PNC. Please also pray for the person that God is calling to be our next Senior Pastor.

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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, [jlmpsyh910@gmail.com](mailto:jlmpsyh910@gmail.com)

## PRAYER INFORMATION

**Missions: Standing Rock, North Dakota** St. James Church, in Cannon Ball, is the first place where the Episcopal Church came onto the Standing Rock Reservation in North Dakota. Through it, three other congregations were begun. For almost 115 years, this congregation has served in one of North Dakota's toughest towns, where addiction to alcohol and unemployment are both very high. These problems have been complicated and deepened by COVID-19. But Jesus and this congregation aren't going to give up, so they have found ways to minister to the everyday needs of the people during the pandemic, and in its wake (we hope). Please pray for the Lord's increasing blessing in, among and through the people of Cannon Ball and the Standing Rock Reservation in these ongoingly difficult days.

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

# BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

## **Sunday, June 18**

### *Father's Day*

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor

8:30 – 9:15 Prayer Meeting, Pastor Steve's Office

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

## **Monday, June 19**

9:00 – 11:30am, daily VBC!

## **Tuesday, June 20**

7:00pm Session Meeting

## **Wednesday, June 21**

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 22**

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 23**

11:00am Women's Bible Study, Parlor

## **Saturday, June 24**

7:30am Men's Breakfast

## **Sunday, June 25**

8:15am Sunday School (Parlor)

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

**Church Picnic** directly following the Worship Service

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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