

Narberth Presbyterian Church

August 6, 2023

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

Variations sur "Ubi Caritas"
Jinhee Shim, organ

Bedard

Welcome and Family News

Danielle Kauffman

Call to Worship

Allison Foley

Hymn #634

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

Prayer of Invocation

Juwan Williams

Scripture Reading

Romans 8:18-25

Juwan Williams

Prayer of Confession

In Psalm 22, David says, "Do not be far from me, for trouble is near, and there is no one to help." In another he says, "When I am afraid, I will trust in you, my God, in whom I trust." And yet, when we look ahead, so often dread is our reality, rather than trust. We cannot see beyond what we fear, and we cannot see you, God, who promise never to leave us or forsake us, and we panic. Forgive us, merciful God. In our fears, in our failures, in our suffering and our pain, point us to Jesus, who never lost sight of you, and never failed to trust you, even as he died on the cross. Renew our trust, and our hope in you, we ask in Jesus' strong and faithful name, amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Greeting

Worship Song

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)
Goodness of God
NPC Worship Band

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

He Leadeth Me

McDonald

Tom & Ruth Ellen Patterson, vocals, Jinhee Shim, piano

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Romans 8:28-39

Diane Chen

Sermon

Future Tense & Present Peace

Pastor Debbie

Hymn #774

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

Wayfaring Stranger

Communion Litany

Diane Chen

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, our creator. You have given us life and a second birth by your Spirit. Once we were no people, but now we are your people.

You claimed Israel as your chosen nation, and raised up the church as a witness to the resurrection, breathing into it your life and power. Young and old, from all around the world you gathered us. When we go astray, you call us back, forgive us, and welcome us home. Always, your love has been steadfast.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. With love for you, and compassion for all, Jesus healed and taught, challenged and comforted, welcomed and saved. He formed a community, promised to be with his disciples, wherever two or three were gathered, and sent them on his mission of hope and healing in the world.

Jesus entrusted his life to you God, and went freely to his death, so the world might be set free from suffering and sin. You raised Jesus from death, and by faith, you raise us to live a new life with him. In the power of the Holy Spirit, you send us out to make disciples as he commanded.

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Amen.

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Pastor Debbie

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn #651

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

Maryton

Benediction

Pastor Debbie

Postlude

Fantasia on “Adoro te Devote”

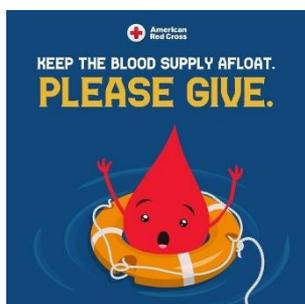
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Jinhee Shim, organ

Prayer Ministry

Linda Behmke

Grief Support Group: There will not be a grief support group held in the month of August. Grief Share will start in September; more details coming soon.



Red Cross Blood Drive @ NPC, Friday August 18th in the Gym from 8:00am – 6:00pm.

Please consider donating, the need is great!

Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: NarberthPresby to schedule an appointment.

Music Ministry’s 2023-2024 season: We are seeking singers, bell ringers, musicians of all instruments, ages, and ability levels to participate in our Music Ministry programs. We have an exciting year of musical selections and performances planned and we want **YOU** to be a part of it! Rehearsals will begin in September on Monday nights for Bell Choir and on Thursday nights for the Sanctuary Choir. If you are interested, have questions, or want to offer your musical talents in other ways, be in touch with our Minister of Music, Linda Pilacik (lindapilacik@gmail.com, (610) 585-3339).

Sr. Adult “Slideshows” are back! After a multi-year hiatus, Sr. Slideshows in the Parlor are back! While these have, traditionally, been for people aged 60 and above, we welcome **everyone** (of any age) to these gatherings, which are interesting, informative, FREE, and offer a great opportunity to meet and get to know your NPC “neighbors” in-person! We also have snacks! Our gatherings happen on Friday afternoons, at 1:30.

- September 15th Iceland (Diane Chen)
- October 20th Oberammergau (Nancy Davis & Nancy Wolfe)
- November 17th Paris (2022/23) & Cambridge 2023 (Debbie Watson & Diane Chen)
- December 1st Israel (Diane Chen)
- December 15th Sr. Christmas Carol Sing & Tea (Save the date)

THE SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

At our best, Elders and Deacons seek by the grace of God to be examples of Jesus Christ and models of the quality-of-life which God desires for the whole church. It is a great privilege and responsibility – we welcome your prayers!

Elders

As there were in Old Testament times elders for the government of the people, so the New Testament Church provided persons with particular gifts to share in governing and ministry. Elders should be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the church and in the world.

It is the duty of elders, individually and jointly, to strengthen and nurture the faith and life of the congregation committed to their charge. Together with the pastor, they should encourage the people in the worship of God, equip and renew them for their tasks in the church and for their mission in the world, visit and comfort and care for the people, with special attention to the poor, the sick, the lonely and those who are oppressed. They should inform the pastor and the session of those persons and structures that may need special attention. They should assist in worship. They should cultivate their ability to teach the Bible and may be authorized to supply places that are without the regular ministry of the Word and Sacrament. Those duties that all Christians are bound to perform by the law of love are especially incumbent upon elders because of their calling to office and are to be fulfilled by them as official responsibilities. (Excerpts from the *Book of Order* (2009/11))

Deacons

The office of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, of exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this office.

It is the duty of deacons, first of all, to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress both within and beyond the community of faith. They shall assume such other duties as may be delegated to them from time to time by the session, such as leading the people in worship through prayers of intercession, reading the Scriptures, presenting the gifts of the people, and assisting with the Lord's Supper. (Excerpts from the *Book of Order* (2009/11))

The Nominating Committee is receiving recommendations for the offices of Elder and Deacon to begin in January 2024. It is not necessary to obtain the permission of the person you are suggesting. It is preferable for the Nominating Committee to make the initial contact should this person be nominated.

In light of the description above, if you have individuals to suggest for **Elder**, please write them down below. Please describe briefly why you believe the individual would be suitable for this office.

For the office of Elder:

Name: _____

Reason for recommendation: _____

Name: _____

Reason for recommendation: _____

Name: _____

Reason for recommendation: _____

(Further names may be suggested on a separate paper.)

In light of the description above, if you have individuals to suggest for **Deacon**, please write them down below. Please describe briefly why you believe the individual would be suitable for this office.

For the office of Deacon:

Name: _____

Reason for recommendation: _____

Name: _____

Reason for recommendation: _____

Name: _____

Reason for recommendation: _____

(Further names may be suggested on a separate paper.)

Please put this form in the collection plate or drop off in the church office.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

Sunday, August 6th is Family Worship – Children and Youth are encouraged to worship with their church family and participate in communion. All are invited to sit with Miss Danielle in the first two pews. Please note, the NPC Nursery is available as usual for infants through PreK aged children.

Parkway Ministry Service Project – Join us during Sunday School on **Sunday, August 13th** as Sunday School children will make sandwiches, organize lunches, and create cards of encouragement for our Friends on the Parkway. Parents, please look for a SignUp Genius from Danielle with items needed.

Sunday Kickball Game – Following worship on **Sunday, August 13th** meet Miss Danielle in the gym for kickball and snacks! All are welcome to play!

Bible and Bingo – Join us in Sunday School this August for a summer favorite! Bible stories and Bingo with PRIZES!

The Philadelphia Project Blitz Weekend for 3rd, 4th, 5th grade – Save the date for November 3rd– 5th as children serve with TPP! Please reach out to Danielle with any questions.

Save the Date for the 2024 All-Church Retreat! Get out your calendar and mark the dates for the All-Church Retreat taking place on Friday, May 10th through Sunday, May 12th in beautiful Sandy Cove, MD. Many more details soon.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

Teen Girls' Ministry for 6th – 12th grade! Special Service Project to support The Parkway Christmas Shop! It's Christmas in July for Teen Girls' Ministry as they serve with The Parkway Ministry and help plan their Christmas Shop. For information, contact Mia Rogers (mkuniholm@gmail.com). For information on Teen Girls' Ministry, please reach out to Danielle Kauffman (dkauffman@gmail.com) or Lisa Hoffman (Lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net).

Youth Group Updates: Our next Middle School YG will be Wednesday August 23rd, from 7:00 – 8:00pm

Our next High School YG will be Sunday, August 27th, 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's Bible Study *"Look at the nations and watch—and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told."* Habakkuk 1:5 How can there be injustice in the world when God is just? Can you learn to rejoice in the Lord when you are going through trouble and hardship? Join the Women's Bible Study group as we explore these questions and more from the Book of Habakkuk where Habakkuk grapples with these questions that remain relevant still today. Listen to God reassuring Habakkuk that the righteous will live by their faithfulness. We plan to study the Book of Habakkuk over the next three weeks (Thursday 8/3, Thursday 8/10, and Thursday 8/17) from 7:00 – 8:15pm in the church parlor. Contact Clara Louie (claralouie@yahoo.com) or Lalitha Naveen (lnaveen100@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining – we would love to have you there!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

Lights, Camera, Action!  On Wednesday nights in August, we'll be enjoying the cool of the Chapel and a movie! All are welcome at 7:00pm. There is no charge, and the films are each about 2 hours in length. We will be watching the following films:

- 🎬 August 2nd – Just Mercy
- 🎬 August 9th – Show Me the Father
- 🎬 August 16th – Overcomer
- 🎬 August 23rd – Jesus Revolution

Wednesday Nights are Movie Nights in August! Join us in the Chapel at 7:00pm this week (August 9th) for the movie **Show Me The Father**.

Everyone has a unique father story. Whether positive or painful, it's always personal and can deeply affect the core of our identity and direction of our lives. Kendrick Brothers' **Show Me The Father** is the first documentary film from the creators of War Room, Overcomer, Fireproof, and Courageous Legacy. Featuring a variety of amazing true stories, this captivating movie takes audiences of all ages on an inspiring and emotional cinematic journey. Providing a fresh perspective on the roles of fathers in today's society, **Show Me The Father** invites you to think differently about how you view your earthly father, and how you personally relate to God.

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.

Save the Date for the 2024 All-Church Retreat! Get out your calendar and mark the dates for the All-Church Retreat taking place on Friday, May 10th through Sunday, May 12th in beautiful Sandy Cove, MD. Many more details soon.

Notes From Justice and Mercy: Did you know that human trafficking is a \$150 billion a year industry? More people are trapped in slavery today than at any other time in human history, including when slavery was legal. Millions of these slaves are children. (From the movie, *Sound of Freedom*) One of our mission causes is **Redeemed For A Cause**. Their mission is to serve trafficking victims in Philadelphia, acting as a catalyst to help them realize their intrinsic worth and true potential. RFAC has provided thousands of care packages and meals, along with hundreds of trainings/workshops, and has served several thousand women and teens. RFAC acts through a street outreach team, and a drop-in center, providing basic needs, life skills workshops, health education and screenings and groups. Want to know more? You can pray, go see the movie *Sound of Freedom*, share what you have learned, and/or come out and help in RFAC's office. Please contact Sally Kapner or Debbie Watson to get involved. Why? God's children are not for sale.

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.

Dr. Janet Moore is a licensed psychologist with over 30 years of therapeutic expertise. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Bible from Philadelphia College of Bible and a Master's degree in Theology from Denver Seminary. With an understanding of spirituality and faith in clients' lives, she is able to provide spiritually-integrated psychotherapy. 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

2023 CHURCH OFFICERS

THE SESSION with Current Ministry Connections

Pastor Steve Weed – Moderator

Class of 2023

*Jo-Anne Kaplan – Clerk of Session, Children’s Ministry

*Sue Wenger – Adult Discipleship, Co-Chair of PNC

Brint Nicolai – Chair of Worship Committee

Jie Cai Finance – Committee

Class of 2024

*Linda DiLullo - Prayer

*Pam Fleming – Children’s Ministry

*Clara Louie – Spiritual Formation

Jim Hornung – Property, Safety and Security

Class of 2025

Linda Behmke – Chair of Personnel

*Jack Comstock – Personnel, Chair of PNC

*Jan Kennedy – Liaison to Youth

Nina O’Connor – Safety and Security

THE BOARD OF DEACONS with Current Ministry Connections

Class of 2023

Gaby Anik – Treasurer, Deacons’ Assistance Fund

Gwen Blessing – Homebound Communications

*Godfrey Louie – Moderator, Deacons’ Assistance Fund

Gerri Wismer – Bereavement Care/GriefShare

Class of 2024

Ray Bellamy – Transportation

Katie Kennedy – Deacons’ Assistance Fund, College Age Communications

*Dee Knight – Ushering

Donald Vangore – Ushering

Class of 2025

*Mike Boccasini – Clerk, Youth Ministry

Ann Sattel – Missions

Rashmi Vyas – College Age Communications

*Sandi Wray – Deacons’ Pantry/Meal Train, Visitation

*serving second term

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please pray for unity, wisdom, and discernment for the PNC as they meet tomorrow night. Please continue to pray for the person that God is calling to be our next Senior Pastor.

Pray for Pastor Steve, for energy, wisdom, and grace to prepare for retirement and to bless NPC.

Missions: 4D Ministries – Hank and Mona Paulson 4D is all about empowering churches in Eastern Europe to fulfill their mission. They do this by connecting the churches with partners from across the world and making different resources available, to help them become more outward looking and fruitful. In their largest ministry project, *Ambassadors Together*, Hank, Mona and the 4-D team have partnered with about 73 churches, reaching out to more than 5,700 kids, at least 50% of them being unchurched. Please pray for encouragement and connection with hungry people seeking purpose and hope in life.

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, August 6

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, August 7

7:00 – 9:00 PNC Meeting, Parlor

Tuesday, August 8

Wednesday, August 9

9:30 – 11:30 All-Staff Meeting, Parlor
7:00 – 8:00pm Movie Night in the Chapel, **Show Me The Father**

Thursday, August 10

Kickball with the Pastor resumes in September
7:00 – 8:15pm Summer Women’s Bible Study, Parlor

Friday, August 11

Saturday, August 12

Next Women’s Breakfast will be on September 9th!

Sunday, August 13

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

Counseling: Dr. Janet Moore: cell: 484-686-6630 email: jlmpsych910@gmail.com

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Colin & Sarah Comstock, Worship Band Ldrs
Linda Pilacik, Minister of Music
Matt Weed, Worship Tech. Coordinator
Tim Roykoff, Business Administrator
Sara Mahoney, Administrative Assistant
Hugh Barrie, Assistant Property Manager
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