



Narberth Presbyterian Church

August 13, 2023

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

August 13, 2023

Prelude

Chorale and Variations
Jinhee Shim, organ

Lasky

Welcome and Family News

Pastor Debbie

Pastor Nominating Committee Update

Jack Comstock

Call to Worship

Psalm 136:1-3

Liam Roykouff

Hymn #29

O Worship the King

Lyons

Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading

Matthew 26:36-41

Jan Kennedy

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, Faithful through the ages, we need your forgiveness, for we have not always been faithful to you or to each other. When difficult situations endure, often we do not. We lose heart; we fall asleep; we throw in the towel; we walk away. Lord, forgive us for failing to persevere, as you do your work of grace-filled restoration – of people and all creation – here at home and throughout the world. Give us hearts, minds, and wills for the long-haul; remind us to look to Jesus to see how it can be done, and fill us with your Spirit, that we may be faithful to you, until the work is done. We pray in the faithfully enduring name of Jesus, amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The Greeting

Worship Song

In The Fields Of The Lord
Never See The End
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

Largo and Allegro
Emil Pilacik, trumpet, Linda Pilacik, piano

Marcelo

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Luke 9:28-36

Pastor Debbie

Sermon

Experiencing God

Juwan Williams

Hymn #242

In the Garden

Garden

Benediction

Juwan Williams

Postlude

Postlude on “St. Denio”

Payne

Jinhee Shim, organ

Prayer Ministry

Clara Louie

You Can Help Make the Grass Grow Part of our summer maintenance is preparing the Courtyard for the preschool’s return in September. To address bare patches in the Courtyard, where there is dirt instead of grass, new sod has been planted where needed most. Here’s where you get to help; it needs time to root and grow to stay lush and green. **We are asking everyone to stay out of the courtyard until mid-September when we plan to reopen it.**



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.

Pastor Nominating Committee Update: After completing three rounds of Zoom interviews, a candidate was brought on site for a multi-day visit. The candidate preached to a neutral congregation in the presence of PNC members, met for a series of 1-on-1 discussions with several staff, and had lunch with all staff members who were able to attend. The candidate and his wife also attended two separate “meet and greet” dinners, one with the PNC and the other with Session. After meeting the candidate, the staff and Session submitted written feedback to the PNC regarding their impressions in the areas of competence, character, and chemistry. All staff and Session members returned surveys. The PNC has since discussed and made a decision on the candidate and will share more fully during the Worship Service

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

Parkway Ministry Service Project – Sunday, August 13th Sunday School children will make sandwiches, organize lunches, and create cards of encouragement for our Friends on the Parkway during their Sunday School time.

Sunday Kickball Game – Sunday, August 13th, directly following worship all are invited to play kickball in the gym with Miss Danielle.

Let's Play Wiffle Ball - Join some of NPC's favorite high school baseball players on **Thursday, August 24th** in Narberth Park for a fun game of Wiffle Ball! The first pitch happens at 6:30pm! Please RSVP to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org). All ages welcome!

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

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 16th) for the movie *Overcomer*.

Life changes overnight for Coach John Harrison when his high-school basketball team and state-championship dreams are crushed under the weight of unexpected news. When the largest manufacturing plant shuts down and hundreds of families leave their town, John questions how he and his family will face an uncertain future. After John reluctantly agrees to coach cross-country, he and his wife Amy meet an aspiring athlete who's pushing her limits on a journey toward discovery. Inspired by the words and prayers of a new friend, John becomes the least-likely coach helping the least-likely runner attempt the impossible in the biggest race of the year.

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.

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.

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).

Volunteer Fair! Save the date for Sunday, September 10th for the NPC Volunteer Fair. Learn more about the many ministry areas of NPC and discover ways you can get involved and strengthen our community! The Volunteer Fair will take place directly following service in the gym and FOOD is provided. Please contact Sara Mahoney in the church office if you have any questions.

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)

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

Save The Dates! Times of retreat bring perspective to the mind while strengthening and nourishing the soul. Extended time alone with God often goes by the wayside unless we set aside time on our packed schedules for it. **Road To Emmaus day retreat** is an intentional way to cultivate rest and solitude in the midst of our constant responsibilities of work, ministry, and people. Save these dates now: **October 2 (Monday), January 20 (Saturday), and April 11 (Thursday)**, and let's practice the forced rhythms of grace together. Registration details to come. Contact person: Clara Louie (claralouie@yahoo.com)

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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, jlmpsych910@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 patience and discernment for the PNC and for times of rest. Please also 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: United World Mission/Christ for Miami – Nick & Ginny Woodbury. Beginning in Costa Rica, in 1969, Nick and Ginny moved to Colombia in 1970, ministering in Sincelejo and Medellin until 1987, where they worked closely with pastors, and, in 1982, they established the Pastoral Training Institute. In 1987, they moved to Florida, where Nick joined the Christ for Miami team to serve as director, working very closely with key pastors and churches throughout Greater Miami in the areas of unity, prayer, and evangelism around the theme of City-Reaching. CFM is an active participant in the Greater Miami Hispanic Ministerial Association. Please pray for health, strength, wisdom, and favor, for Nick and Ginny, and for all the pastors with whom they work.

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, August 13

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 14

Tuesday, August 15

Wednesday, August 16

7:00 – 8:00pm Movie Night in the Chapel, *Overcomer*

Thursday, August 17

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

Friday, August 18

8:00am – 5:00pm Blood Drive @ NPC,
Gym

Saturday, August 19

Sunday, August 20

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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