



# Narberth Presbyterian Church

October 8, 2023

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

October 8, 2023

Prelude *Toccata in D Minor(Dorian), BWV 538* *Bach*  
Jinhee Shim, organ

Welcome and Family News Pastor Debbie

Call to Worship Psalm 63:1-4 Nicole & Ava Bley

Hymn #2 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* *Nicaea*

Prayer of Invocation Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading Psalm 46 Rob Wray

## Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you are our refuge and our strength, yet sometimes it feels like circumstances and problems are bigger than you are. In our better moments, we realize we have made you too small in our eyes, please forgive us. In the worry and flurry of life, we have not paused to be still and know that you are God. By your creative hand, you have set eternity in our hearts, yet we have settled for spiritual mediocrity. Lord, have mercy on our dullness, and reawaken us with a new longing for your glory. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

## Assurance of Pardon

## The Greeting

Worship Songs *Days of Elijah*  
*How Great is Our God*  
NPC Worship Band

*Children & Youth dismissed to Sunday School*

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer Pastor Debbie

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *The Saviour of the World* *Arr. Skillings*

Tom Patterson, vocals, Jinhee Shim, piano

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading	John 7:37-39; Revelation 5:11-14	Pastor Debbie
Sermon	Longing for an Awesome God	Pastor Steve
Hymn #45	<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	<i>Nettleton</i>
Worship Song	<i>Revelation Song</i>	
Benediction		Pastor Steve
Postlude	<i>Postlude on "Hymn to Joy"</i> Jinhee Shim, organ	<i>Arr. Payne</i>
Prayer Ministry		

**Explorers' Class – Starting TODAY!** Pastors Steve and Debbie will lead a new 3-week Explorers' Class on Sundays, October 8, 15, & 22 from 1:00 – 3:00pm. Please sign up in the Chapel or contact Debbie or Steve.

**New! Women's Spiritual Formation Group** meets on Sundays, 4:00-5:30 p.m., October 8<sup>th</sup> through November 12<sup>th</sup>. See page 7 for more information.

**Women's Breakfast on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>** in the Parlor. Join us for food, fun, and fellowship starting at 8:30am. Bring a devotional to share/swap with the group.

**Pastor Steve's retirement dinner! You're invited! Save the Date!** We are excited to invite you to celebrate this exciting event! On Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating Steve's 32 years of ministry at NPC and blessing him and Teri into retirement. Email invitations were sent with more details and a link to RSVP. The dinner will be at Drexelbrook in Drexel Hill, reception starting at 6:00pm, dinner at 6:45pm. This is an all-ages event! If you have questions please reach out to Linda Behmke, Ashley Reed, Katie Kennedy, Michelle Phillips, or Jennifer Fisher.

**Join Us** for Pastor Steve's final Sunday Worship Service as our Senior Pastor on **November 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am**. Those attending are encouraged to arrive early for a full and resounding service.

# INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

**Pumpkin Parables** – Beginning Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday School children (K-5<sup>th</sup>) will look closer at parables that Jesus told to teach us big lessons. We will also enjoy pumpkin crafts and treats!

**NPC Nursery** – Infants through PreK are welcomed in room 107 each Sunday! Miss Sharon and our faithful volunteers lead creative Bible lessons that help children interact with God’s Word. Please reach out to Sharon Shallow (sbshallow55@gmail.com) or Danielle Kauffman (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) with any questions or to volunteer.

**Kids Praise** – Join us on Wednesday Nights for music fun! Mrs. Pilacik, NPC’s Minister of Music, will be joining us each week for an exciting time of music. Get ready to make a joyful noise! We will meet in the Choir Room from 7:00 – 8:00pm. This program is best for PreK through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**The Philadelphia Project Blitz Weekend for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> grade** – Register today! All 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to serve with TPP Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> through Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Registration costs \$75 and ends on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Please email Danielle ([dkauffman@narberthpres.org](mailto:dkauffman@narberthpres.org)) for more details or to register.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> in beautiful Sandy Cove, MD. Many more details soon.

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**The Philadelphia Project Benefit Dinner!** Please consider joining us for this wonderful event to celebrate the great things the Lord has done in and through The Philadelphia Project. TPP is a well-loved mission cause of NPC and our children, youth, and adults have enjoyed meaningful service with them each year. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Dave Bellamy ([dbellamy@narberthpres.org](mailto:dbellamy@narberthpres.org)) or Danielle Kauffman ([dkauffman@narberthpres.org](mailto:dkauffman@narberthpres.org)). We hope to see you there!

*Please Join Us*  
**BENEFIT DINNER**

SUPPORTING  
THE PHILADELPHIA PROJECT

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY | **12** | AT 4 PM  
2023

Flourtown Country Club

## INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY: YOUTH

**Teen Girls' Ministry** – Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, Teen Girls will be cooking meals for “Well Rooted” a mission that partners with families and young adults impacted by the foster system. We will meet in the NPC gym kitchen for cooking this week! Our time will conclude at 12:30pm. All 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade girls are encouraged to attend! You can reach out to Danielle Kauffman ([dkauffman@narberthpres.org](mailto:dkauffman@narberthpres.org)) or Lisa Hoffman ([Lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net](mailto:Lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net)) with any questions.

**Teen Girls' Service Project** - Teen Girls' Ministry is helping to support the Parkway Christmas Shop and you can get involved by donating new or gently used toys for children and babies. Please see the flier around NPC for more details. Donations can be left in the Toy Drive box in the Chapel. Contact Mia Rogers ([mkuniholm@gmail.com](mailto:mkuniholm@gmail.com)) or Danielle Kauffman ([dkauffman@narberthpres.org](mailto:dkauffman@narberthpres.org)) to learn more.

**Sunday School Curriculum** – on September 10<sup>th</sup> we began a new Sunday School curriculum. This curriculum is based on a JESUS series that matches the theme of the church year: Visualizing Jesus. The goal of this curriculum is to enhance Youths' vision and connection to Jesus and support them in seeing the beauty of the gospel.

**Middle School Youth Group** will be on Sunday evenings from 6:00 – 7:00pm in the Youth Room. We are excited about this opportunity to come together and fellowship. This year we will focus on visualizing Jesus through games, interactive conversations, and at-home discipleship tools that will enhance your middle schooler's Christian journey.

**High School Youth Group** will continue Sunday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00pm in the Youth Room. Our sessions will include interactive conversations and hybrid fellowship. Our first lesson will be based on John 12:20-21... “Sir, we wish to see Jesus!”

## 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.

**GriefShare**® The journey of grief is a painful process; you do not need to walk it alone. We would encourage you to come to the video and support group called GriefShare (<https://www.griefshare.org>). The sessions specifically address topics and issues for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. GriefShare meets weekly, the content is Christ-centered and biblical, and the sessions will be led by Alice Antonelli and Gerri Wismer. You will find this to be a place where you can be around people who understand the pain of your loss. GriefShare sessions will meet on **Monday evenings from 6:30 – 8pm in the Chapel** into December (note that you can join at any time). It is important to register on the GriefShare website. Feel free to email Alice Antonelli ([arichardson1@gmail.com](mailto:arichardson1@gmail.com)) or Gerri Wismer ([geewis46@gmail.com](mailto:geewis46@gmail.com)) for more information about the group.

**Women's Bible Study** The Apostle Paul was in prison when he wrote the letter to the Philippians exhorting them to rejoice always in the Lord. The word “joy” or “rejoice” is mentioned in the book of Philippians 13 times over 4 short chapters. Can we learn from Paul to rejoice in the Lord when we are going through trouble and hardship? Paul promises “*Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you (Philippians 4:9).*” Join the Women's Bible Study group as we study the book of Philippians over four weeks (on Thursdays, starting 9/21) from 7:00 – 8:15pm in the church parlor. Contact Lalitha Naveen ([lnaveen100@gmail.com](mailto:lnaveen100@gmail.com)) or Clara Louie ([claralouie@yahoo.com](mailto:claralouie@yahoo.com)) if you have any questions about the class.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

**The New Testament in Its World** We will continue this 37-week, video-based study that looks at the entire New Testament. 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. Only the Bible is needed; all 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 one opportunity to do that.

**Top Lessons of Faith and Life** Pastor Steve has recently put together a list of his top 40 lessons of faith and life. Each Wednesday night he will share at least one of them. All are welcome!

**Kids Praise** – Join us for music fun! Mrs. Pilacik, NPC's Minister of Music, will be joining us each week for an exciting time of music. Get ready to make a joyful noise!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**New Men's Small Group** There is an open small group for men looking to connect in a more intimate setting. The Men's Small group **meets from 7:30 – 9:00am on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month in the Parlor.** Donuts sometimes exist, but coffee is *always* guaranteed! The format of the group is designed to facilitate intimate sharing, prayer, and accountability. While the study of scripture helps to facilitate those conversations, education is not the primary goal of this group. Our purpose is to provide a place for men to deepen relationships with a small cohort of other men and experience what it looks like for “iron to sharpen iron.” Contact Justin Crawford (me@JustinCrawford.com / 646.588.9042) for more information.

***An invitation to live into a deeper transformative friendship with Jesus.*** Join us for a six-week spiritual formation group for women, exploring the following questions: What is Christian spiritual formation? What is my picture of God? What is my picture of myself? What is my picture of the Gospel? How do people change? How do I follow Jesus? Through Biblical insights, experiential prayer practices, group discussion, and personal reflection & journaling, we will examine how our *default* answers to these questions have been forming (or deforming) us, and we will learn to attune our hearts to the invitations Jesus has for us. This group meets on **Sundays, 4:00-5:30 p.m., October 8<sup>th</sup> through November 12<sup>th</sup>.** To sign up, contact Heather Gallagher at minimeheather@gmail.com or Clara Louie at claralouie@yahoo.com.

**Senior Adult “Slideshows” 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! We meet on Fridays at 1:30pm in the Parlor.

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


**One-Time Gathering – Again?** There was a good turn out for a one-time gathering led by Pastor Steve last week. The message was on fear, anxiety, and sleep challenges. If you would be interested in another opportunity, please be in touch with Pastor Steve (sweed@narberthpres.org).

**Save the Date for the Found Wandering Christmas Concert** Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> in the evening at NPC!

**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 be on Monday nights for Bell Choir and on Thursday nights for the Sanctuary Choir.

**Notes From Justice and Mercy:** Our Loving Our Neighbors ministry has been blessed with generous donations from two large stores in Lower Merion. As a result, we've been able to provide food and other household goods to families along Ridge Ave. in North Philly, as well as to immigrant families in Upper Darby. A new partnership with the Mitzvah Pantry in Bala Cynwyd allows us to send food to families in West Philadelphia and Northeast Philadelphia. The Kensington Ministry continues with the help of a Project Home staff member who picks up donations of clothing at Jennifer Bonovitz's home and takes them to The Inn of Amazing Mercy for distribution to residents battling drug addiction. Please pray for continued, fruitful connections between businesses and people in need. Also pray for new leadership for this ministry.

**Room For Restless Children** The presence of children is a gift to the church, and children are always welcome in our services. In addition to the NPC Nursery downstairs, the Parlor is available to parents who wish to keep their child with them, even when the child is restless, crying, etc. during worship. 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, when needed, so that all who are in attendance can pray and worship.

**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 1 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. With an understanding of spirituality and faith in clients' lives, she can 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. Contact Dr. Moore at 610-664-4880 Ext 121, or 484-686-6630, [jlmpsy910@gmail.com](mailto: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

## 2023 MISSIONARY CAUSES

### Mission

4D Ministries – Hank Paulson  
 Amnion Pregnancy Center  
 Cephas Tushima  
 Child Evangelism Fellowship, Inc. – N. Ireland  
 Chosen People Ministries– Paul Cruz  
 Cornerstone Christian Academy  
 CRU City – Brindleys (Philadelphia Gospel Movement)  
 CRU International–Leah Darwin  
 Development Associates International  
 DiscipleMakers – Rebecca and Dan Hall  
 ECO Church Planting and Global Missions Funds  
 Esperanza Health Center  
 Fellowship of Christian Athletes – Kasey Dougherty  
 For Richmond – Matt & Anna Shenk (formerly CRU)  
 Greater Europe Mission- Liz Loeffler  
 Habitat for Humanity –N. Central Philadelphia  
 House of His Creation  
 InterAct Ministries – Dan & Bev Mayerle  
 Interserve-USA – Jan Kennedy  
 Kingdom Connect – Ben Duffy  
 Neighborhood Crusades Inc.  
 New Horizons/Amoenitas – Scott Todd  
 Olney Christian School  
 Presby’s Inspired Life (Human Good)  
 Presbyterian Reformed Ministries International  
 Rancho Del Rey  
 REAP Granada-Scott Esposito  
 Redeemed For A Cause Outreach – Sakinah Love  
 Servant Partners – Dan & Denise Anderson  
 The Antioch Partners-Haugens  
 The Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota (Standing Rock)  
 The Philadelphia Project  
 The Welcome Church – Schaunel Steinnagel  
 United World Mission – Nick & Ginny Woodbury  
 World Link  
 Wycliffe Bible Translators – Al & Barb Shannon  
 Young Life (Western Philadelphia Suburbs)

### Ambassador

Helga Sauter  
 Alice Antonelli  
 Scott Todd  
 Danielle Kauffman  
 Jennifer & Tim Roykoff  
 Joyce Lewis  
 Tom & Alyson Burnett  
 Kathy McLean  
 Open  
 Bob Moore  
 Open  
 Open  
 Ashley Reed  
 Open  
 Helga Sauter  
 Linda Behmke  
 Open  
 Marilyn Reed  
 Jesse Kennedy  
 Ken & Sally Kapner  
 Helga Sauter/M. Reed  
 Marilyn Reed  
 Ann Sattel  
 Suzanne Morrison  
 Open  
 Ann Sattel  
 Charlie Choi  
 Sally Kapner  
 Faithe Hornung  
 Open  
 Ashley Reed  
 Dave Bellamy  
 Jane Murray  
 Helga Sauter  
 Rob & Sandi Wray  
 Kim Ishmael  
 Barb Montgomery

## PRAYER INFORMATION

**Please pray** for patience and discernment for the PNC. 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: House of His Creation** Please pray for **Family of Restoration Ministries**, in Coatesville. They exist to restore individual and familial ties in the context of Christian family with compassion and charity. Please pray the Lord's blessing on them and those they serve through these 4 ministries:

- **House of His Creation**, a maternity housing program which includes birth-mom support
- **Caring 4 Young Families**, a monthly support group to young parents, including facilitating The Parenting Journey™ classes
- **The Cynthia Gibbs Foundation**, a teaching program on issues related to Shaken Baby Syndrome
- **Family Building Events** to bring together parents and children around purity, relationship building, and family fun.

# BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

## *Sunday, October 8*

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor  
8:30 – 9:15am Prayer Meeting, Pastor Steve's Office  
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream  
11:00am Teen Girls Group, meet in the Gym  
1:00 – 3:00pm NEW! Explorers' Class, Parlor  
4:00 – 5:15 Women's Spiritual Formation, Parlor  
6:00 – 7:00pm Middle School YG, Youth Room  
7:00 – 8:00pm High School YG, Youth Room

## *Monday, October 9*

6:15 – 7:15pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
6:30 – 8:00pm GriefShare, Chapel  
7:00 – 9:00pm PNC Meeting, Parlor

## *Tuesday, October 10*

12:15 – 1:15pm Staff Enrichment, Parlor  
6:30pm Elder/Deacon/Staff Training, Chapel

## *Wednesday, October 11*

5:45 – 6:45pm Church Family Supper, Gym  
7:00 – 8:00pm The New Testament in Its World,  
Pastor Debbie, Chapel  
7:00 – 8:00pm Top Lessons of Faith and Life, Pastor  
Steve, Parlor.  
7:00 – 8:00pm Kids Praise, Miss Danielle, Choir Room

## *Thursday, October 12*

1:00pm Preschool Board Meeting, Chapel  
4:00 – 5:00pm Kickball with the Pastor, Gym  
6:30 – 8:00pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room  
7:00 – 8:15pm Women's Bible Study, Parlor

## *Friday, October 13*

10:00 – 12:00pm Ladies' Bible Study, Parlor  
Open to new women!

## *Saturday, October 14*

8:30am Women's Breakfast, Parlor

## *Sunday, October 15*

8:15am Sunday School (Parlor)  
8:30 – 9:15am Prayer Meeting, Pastor Steve's  
Office  
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-  
stream  
1:00 – 3:00pm Explorers' Class, Parlor  
4:00 – 5:30pm Women's Spiritual Formation  
Group, Parlor  
6:00 – 7:00pm Middle School YG  
7:00 – 8:00pm High School

## *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: [jlmpsy910@gmail.com](mailto:jlmpsy910@gmail.com)

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Deborah Watson, Associate Pastor  
Danielle Kauffman, Intergenerational Ministry  
Juwana Williams, Intergenerational Ministry  
Jinhee Shim, Organist  
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  
Joyce B. Nicolai, Bookkeeper  
Ruth Ellen Patterson, Financial Secretary  
Isabel Lally, Pastoral Visitor  
Virginia Davis, Dir. of Pre-School  
Chris Marinelli, Weekday Custodian  
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