



Narberth Presbyterian Church

October 15, 2023

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

Voluntary on "Slane"
Jinhee Shim, organ

Payne

Welcome and Family News

Pastor Steve

Call to Worship

John 20:19-22

Isabel Lally

Hymn #254

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

Ode to Joy

Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:27-31; Ezekiel 36:26-28

Abby McGrew

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you are the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth, and the source of our strength. In all the changes of life, you are the Rock. We confess the weariness we feel when we fail to pray and try to do life on our own. Please forgive us and set us free from the narrow orbit of self-interest. By the power of the Holy Spirit, tenderize our hearts, renew our faith, and grant us hope for the future. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The Greeting

Worship Songs

Son of Heaven
Great Are You Lord
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 Power of the Cross
Windsor Bell Choir, Linda Pilacik, director

Arr. Schramm

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading	John 14:15-20,25-27	Pastor Debbie
Sermon	Transition, Weariness, and the Holy Spirit	Pastor Steve
Hymn #669	<i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i>	<i>Cwm Rhondda</i>
Benediction		Pastor Steve
Postlude	<i>Rigaudon</i> Jinhee Shim, organ	<i>Campra</i>
Prayer Ministry		Linda DiLullo

Explorers' Class – Pastors Steve and Debbie are leading a new 3-week Explorers' Class on Sundays, October 8, 15, & 22. Today's class will meet from 12:30 – 3:00 in the Parlor.

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

Thursday 7:00-8:15pm. Pastor Steve has been invited to lead a one-time study of Philippians and Biblical interpretation. All are welcome!

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 10th 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.

Sunday November 12th at 9:30 am is Pastor Steve's final Sunday Worship Service as our Senior Pastor. Those attending are encouraged to arrive early for a full and resounding service.

There are copies of Pastor Steve's **Top 40 Lessons of Faith and Life** and **60 Most Influential Scripture Verses** available in the chapel.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

Pumpkin Parables – Sunday School children (K-5th) 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 5th grade.

The Philadelphia Project Blitz Weekend for 3rd, 4th, 5th grade – Looking forward to this weekend of service with our children! Please keep us in your prayers.

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.

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) or Danielle Kauffman (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 15th, Teen Girls will meet in the church gym directly following the service and walk to the McGrew's home for discipleship and fellowship. Our time will conclude at 12:30pm and girls can be picked up from the house. All 6th - 12th grade girls are encouraged to attend! You can reach out to Danielle Kauffman (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) or Lisa Hoffman (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) or Danielle Kauffman (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) to learn more.

The Philadelphia Project Blitz Weekend for Youth - Join us for a meaningful weekend of service Friday, December 1st through Sunday, December 3rd! This weekend is open to current 6th through 12th graders. The cost is \$75 to participate, and scholarships are available. Please RSVP to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) or reach out with any questions.

Youth Sunday School – Middle School and High School meet in the Youth Room each Sunday. Together we are connecting to Jesus and learning to see the beauty in the gospel.

Middle School Youth Group - Middle School (6th – 8th) meets in the Youth Room each Sunday evening from 6:00 – 7:00pm. Please join us for a devotional and fellowship! ***Please note: There will not be Youth Group on October 22nd. Then beginning Wednesday, October 25th, Middle School Youth Group will meet on Wednesdays evenings from 7:00 – 8:00pm.***

High School Youth Group - High School (9th – 12th) meets in the Youth Room each Sunday evening from 7:00 – 8:00pm. Our time together will include interactive conversations about the Bible and fellowship. We hope to see you there! ***Please note: There will not be Youth Group on October 22nd.***

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

NEEDED ITEMS

For infants, preschool, and elementary aged children

- Toys (NOT battery operated)
- Books
- Warm clothing
- Hats
- Gloves
- Mittens
- Scarves

**DEADLINE
TO DONATE**
December 16

For wrapping

- Gift bags
- Tissue paper
- Gift boxes
- Bows
- Wrapping paper with tape

QUESTIONS?

Reach out to Mia Rogers: mkuniholm@gmail.com

THANK YOU

On behalf of NPC Girls Group and
Parkway Ministries!

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) or Gerri Wismer (geewis46@gmail.com) for more information about the group.

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 8th through November 12th**. To sign up, contact Heather Gallagher at minimeheather@gmail.com or Clara Louie at claralouie@yahoo.com.

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.

Most Influential Scripture Verses. Along with his 40 Top Lessons of Faith and Life, Pastor Steve has put together his 60 most influential scripture verses. He will share these over his last 3 Wednesday nights.

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

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 1st and 3rd 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.

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 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)

This year, **Amnion Pregnancy Care Medical Center** marks four decades of unwavering commitment to empowering women, supporting families, and ensuring that every child is given the opportunity to thrive. To commemorate this incredible journey, we will be gathering on November 2, 2023, at 6:00pm at Drexelbrook Event Center for a special fundraising banquet that promises to be joyful, memorable, and inspiring! The **Keynote Speaker will be Allie Beth Stuckey**, a pro-life voice for this generation, with a passion for speaking truth from a Biblical perspective. **Registration is easy and free** (note that a fundraising offering will be taken during the evening). To secure your spot, register by October 23rd. See the weekly newsletter for registration links or go to www.friendsofamnion.org.


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 17th 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.

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. 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: Chosen People Ministries (Paul and Linda Cruz) Paul left a career as a hospital administrator for full-time ministry in 2003. Since completing his studies at Palmer Seminary in 2010, Paul has been working in small group ministry, engaged in preaching and teaching, and in hosting Messianic Jewish holiday celebrations. He helps with several local Messianic fellowships in the Philadelphia area. Please pray for Paul and Linda as they offer a friendly faithful witness to Jews and non-Jews alike.
<https://chosenpeople.com/site/paul-linda-cruz>

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

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
11:00am Teen Girls Group, meet in the Gym
12:30 – 3:00pm 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 16

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

Tuesday, October 17

7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, October 18

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 Most Influential Bible Verses, Pastor
Steve, Parlor.
7:00 – 8:00pm Kids Praise, Miss Danielle, Choir Room

Thursday, October 19

4:00 – 5:00pm Kickball with the Pastor, Gym
6:30 – 8:00pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
7:00 – 8:15pm One-Time Bible Study on
Philippians and Biblical Interpretation with
Pastor Steve, Parlor

Friday, October 20

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

Saturday, October 21

7:30am Men's Small Group, Parlor
Open to newcomers!

Sunday, October 22

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

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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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
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