



Narberth Presbyterian Church

November 12, 2023

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude *Variations on "Our Father who art in Heaven"* **Mendelssohn**
(from Sonata No. 6 in D Minor)
Jinhee Shim, organ

Choir Introit *We Have Come to Sing* **Shackley**
NPC Choir, Linda Pilacik, director

Call to Worship **Matthew 28:18-20** **Pastor Steve**

Hymn #92 *Crown Him with Many Crowns* **Diademata**

Prayer of Invocation **Pastor Debbie**

Scripture Reading **Mark 4:35-41; Matthew 16:13-18** **Rev. Greg Cooper,**
Seminary Intern at NPC 2002-2006
1 Corinthians 15:3-11,58 **Meg McKinley,**
Long-time member & Elder of NPC

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, in Jesus Christ you silenced the wind and the waves, and you tenderly welcomed the children. We praise you for your meekness and majesty. You are the lion of the tribe of Judah, and the lamb who was slain for our sins. Please forgive us for our spiritual indifference. Help us to renew our quest to know you better and to love you more. On this Sunday of transition, thank you that you are the God of hope, and the One who makes all things new. We trust you. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Welcome **Pastor Steve**

Introduction of Transitional Pastor, Farrar Griggs and his wife, Cindy

The Greeting

Worship Songs *I Will Call Upon the Lord*
How Great Is Our God
What A Beautiful Name
NPC Worship Band

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer **Pastor Debbie**

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Let the Song of Praise Be Heard* **McDonald**
NPC Choir, Linda Pilacik, director

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Hymn #751	<i>For All the Saints</i>	<i>Sine Nomine</i>
Scripture Reading	John 1:1-5,14; John 3:16,17 John 11:25-27; John 20:19-22; 1 John 5:13	Danielle Kauffman Pastor Debbie
Sermon	What I Love About Jesus	Pastor Steve
Hymn #234	<i>Christ the Lord Is Risen Today</i>	<i>Easter Hymn</i>
Choir Blessing	<i>The Lord Bless You and Keep You</i> NPC Choir, Linda Pilacik, director	<i>Lutkin</i>
Benediction		Pastor Steve
Postlude	<i>Finale from Symphony No.1</i> Jinhee Shim, organ	<i>Vierne</i>
Prayer Ministry		Jay Cai

TODAY is Pastor Steve's last Sunday – Children and Youth (1st-12th) are encouraged to worship with their church family on this special Sunday. Children may grab a worship bag when entering the sanctuary and sit with Miss Danielle in the first two pews. **NPC Extended Childcare** – Please take advantage of the extended childcare taking place this Sunday. All infants through young 3-year-olds are invited to RM 104 (please have a diaper bag and bottles well labeled and hand directly to the leaders). Older 3-year-olds through kindergarten are invited to RM 107. Please sign your child in outside of the room they are in. The Parlor is also available for parents and children with a live stream of the service set up. **Everyone is invited to join us for extended fellowship following service in the gym!**

Today on Steve's last Sunday, we are delighted to welcome **Rev. Farrar Griggs** as our new Transitional Pastor, along with this wife Cindy. They will be briefly introduced today with a more formal commissioning next week. Farrar begins his ministry on Monday, Nov 13, with his first Sunday preaching on Nov 19. Praise God for his faithfulness, for the PNC, and this "overlapping" blessing of Steve and Farrar.

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

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.

Children's Christmas Pageant – Save the date for Sunday, December 17th! Our pageant will take place at the end of worship in the sanctuary.

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 – Sunday, November 12th Teen Girls' Ministry will not meet. Please join us for extended fellowship following service in the gym! Please 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 \$99 to participate, and scholarships are available. RSVP to Dave Bellamy (DBellamy@narberthpres.org) or reach out with any questions.

Winter Chill Youth Retreat – Save the date for some time away with our Youth Group at the shore this winter! January 19th – 21st! Stay tuned for more details.

Youth Sunday School – Please note there will not be Sunday School on Sunday, November 12th. All are encouraged to participate in worship!

Middle School Youth Group - Middle School Youth Group meets every Wednesday in the Youth Room from 7:00 – 8:00pm. All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are encouraged to attend.

High School Youth Group – Please note there will not be High School Youth Group on Sunday, November 12th.

CLASSES

8:15am Sunday Class – Please join us – 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.

An invitation to live into a deeper transformative friendship with Jesus. Join us for a spiritual formation group for women, exploring the following questions: What is Christian spiritual formation? What is my picture of God? Myself? The Gospel? How do people change? How do I follow Jesus? Through Biblical insights, experiential prayer, 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 from 4:00 – 5:30pm, through November 12th**. Contact Heather Gallagher (minimeheather@gmail.com) or Clara Louie (claralouie@yahoo.com).

As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead – James 2:26. The book of James emphasizes the importance of living out one's faith through actions and practical wisdom. It teaches us how to be mature Christians. Join the Women's Bible Study as we explore the book of James on **5 Thursday nights from 7:00 – 8:15pm** in the Parlor, starting November 2nd (and skipping the week of Thanksgiving). Contact Lalitha Naveen (lnaveen100@gmail.com) or Clara Louie (claralouie@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

Men's Interactive 5-week Bible Study on the Book of James starts on Thursday, November 2, from 7:00-8:15 p.m. in the Pastor's office. Please contact Ken Eng (k_eng@msn.com) or Naveen Daniel (nav@drexel.edu) for questions. All men are welcome!

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 21st 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. 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. This week, Dr. Diane Chen will be teaching a lesson on the book of Revelation.

“A Well-Watered Garden” This week, Pastor Debbie will be teaching a one time class in the Parlor on the church community that includes a video shot on-site in Israel! All are welcome and no homework is involved!

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Middle School Youth Group – we meet on Wednesdays evenings from 7:00 – 8:00pm in the Youth Room.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



The journey of grief is a painful process; you do not need to walk it alone. We encourage you to come to the video and support group, GriefShare. The sessions 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. GriefShare sessions meet on **Monday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00pm in the Chapel** into December (note that you can join at any time). It is important to register on the GriefShare website. Contact Alice Antonelli (arichardson1@gmail.com) or Gerri Wismer (geewis46@gmail.com) for more information about the group.

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.

- November 17th Paris (2022/23) & Cambridge 2023 (Debbie Watson & Diane Chen)
- December 1st Guam (Alice Antonelli)
- December 15th Sr. Christmas Carol Sing & Tea (Save the date)

Redemption Housing Bike Drive Do you have a bike that takes up space in your garage or shed? Want a good cause to donate it to? I am happy to pick up your bike and deliver it to Redemption Housing which houses men that are re-entering society from prison. As you can imagine, they don't have any wheels to get around, and a bicycle is a good first step. Just let Alice Antonelli know at arichardson1@gmail.com.

Notes From Justice and Mercy We have received a note from Ones Tuhenya, the first recipient of NPC's Special Award Scholarship, studying at Montgomery County Community College for Social Work. Ones said, "Thanks for reaching out. School is going pretty well, and my grades are looking good so far. I appreciate your prayers and blessings. How are things with you? It sounds like you [all] are doing great work at church. I'll definitely let you know if I need anything. Thanks!" Please continue to pray For Ones, the first of his family to be able to receive higher education. He is grateful for our support as it enables him to pursue his dream of helping other immigrants.

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 & Teri, for energy, wisdom, and grace for the future.

Missions: Presbyterian Reformed Ministries International (PRMI) Located in Black Mountain, North Carolina, PRMI supports Christians of all denominations who are committed to Jesus Christ and to fulfilling the Great Commission, by becoming equipped in the power of the Holy Spirit to be witnesses to Jesus Christ. One of PRMI's ministries is Dunamis Fellowship International, which provides fellowship, accountability, and prayer connections for people who have completed some or all of the Dunamis Project. Please pray for them as they seek to meet the challenges of working for renewal and advancing the Gospel in the world today.

We need your help! The Parkway Ministry continues to request donations of food and warm clothing. Reach out to Jennifer Bonovitz or Marilyn Reed.

Building disciples in the Love of Jesus Christ

Sunday, November 12

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor

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

Pastor Steve's Last Service!

4:00 – 5:15 Women's' Spiritual Formation, Parlor

Monday, November 13

6:15 – 7:15pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

6:30 – 8:00pm GriefShare, Chapel

7:00pm PNC Meeting, Parlor

Tuesday, November 14

Wednesday, November 15

5:45 – 6:45pm Church Family Supper, Gym

7:00 – 8:00pm The New Testament in Its World, Dr.

Diane Chen, Chapel

7:00 – 8:00pm "A Well-Watered Garden", Pastor

Debbie, Parlor

7:00 – 8:00pm Kids Praise, Miss Danielle, Choir Room

7:00 – 8:00pm Middle School Youth Group, Youth

Room

Thursday, November 16

6:30 – 8:00pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

7:00 – 8:15pm Men's and Women's Bible

Studies on the book of James, Pastor's Office & Parlor respectively

Friday, November 17

1:30pm Senior Slideshow, Parlor

Saturday, November 18

1:00pm Memorial Service for Lance Funston

Sunday, November 19

8:15am Sunday School (Parlor)

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

7:00 – 8:00pm High School YG, Youth Room

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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