



Narberth Presbyterian Church

November 19, 2023

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

Voluntary in A Minor
Jinhee Shim, organ

Selby

Welcome and Family News

Pastor Debbie

Invitation to Gifts of Hope

Ashley Reed

Pastor Nominating Committee Update

Katie Kennedy

Commissioning of Farrar Griggs, Transitional Pastor

Pastor Debbie

Introduction & Remarks

Pastor Farrar

Call to Worship

Psalm 89:1,5

David Cai

Hymn #77

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe Den Herren

Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading

Psalm 111

Rosemary Doherty

Prayer of Confession

Creator God, there is nowhere we can go or be that you are not there. You see us. You know us. We cannot hide our failures – deliberate or not – from you. In your mercy, forgive us for thinking you do not know our truth, for not trusting you, for hiding, rather than running to you, to find mercy and restoration for this day, and all the days ahead. In all the settings of our lives, may Jesus shine in, among, and through us, we ask in his strong and beautiful name, amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The Greeting

Worship Song

*Good God
As the Deer*
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	<i>Put Your Hand in the Hand</i>	MacLellan
	Peter Phillips, vocals, Linda Pilacik, Piano	
Doxology and Prayer of Dedication		
Scripture Reading	1 John 3:7-20	Pastor Farrar
Sermon	Living in Philadelphia	Pastor Farrar
Hymn #710	<i>We Are Called to Be God's People</i>	<i>Austrian Hymn</i>
Benediction		Pastor Farrar
Postlude	<i>Laudation</i>	<i>Martin</i>
	Jinhee Shim, organ	
Prayer Ministry		Sue Wenger

The Altar Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God and in memory of Lance Funston following his Memorial Service on Saturday, November 18th.

TODAY at 11:00AM: Gifts of Hope Gallery in the gym! Join us after the service for a delicious lunch and an opportunity to meet and learn about some of our Mission Causes and help support the people they serve.

Thanksgiving Eve Service: Wednesday, November 22nd, all are welcome for a light dinner followed by a Thanksgiving service. Dinner will begin at 6:00pm in the Chapel. Please note: individual programming for children, youth, and adults will not take place this Wednesday.

Men's Breakfast: The next Men's breakfast will be held on November 25th at 7:30am in the Gym. Pastor Farrar has agreed to be the "presenter" this month. All men are welcome.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

Sunday School (K-5th) - We are beginning to review our Christmas Pageant! Please make every effort to be in Sunday School so children feel confident in what they are doing. Our pageant will be Sunday, December 17th!

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.

Choir Christmas Concert - Save the date for Sunday, December 10th. Our children will be singing a few selections with the choir!

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: YOUTH

Teen Girls' Ministry – Sunday, November 19th Teen Girls' Ministry will help with Gifts of Hope (taking place in the gym directly following service). Please reach out to Danielle Kauffman (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) or Lisa Hoffman (Lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net) if you would like to get involved.

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. Please 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 – Takes place in the Youth Room for middle school and high school students each Sunday. Youth are dismissed from the sanctuary.

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 – All High School students are invited to “Bury the Hatchet” this Sunday, November 19th. We will meet in the Youth Room at 3:45pm. Please RSVP by Sunday morning to Lisa Hoffman (Lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net).

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 – 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.

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 Pastor Farrar'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

Next Wednesday, November 22nd, all are welcome for a light dinner followed by a Thanksgiving service. Dinner will begin at 6:00pm in the Chapel. Please note: individual programming for children, youth, and adults will not take place this Wednesday. Regular Wednesday night programming will resume on November 29th.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Nominating Committee Update: The PNC has recently reviewed three submissions for our Senior Pastor position. Two Zoom interviews have already taken place; one candidate was moved to the next stage and the other eliminated. An initial Zoom interview with a third candidate is also scheduled. The search firm, Shepherd Staff, will be visiting NPC from Dec 1st - 3rd. They will be meeting with various leaders, staff, and volunteers to get to know us better. Their job is to find additional qualified candidates for us to review. The PNC plans to offer listening sessions to the congregation, both in-person and via Zoom, starting in January. The goal of these sessions will be to share about the ongoing work of the PNC, answer questions, and solicit comments. In addition, we have prepared a FAQ sheet about the transition that is available this Sunday after the service. Also, feel free to ask a question to one of the members of the PNC. They are: Linda Behmke, Diane Chen, Jack Comstock, Lisa Hoffman, Katie Kennedy, Sean McGrew, Omar Mehdi, Nina O'Connor, Ashley Reed, Jonathan Rogers, and Sue Wenger. Please pray for the PNC and for the person that God is calling to be our next Senior Pastor

GriefShare® 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. You will find this to be a place with people who understand the pain of your loss. 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.

Surviving the Holidays – Help and hope as you navigate the Christmas season without your loved one. Are you wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Christmas? Are you dreading this holiday, knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from past years can't be recreated? The *Surviving the Holidays* seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death. You'll learn:

- How to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays
- What to do about traditions and other coming changes
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
- How to discover hope for your future

Our *Surviving the Holidays* event is scheduled for **Sunday, December 10 at 3:00pm** and lasts approximately two hours. Light snacks and dessert will be provided. For more information, please contact Alice Antonelli (arichardson1@gmail.com) or Gerri Wismer (geewis46@gmail.com).

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.

- December 1st Guam (Alice Antonelli)
- December 15th Sr. Christmas Carol Sing & Tea (Save the date)

Save the Date for the Found Wandering Christmas Concert Sunday, December 17th in the evening at NPC!

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.

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

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 Roykouff
 Joyce Lewis
 Tom & Alyson Burnett
 Kathy McLean
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 Bob Moore
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 Ashley Reed
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 Linda Behmke
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 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.

Missions: HumanGood (formerly Presby's Inspired Life) American Baptist Homes of the West began in 1949, Southern California Presbyterian Homes began in 1955, and Presby's Inspired Life has been serving the Philadelphia area since 1955. All of these Christians recognized a need to provide quality housing and long-term care for older adults. The three have combined forces as **HumanGood**, to provide affordable housing that meets the needs of low-income older adults at a time when demand far outstrips supply, and the services provided are limited in their ability to keep residents in their homes as health care needs change. Our regular giving helps to support the work of providing a place to call home for older adults who might otherwise have none, and to offer a welcome in Jesus' name. Please pray for more places of affordable housing – here in the greater Philadelphia region, and beyond, through HumanGood.

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, November 19

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream
11:00am Gifts of Hope Gallery, Gym
3:45pm High School Youth Group Event, meet in the Youth Room

Monday, November 20

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

Tuesday, November 21

10:30am Preschool Thanksgiving Feast, Gym
12:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor
7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, November 22

6:00pm Church Family Supper, Chapel
7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Service, Sanctuary

Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving Day – Church Office Closed

Friday, November 24

Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 25

Sunday, November 26

8:15am Sunday School (Parlor)
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream

Each Week

Christian Preschool – 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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Jinhee Shim, Organist

Sarah Comstock, Worship Band Leader

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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