

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

December 24, 2023

5:30pm Service

Prelude

Offertoire sur Deux Noël's, Op.19, No.2

Guilmant

Jinhee Shim, organist

Call to Worship

Pastor Farrar

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

We have beheld His glory. Alleluia!

Carol

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

In Dulci Jubilo

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this;
he has opened heaven's door, and we are blessed forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave; Jesus Christ was born to save;
calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Debbie

Welcome

Pastor Debbie

Carol

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus look down from the sky
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Responsive Reading

Pastor Debbie

The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen His glory.

Oh, come let us worship Him.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined.

We have seen Christ's glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us.

What has come into being in Him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

Today Christ is born; today salvation has appeared.

Glory to God in the highest! Alleluia!

Carol

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Adeste Fideles

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!

Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain: O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

Christ the Lord.

True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal,

lo, he shuns not the virgin's womb;

Son of the Father, begotten, not created;

Refrain

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!

O sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above:

Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

Refrain

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,

Jesus, to thee be all glory given;

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

Refrain

Children's Message

Open Before Christmas

Danielle Kauffman

Christmas Offering

Carol of the Bells

Linda Pilacik, piano, Pam Fleming, violin, Ian & Fin Kauffman, chimes

THE CHRISTMAS STORY IN SCRIPTURE AND SONG

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:1-7

Eli Kauffman

Carol *O Little Town of Bethlehem St. Louis*

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:8-14

Pam Fleming

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:15-20

James Chung

Carol

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"

Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies
With the angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

Abby McGrew

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:14-16

Pastor Farrar

Christmas Meditation

Let It Shine

Pastor Farrar

Prayers of the People

Pastor Debbie

Sharing the Light

Carol *Silent Night, Holy Night* *Stille Nacht*
Silent night! holy night! All is calm, all is bright
‘round yon virgin mother and Child, holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.
Silent night! holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.
Silent night! holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light,
radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Carol *Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come* *Antioch*
Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing...
He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love...

Benediction

Pastor Farrar

Postlude

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Wilcocks

Jinhee Shim, organist

* Please stand as you are able

WELCOME TO NARBERTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

If you are new to NPC, WE WELCOME YOU!

(610) 664-4880

Check out our website at www.narberthpres.org

Regular Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am with childcare provided. The service is a dynamic blend of the traditional and the contemporary, with a pipe organ and a band. Sermon messages are Bible-based and relate to daily life.

Children's Sunday School – During the 9:30 service, children (Kindergarten - 5th grade) begin in the sanctuary with their family and are dismissed to Sunday School. The first Sunday of each month is Family Worship where children are encouraged to worship with their church family and participate in communion. Worship Bags and a Children's Message are provided. The NPC Nursery is available every Sunday for infants through Pre-K children.

Youth Sunday School – During the 9:30 service, youth are dismissed to the Youth Room at the same time as the children. Open to all High School and Middle School students. The first Sunday of each month is Family Worship where Youth are encouraged to worship with their church family and participate in communion.

An Adult Class with coffee and cinnamon buns is offered on Sunday from 8:15am to 9:00am in the Parlor before the service. Other adult education is offered at various times during the week. Please check our website or contact the church office for more information.

Save the Date for VBC – Mark your calendar for Vacation Bible Camp the week of Monday, June 17th - Friday, June 21st! VBC is best for age 4 through rising 5th graders.

Middle School Youth Group meets on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00pm in the Youth Room.

High School Youth Group meets on Sunday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00pm in the Youth Room. This is open to all High School students (9th – 12th grade).

Explorers' Class is offered several times throughout the year. We “explore” our relationship with Jesus Christ, Presbyterian beliefs, and Narberth Presbyterian in particular. For newcomers and/or members who want a refresher.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS (Starting again on January 10th)

A comprehensive night of fellowship and teaching for the whole family of God:

- **5:45 pm Church Family Supper** – Simple dinner provided (modest donation encouraged).
- **7:00 – 8:00pm Middle School Youth** meets for games and Bible study.
- **7:00pm – 8:00pm Children’s Programming** for Kindergarten through 5th grade.
- **7:00 – 8:00pm Adult Discipleship** classes in Chapel and Parlor.

Are you over 65, and would like to receive a call or visit from our Pastoral Visitor? Please contact the Church office to learn more.

Senior Adult Events – Monthly gatherings for travel logs in the Parlor and occasional day trips for senior adults who are available during the day. Please contact Pastor Debbie for more information.

Dr. Janet Moore, a licensed Christian psychologist, offers counseling and life coaching to adults and couples experiencing the ups and downs of life as well as it’s opportunities. Contact Dr. Moore at 484-686-6630, or jlmpsyh910@gmail.com.

Christian Pre-School 2-, 3-, and 5-day programs and Lunch Bunch available:
Contact Virginia Davis at preschool@narberthpres.org.

There are many other opportunities to connect at NPC. Please feel free to contact the church office (610-664-4880 or office@narberthpres.org) with any questions.



Joy TO THE
World
THE LORD IS
Come