



Narberth Presbyterian Church

January 21, 2024

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

Grand Choeur in G Major
Jinhee Shim, organ

Salome

Welcome

Pastor Farrar

Call to Worship

Responsive Reading

Nicole & Ava Bley

The powerful voice of God created all.

That same voice calls us to worship.

Ascribe to our God glory and strength.

Come before God's glorious majesty.

God's strength shakes the wilderness.

That same strength is offered to people of faith.

The flames of God penetrate our old hearts.

May God bless all people with true peace.

Come together as God's people.

Gather to celebrate the Spirit's gifts.

The heavens open to us at the Word of God.

Surely God forgives and makes whole.

***Hymn #472**

Grace Greater than Our Sin

Moody

Scripture Reading

Psalm 130:1-7

James Chung

***Prayer of Confession**

Jay Field

Father, you have created us, but we have chosen to go our own way. You have reclaimed us, but we often reject your claim. You have sent your Holy Spirit to break into our controlled and unimaginative routines, and we have not appreciated the burst of creative energy. Help us to admit that our ways are full of dangerous byways. Our mistakes and failures have often come because, in our false pride, we have not listened to you. Save us again by your forgiving love. Amen.

***Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon**

Father, we come here to find you, to experience you. We know you are here. Help us to realize that you inhabit people, not structures. Help us to realize that the reason we find you here is because we are looking for you here. When we look for you in other places, we will find you are there as well. Help us now, to feel your presence. Help us now to see you. Help us now, Father, to experience you, for you are indeed here. Amen.

***The Peace**

As God has given us peace through Christ, let us pass the peace to one another. The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

***Worship Song**

King Of My Heart
Jesus Strong and Kind (music on p. 4-5)
Abide
NPC Worship Band

Children & Youth Dismissed to Sunday School

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Spirit, Shine On Us
NPC Choir, Linda Pilacik, director

Larson

***Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

Scripture Reading

Acts 3:2-9,12-18 (p. 1694)

Pastor Farrar

Sermon

Witnessing from Solomon's Portico

Pastor Farrar

***Hymn #493**

I Know Whom I Have Believed (1,2,4)

El Nathan

Announcements

Pastor Farrar

Benediction

Pastor Farrar

Postlude

A Rejoicing
Jinhee Shim, organ

Fedak

Prayer Ministry

Isabel Lally

Road to Emmaus Day Retreat: Start the year 2024 with an extended quiet reflection and prayer time, with the option of exploring the Paschal rhythm of death, burial, and resurrection in our life through guided spiritual practices. Join us for a day of solitude in community on **Saturday January 27, 9:30am – 2:30pm**, at the Gallaghers' idyllic barn in Devon, PA. Sign-up with Clara Louie (claralouie@yahoo.com) now. Registration fee is \$25. It is a bring-your-own-lunch event.

Jesus Strong And Kind

(based on the recording by CityAlight & Colin Buchanan)

Words and Music by
Colin Buchanan, Michael Farren,
Jonny Robinson and Rich Thompson

INTRO

$\text{♩} = 90$ C C/E F C Am G C C C/E F C

VERSE 1, 2 & 3

7 Am G C % C C/E F C Am Gsus

1. Je - sus said that if I thirst, I should come to
2. Je - sus said if I am weak, I should come to
3. Je - sus said that if I fear, I should come to

12 C C/E F C Am Gsus C C

him. No one else can sat - is - fy, I should come to him. him. For the
him. No one else can be my strength, I should come to him.
him. No one else can be my shield. I should come to

CHORUS 1a

F C Gsus C F C Gsus G C/E F C G Am
% 2nd time to Coda

Lord is good and faith - ful. He will keep us day and night. We can al - ways run to Je - sus.

TURNAROUND

24 F Gsus C C/E F C Am G C D.S. al Coda

Je - sus, strong and kind.

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29 **Coda** F Gsus
 Je - - - sus, strong and

TURNAROUND

VERSE 4

C C/E F C Am G C C Cmaj7 F C Am Gsus
 kind. 4. Je - sus said if I am lost, he will come to

37 C C/E F C Am Gsus Csus C
 me. And he showed me on that cross, he will come to me. For the

CHORUS 1b

F C Gsus C F C Gsus G C/E F C
 Lord is good and faith - ful. He will keep us day and night. We can al - ways run to

47 G Am F G C Am G F G C C/E
 Je - sus. Je - sus, strong and kind. For the kind. Je - sus, strong and kind.

53 F C Am G C Am Gsus C
 Je - sus, strong and kind.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Early Church: A Sampling of Themes of Unity, Witness and the Holy Spirit in the Book of Acts: A sermon Series on several themes in the book of Acts. Come join us as we compare and contrast church today with the Apostolic church movement. We are better together!

Islands in a Common Sea

Acts 2:37-47 – Church: the Fellowship of the Believers

Are You a Groupie?

Acts 2:46,47 – Relationships, ministry, teaching, evangelism

Witnessing from Solomon's Portico

Acts 3:1-19 – What I do have, I give to you

We Cannot But Speak

Acts 4:1-12 – We cannot but speak what we have seen and heard

One Heart

Acts 4:32-35 – Those who believed were of one heart

And the Spirit Said...

Acts 8:26-40 – Rise and Go!

We are Witnesses

Acts 10:34-43 – Commanded to testify. Everyone who believes in him is forgiven.

Laboring Outside the Gate

Acts 16:9-15 – Faith, obey, adapt

January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month Only two Bible chapters after the Christmas story, Jesus announces His mission: *“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”* (Luke 4:18-19) How fitting that right after celebrating Christ’s birth, we get to participate in His mission of proclaiming freedom. Please stop by our resource table in the Chapel this month to learn more. If you’d like to get involved in an even deeper way, we are always accepting donations of toiletries for the trafficked women and vulnerable youth served by Redeemed for a Cause. Reach out to Sally Kapner if you have questions.

NPC Christian Preschool will open registration for the 2024-2025 school year for current preschool families and church families on Monday, January 29th. Our preschool offers two-day, three-day and five-day options for children aged 18 months to pre-kindergarten. The school day runs from 9am – 12pm from mid-September to early-June, and we also offer afternoon programming (12 – 3pm) through Lunch Bunch. Registration will also open for our wonderful six-week summer camp that runs from late June to early August. To receive more information as well as the link to register, please reach out to director Virginia Davis at preschool@narberthpres.org or 610-664-8890.

Giving Update – We are thankful for your significant giving in the final days of last year. Final numbers are still being worked on as deposits postmarked before 1/1 continue to come in, but we are going to finish within \$50,000 of the 2023 budget.

NPC Finance Committee

Lost and Found Are you missing an umbrella, gloves, a pair of glasses? Please stop by the Lost and Found shelf in the front office to take a look at the many items that have accumulated and be reunited with your stuff!

Notes From Justice and Mercy NPC's Orphan Care ministry continues to support foster families and youth aging out of foster care through our partnership with Well Rooted. Found Wandering chose Well Rooted as their mission cause for this year's Christmas benefit concert, and the congregation greatly blessed Well Rooted with our enthusiastic giving. Currently, we are looking to support Well Rooted's Personal Growth Experiences initiative. Growing up without the stability of a family, many foster kids lose out on the fun experiences we so often take for granted. Well Rooted gives former foster youth in their program a chance to experience concerts, sporting events, and other activities they've never had a chance to enjoy. If you would like to donate tickets to an event or donate your time to teach a young adult a new skill (art, music, etc.) please contact Sarah Todd at sarah@wellrootedpa.org. We'd also like to support the young adults served by Well Rooted through financial coaching and job search assistance. If you have experience in these areas, please reach out to Valerie Foley at valerie@vfoley.com.

Dr. Janet Moore is a licensed psychologist with over 30 years of therapeutic expertise. Janet offers counseling to adults and couples experiencing such struggles as depression and anxiety, relationship issues, life crisis, grief, and personal adjustment problems. She provides compassionate help to survivors of physical, emotional, sexual, and spiritual abuse. Contact Dr. Moore at 610-664-4880 Ext 121, or 484-686-6630, jlmpsych910@gmail.com

Good Neighbors For some of our neighbors, 2023 was a very hard year. Across the street on Hampden Ave there was a fatal house fire in April that caused extensive damage. Workers are now beginning to rehabilitate the damaged home. Please join in supporting their difficult work by respecting the cones they have placed in front of the home, when parking to worship at Narberth Presbyterian Church. In this small act, we can show our solidarity with our neighbors and help them to get these needed and extensive repairs done as quickly as possible.

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

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: The Welcome Church, in Philadelphia, is a church without walls. Pastors Violet Little (a Lutheran) and Schaunel Steinnagel (a Presbyterian) lead the congregation and volunteer clergy, as together they proclaim the hope and love of our gracious God to all people, and especially those experiencing homelessness in the city. Please pray for this congregation to grow strong in the blessing of God, as they seek to share that blessing on the streets and in the parks of Philadelphia in these challenging days of violence and uncertainty. Discover more at <https://thewelcomechurch.org/>.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

Pixel Party Sunday School Series – Wait a minute, you have never heard of a pixel party? Let's fix that! A single pixel by itself is nothing too special, it's just a small square. But when you put a bunch of those pixels together, they combine to form a picture. During Sunday School, kids will use colored sticky notes to form pictures that help tell our Big Bible Story. All are welcome!

Kids Praise – Children (PreK-5th grade) are encouraged to join us each Wednesday in January for a time of music fun! Thank you to Linda Pilacik for leading this energetic time! We meet in the choir room from 7:00pm-8:00pm.

VBC 2024 – START THE PARTY!

Save the Date for VBC! Jesus gives us the most amazing reason to party! This summer get ready to celebrate the good news of Jesus! Join us Monday, June 17th through Friday, June 21st from 9:00 – 11:30am at NPC for VBC 2024. VBC is best for those age 4 by June 1st, 2024 through those entering 5th grade (2024-2025 school year). Rising 6th graders through adults are encouraged to volunteer for this awesome week. Online registration for students and volunteers begins Sunday, March 17th. Let's get this VBC party started! Please reach out to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) with any questions.

Youth Volunteers needed for VBC 2024 – Mark your calendar for Vacation Bible Camp the week of Monday, June 17th – Friday, June 21st! Rising 6th graders through adults are encouraged to volunteer! Online Registration begins March 17th for students and volunteers! Please reach out to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) with questions.



INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

Confirmation Class 2024 - If your youth (6th – 12th) grade is interested in joining Narberth Presbyterian Church and would like to be a part of a new Confirmation Class, please reach out to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org). Confirmation Class will be held during our Sunday School time for 6 consecutive Sundays. Start date will be Sunday, February 18th.

Youth Sunday School – Youth Sunday School for 6th – 12th grade meets each Sunday (except on the first Sunday of the month) in the Youth Room! Hope to see you there.

Teen Girls' Ministry – Girls Group meets the first Sunday of each month. Our next meeting is Sunday, February 4th. We will be making lunches for The Parkway Ministry.

Teen Guys' Ministry – Guys Group meets the first Sunday of each month. Our next meeting is Sunday, February 4th. We meet in the Youth Room directly following worship.

High School Youth Group – All 9th – 12th graders are invited to Youth Group at NPC from 7:00 – 8:00pm. Pastor Farrar will be holding a special Bible Study just for our high school youth! We meet in the Youth Room. Please note HSYG will not meet on the first Sunday of each month. Instead, youth are encouraged to attend Teen Girls Ministry or Teen Guys Ministry.

Middle School Youth Group – All 6th – 8th graders are invited to the Youth Group each Wednesday at NPC from 7:00 – 8:00pm. We meet in the Youth Room for games, devotional, and fellowship.

The Philadelphia Project – Summer of Service Retreat for Youth – All 6th through 12th graders are encouraged to attend a meaningful week of service with The Philadelphia Project! Mark your calendar for July 21st – 27th. Please reach out to Dave Bellamy (dbellamy@narberthpres.org) to RSVP or for more information.

ALL-CHURCH RETREAT

Save the Date for the 2024 All-Church Retreat – NEW BEGINNINGS!

Get out your calendar and mark the dates for the All-Church Retreat:

Who: YOU! All ages are encouraged to attend this special weekend together.

What: A fun-filled retreat weekend with our church family including: adult talks, fun activities for children & youth, worship, prayer, and fellowship.

When: Friday, May 10th through Sunday, May 12th

Where: Sandy Cove Ministries Retreat Center in beautiful North East, MD

Guest Speaker: Rev. Jane Filkin!

To register please contact Danielle Kauffman with your \$100 deposit. Full payment is due April 1, 2024. You can also leave your deposit online by choosing "2024 Spring Retreat" or by texting with the keyword "retreat".

Look for pricing sheets around the church and check back for updates!

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.

Adult Bible Study – The Gospel of Mark. The Gospel of Mark is a vivid and dynamic account of the ministry and message of Jesus Christ. It is the shortest of the four gospels and portrays Jesus as the Servant of God: "*For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*" (Mark 10:45).

When: Thursdays from 7:00 – 8:15pm, starting Thursday, Jan 18th

Where: Women's Bible Study: Church Parlor; Men's Bible Study: Pastor G's office

Who: Women's Bible Study: contact Lalitha Naveen: lnaveen100@gmail.com.

Men's Bible Study: contact Ken Eng: K_Eng@msn.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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

Encounters with Jesus – Join us as we look all throughout the Bible for where and how Jesus appears in surprising and even amazing ways. Imagine yourself there with him, hearing what he says and seeing what he does, right there in front of you. What do you learn about Jesus that you didn't know before, and what does that tell you about what God is really like and how to love him even more? Come have these encounters with us in a 10-week class starting January 10th in the Parlor or on Zoom if you can't attend in person. Led by Mark Wenger.

Faith Lessons in the Old Testament – This week we travel to Jericho with Dr. Ray VanderLaan, to learn about how God guided his people to a specific place – the Promised Land – and taught them how to live lives devoted to him. God has always been teaching the willing how to live for him, both in ancient times and today. Everyone is welcome to join this class (in the Chapel) for any or all of the lessons, which will include a video and conversation following.

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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, January 21

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream
7:00 – 8:00pm High School Youth Group, Youth Room

Monday, January 22

6:15 – 7:15pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:00pm PNC Meeting, Parlor

Tuesday, January 23

12:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor
7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor
7:00pm Missions Meeting, Chapel

Wednesday, January 24

5:45 – 6:45pm Church Family Supper, Gym
7:00 – 8:00pm Faith Lessons in the Old Testament,
Pastor Debbie, Chapel
7:00 – 8:00pm Encounters with Jesus, Mark Wenger,
Parlor.
7:00 – 8:00pm Kids Praise, Miss Danielle, Choir Room
7:00 – 8:00pm Middle School Youth Group, Youth
Room

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

Counseling: Dr. Janet Moore: cell: 484-686-6630 email: ilmpsvch910@gmail.com

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Thursday, January 25

6:30 – 8:00pm Choir Practice, Choir Room
7:00 – 8:15pm Women's Bible Study, Parlor
7:00 – 8:15pm Men's Bible Study, Pastor's
Office

Friday, January 26

10:00 – 12:00pm Ladies Bible Study, Parlor

Saturday, January 27

7:30 – 9:00am Men's Breakfast, Gym
9:30am – 2:30pm Day Retreat, Devon, PA

Sunday, January 28

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and
live-stream
7:00 – 8:00pm High School Youth Group,
Youth Room

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Matt Weed, Worship Tech. Coordinator
Tim Roykouff, Business Administrator
Sara Mahoney, Administrative Assistant
Hugh Barrie, Assistant Property Manager
Joyce B. Nicolai, Bookkeeper
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