



# Narberth Presbyterian Church

January 28, 2024

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

*Grand Choeur in A Major*  
Jinhee Shim, organ

*Salome*

Welcome

Pastor Farrar

Call to Worship

Responsive Reading

Pastor Debbie

For God alone our souls wait in silence.

Our hope is from God, our fortress.

**God is our rock and our salvation.**

**God is our refuge and our deliverance.**

Trust in God at all times, in all places.

Pour out your hearts to the One who hears.

**All people are valuable in God's sight.**

**No one is more important than another.**

Worship God, who is ready to speak to us.

Open your lives to God's steadfast love.

**All power in the universe belongs to God.**

**Yet God depends on our faithful service.**

\*Hymn #26

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

*Lauda Anima*

Scripture Reading

Psalm 100

Ben & Evan Doane

\*Prayer of Confession

Pastor Debbie

Sovereign God, we confess that we have installed our own gods in our lives. They take our time. They use our resources. They exact from us care and devotion. We do not like to hear that our way of life is endangered. Yet we sometimes realize that innocent steps into self-indulgence are really deliberate strides away from you. Father, help us to repent and return to you now. Amen.

\*Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

*Jesus said: "I am the light of the world." Whoever follows Christ will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life. He has come as light into the world, so that whoever believes in him may not remain in darkness. Come now to that light, for in him we are restored and forgiven. 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**

*Hosanna*  
*Honey in the Rock*  
*There is One Gospel*  
NPC Worship Band

*Children & Youth Dismissed to Sunday School*

**Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

*Praise Him, Praise Him*  
Linda Pilacik & Jinhee Shim, piano duet

*Shackley*

**\*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayers of the People**

**Pastor Farrar**

**Scripture Reading**

**Acts 4:5-8;10-15** (p.1696)

**Pastor Farrar**

**Sermon**

**We Cannot But Speak**

**Pastor Farrar**

**\*Hymn #72**

*To God Be the Glory*

**Ordination & Installation of Elders and Deacons**

New Elders: Diane Chen, Jay Field, Mark Wenger  
Elders Renewing for a Second Term: Jie Cai, Brint Nicolai  
New Deacons: Chang Liu, Lalitha Naveen, Rick Plummer  
Deacons Renewing for a Second Term: Geri Wismer

**Announcements**

**Pastor Farrar**

**Benediction**

**Pastor Farrar**

**Postlude**

*Allego maestoso*  
Jinhee Shim, organ

*Mendelssohn*

**Prayer Ministry**

**Jack Comstock**

**Handprints on Youth Wall** – Students will be repainting the wall in the youth room as they have been asking to have their own handprints on the wall. We feel it is time to give them an opportunity to express their sense of community there as past generations have done. We have hung a photo of the current artwork next to it already and the Teen Guy's Ministry is ready to tackle the painting on February 4<sup>th</sup>. Feel free to go up to take your own picture before that if you want!

# 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 29<sup>th</sup>.** 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](mailto:preschool@narberthpres.org) or 610-664-8890.

**NEW Group @ NPC – Overeaters Anonymous.** This displaced group from Overbrook Presbyterian Church will be using space at NPC. This is a support group for people who are struggling with their eating and want a caring group to support them in getting their eating and weight “right.” The group meets on **Monday evenings at 8:00pm** in the Pastor’s office both in person and via Zoom. New members are welcome; reach out to Eric (610-742-8196) with questions or to get the Zoom link.

**Recent Session Actions:** The Session met January 23<sup>rd</sup> and the following actions were approved:

- The Transition team appointed for Pastor Weed is dissolved. Pastor Griggs will be Steve’s liaison going forward. Future questions or inquiries may be directed to Pastor Griggs.
- Mark Wenger was unanimously elected Clerk of session.
- Overbrook Presbyterian Church Overeaters Anonymous Group to meet in the Pastor’s Office.
- Use of the gym on Friday evenings to Kristopher Knight for volleyball practice.
- Ordination and/or installation of officers as follows:
  - Class of 2024 – Elder: Jay Field
  - Class of 2026 – Elder: Diane Chen, Mark Wenger
  - Class of 2026 - Deacon: Rick Plummer, Lalitha Naveen, Chang Liu
  - Next Diaconate meeting: February 6, 2024
  - Next Session Meeting; February 20, 2024

**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](mailto: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](mailto:valerie@vfoley.com).

## 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: Redeemed for a Cause** reaches out with the love of Christ and hands-on help to trafficked women and those at risk of being trafficked in the city of Philadelphia. Sakinah Love is the Director. If you would like to join in their efforts to share the Good News of freedom in Christ, and right relationship with others and oneself, to eradicate trafficking and the misery it produces, please pray for this ministry of hope and restoration: for Sakinah and the women she and her colleagues interact with and consider volunteering your time and goodwill at the center. Learn more at <https://www.redeemedforacause.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-5<sup>th</sup> 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 7:00 – 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 17<sup>th</sup> through Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 – 11:30am at NPC for VBC 2024. VBC is best for those age 4 by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 through those entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade (2024-2025 school year). Rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders through adults are encouraged to volunteer for this awesome week. Online registration for students and volunteers begins Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Let's get this VBC party started! Please reach out to Danielle ([dkauffman@narberthpres.org](mailto:dkauffman@narberthpres.org)) with any questions.

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



## INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

**Confirmation Class 2024** - If your youth (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>) 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 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Youth Sunday School** – Youth Sunday School for 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup>. 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 4<sup>th</sup>. We meet in the Youth Room directly following worship.

**High School Youth Group** – All 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders are encouraged to attend a meaningful week of service with The Philadelphia Project! Mark your calendar for July 21<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>. 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 10<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>

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

## **Guest Speaker: Rev. Jane Filkin!**

*Rev. Jane Filkin* is the Director of Leadership Development & Spiritual Formation at Eastern University's Campolo Center for Ministry and the Founder of BETWEEN Life Coaching. Jane's passion is to encourage, develop, and equip others to be who God has made them to be and do what God has called them to do. She has served in pastoral ministry for 20 years and is ordained in ECO. Jane holds a Master of Divinity from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and a degree in Sociology and Education from UC Berkeley as well as an Advanced Certificate in Life Coaching from the American Association of Christian Counselors and a Certificate in Resilient Leadership from The Seattle School of Theology and Psychology. Jane loves to be outside, have a house full of kids, take long walks, journal, and prepare and share good food.

**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 18<sup>th</sup>

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> in the Parlor or on Zoom if you can't attend in person. Led by Mark Wenger.

**This will be a combined class this week as Pastor Debbie will be away at the ECO National Gathering.**

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## 2024 MISSIONARY CAUSES

### Mission

4D Ministries – Hank Paulson  
Amnion Pregnancy Center  
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  
Disciple Makers – Rebecca and Dan Hall  
ECO Church Planting and Global Missions Funds  
Esperanza Health Center  
Fellowship of Christian Athletes – Kasey Dougherty  
Global Horizons – Cephas Tushima  
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  
Save a Life  
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 – Jack Nelson  
Wycliffe Bible Translators – Al & Barb Shannon  
Young Life (Western Philadelphia Suburbs)

### Ambassador

Eli Kauffman  
Alice Antonelli  
Danielle Kauffman  
Jennifer & Tim Roykoff  
Joyce Lewis  
Tom & Alyson Burnett  
Kathy McLean  
David Fraser  
Bob Moore

### Open

Julie Fernandez  
Ashley Reed  
Scott Todd  
Linda Behmke

### Open

Marilyn Reed  
Jesse Kennedy  
Ken & Sally Kapner  
Marilyn Reed  
Marilyn Reed  
Ann Sattel  
Suzanne Morrison

### Open

Fin Kauffman/Ann Sattel  
Charlie Choi  
Sally Kapner  
Faithe Hornung  
Faithe Hornung

### Open

Ashley Reed  
Dave Bellamy  
Jane Murray

### Open

Rob & Sandi Wray  
Kim Ishmael  
Barb Montgomery

# BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

## *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

## *Monday, January 29*

Preschool Registration Opens for Current/Church Families  
ECO National Gathering, Greenville, SC (1/29 – 1/31)  
6:15 – 7:15pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Pastor's Office

## *Tuesday, January 30*

## *Wednesday, January 31*

5:45 – 6:45pm Church Family Supper, Gym  
7:00 – 8:00pm Encounters with Jesus, Mark Wenger, Parlor. (Combined Class This Week)  
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: [ilmpsy910@gmail.com](mailto:ilmpsy910@gmail.com)

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**Mon-Thurs. 9:00am to 4:00pm**

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## *Thursday, February 1*

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, February 2*

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

## *Saturday, February 3*

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

## *Sunday, February 4*

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor  
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream  
11:30 Teen Girls' Ministry  
11:30 Teen Guys' Ministry, Youth Room

Jesus Christ, Minister

Farrar Griggs, Pastor

Cell #: (704) 239-4735

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Deborah Watson, Associate Pastor

Danielle Kauffman, Intergenerational Ministry

Lisa Hoffman, Interim Youth Coordinator

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

Joyce B. Nicolai, Bookkeeper

Ruth Ellen Patterson, Financial Secretary

Isabel Lally, Pastoral Visitor

Virginia Davis, Dir. of Preschool

Chris Marinelli, Weekday Custodian

Devon Jackson, Weekend Custodian



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