



# Narberth Presbyterian Church

February 11, 2024

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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**Prelude**

*Prelude in D Major, BWV 532*

*Bach*

Jinhee Shim, organ

**Welcome**

**Pastor Farrar**

**Call to Worship**

Great are the works of God, and greatly to be praised.  
God's righteousness endures forever.

**We come together as a congregation of believers.**

**We give thanks to God with whole hearts.**

God is gracious and merciful and trustworthy.

At all times, God is mindful of the covenant.

**The works of God's hands are established among us.**

**We can count on God's righteousness and faithfulness.**

Awe before God is the beginning of wisdom.

All who approach God in fear have good understanding.

**Holy and awesome is God's name.**

**We call on God to empower our worship.**

**\*Hymn #45**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

*Nettleton*

**Scripture Reading**

**Psalm 8:1-8**

**Alexandra & William Higgins**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

Father, we claim more knowledge than we really possess. We judge others with limited understanding. We want freedom but are reluctant to take responsibility. Our witness is weak and directed at our favorites. For failing to do all Christ expects of the church, we repent and seek your forgiveness. Amen

**\*Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon**

*Father God, let us hear your Word today. Let us hear it in a new and clean way so that nothing gets in the way of your message to us. Help us, the church, to more fully represent Christ in today's world. Help us to reach out to all who need food, direction, inspiration, care, and healing. Help us know that we are forgiven if we but ask and repent. Amen.*

**Invitation to the All-Church Retreat**

**Rev. Jane Filkin**

**\*The Peace**

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

**\*Worship Songs**

*Sing With All Your Heart*  
*Good Good*  
*Great Are You Lord*  
NPC Worship Band

*Children & Youth Dismissed to Sunday School*

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

**Offertory**

*Song Without Words*  
Emil Pilacik, trumpet, Jinhee Shim, organ

*Alexandra*

**\*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayers of the People**

**Pastor Farrar**

**Scripture Reading**

**Acts 4:32-35**

**Pastor Farrar**

**Sermon**

**One Heart**

**Pastor Farrar**

**\*Hymn #60**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

*Faithfulness*

**Benediction**

**Pastor Farrar**

**Postlude**

*Allegro agitato in E Minor*  
Jinhee Shim, organ

*Callaerts*

**Prayer Ministry**

**Mark Wenger**

**“Souper Bowl” Offering!** TODAY, our Youth will be collecting the annual “Souper Bowl” offering that will help the homeless in Philadelphia. Look for our NPC Youth at the end of service to give. Thank you!

**Ash Wednesday is February 14<sup>th</sup>!** Join us for Ash Wednesday Service beginning at 7:00am and 7:00pm in the NPC Sanctuary. This is a special service which marks the beginning of Lent, a time of renewed devotion to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. The NPC Nursery will be available for infants through kindergarten at the 7:00pm service. Please note that individual programming for children, youth, and adults will not take place on this day.

## 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

**NPC Christian Preschool registration for the 2024-2025 school year is now OPEN!** 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 Bible Study:** A study of the Book of Acts, which promises, "*you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses . . . to the ends of the earth.*" Upon Pentecost the Holy Spirit revolutionized the faithful, created the early church, and began to disrupt and transform the world. Acts documents the power of God working in and through his people in ways that were impossible until then. Join us in the Parlor on the **1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of each month from 9:30 – 10:30am beginning February 17<sup>th</sup>.** Reach out to Rob Wray ([robwrayofpa@verizon.net](mailto:robwrayofpa@verizon.net)) for more information.

**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.

**Notes From Justice and Mercy** NPC’s *Loving Our Neighbors Ministry* has numerous branches, each with different partners. Jennifer Bonovitz skillfully, tirelessly and, most important, lovingly, keeps it all moving smoothly. One such partnership is with Stop the Risk, an organization in Kensington that works with people suffering from addictions. NPC helped to procure a grant to build tiny houses there. Jennifer and others help provide lovely holiday meals for these neighbors. Another partnership is with The Mitzvah Pantry in Bala Cynwyd. Jennifer and her helpers pick up donations from local stores and take them to Bala. From there a wide variety of items are distributed at the pantry location and some are delivered to seniors. The newest branch of *Loving Our Neighbors* is in North Philly at 23<sup>rd</sup> and Ridge and it is growing quickly. Large quantities of groceries are given out to the near-by community and a local pastor comes to Jennifer’s home to pick up a plethora of food and goods for his congregation. Jennifer is very thankful for the many people of NPC who give generously of their time, talents and resources. Whatever your skill set and availability, Jennifer has a spot for you that is just waiting to be filled. Please pray for Jennifer’s ability to keep going, for the generosity of NPC folks and the community at large, and for more individuals (maybe you) to join Jennifer in this rewarding ministry.

## 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: Leah Darwin** is currently living in Phoenixville and is continuing to engage ministry in ways that for her are both new and known! Please pray for her to have wisdom, discernment, strength, and joy as she disciples a small group of women, tells her story (and encourages others to share theirs) in church settings around this area, teaches in the Manila, Philippines Community Bible Study via Zoom, and walks alongside other wives of pastors who have experienced betrayal by their husbands.

## INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

**Wall of Love is Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**– Our Sunday School children will enjoy a special Valentine Party today! We will have fun crafts and snacks, put Blessing Bags together for our Friends on the Parkway, and create our famous NPC Wall of Love!

**Cross my Heart NEW Lenten Series for Children** - Children will receive a devotional for their family on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> to prepare their hearts for Lent. During Sunday School we will dive deeper into God’s great love, given to us in the person of Jesus and shown to us through Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross. We will end our Sunday School lesson each week by exploring the “Pray-ground” and discovering fun ways to pray!

**Children’s Lenten Offering** - Beginning next Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> children are encouraged to bring in personal care items to support The Parkway Ministry. Please send in full-size: bars of soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, washcloth, chapstick, large Ziplock bags. Also please pray for our friends on the Parkway.

**Kids Praise** – Children (PreK-5<sup>th</sup> grade) are encouraged to join us each Wednesday for a time of music fun! We meet in the choir room from 7:00 – 8:00pm. ***Please note Kids Praise will not meet February 14<sup>th</sup>. Instead, all are encouraged to attend Ash Wednesday service at NPC.***

## 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 begins February 18<sup>th</sup>** – 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 8 Sundays. Start date will be Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Youth Sunday School** – All 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to the Youth Room for Sunday School. Youth are dismissed from the sanctuary.

**Teen Girls' Ministry** – Girls Group is set to meet on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Look for details soon.

**Teen Guys' Ministry** – Guys Group is set to meet on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Look for details soon.

**High School Youth Group** – Please note HS Youth Group will not meet tonight (February 11<sup>th</sup>) but will resume on February 18<sup>th</sup>.

**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. ***Please note there is no MS Youth Group on February 14<sup>th</sup>. All are encouraged to attend Ash Wednesday service at NPC.***

**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

Come away with the Lord and the community of NPC for a weekend of refreshment, fellowship, and fun. Meet new friends, enjoy the beauty of God's creation, and rest in the Lord's presence. We'll spend time in Scripture as we consider the significance of change and what it looks like to navigate through times of transition—in our own lives and in our life together. There will be time for recreation, worship, personal reflection, and fun for all ages. This retreat can be tailored to be what you need. All are welcome! Come as you are. There is something for everyone, no matter what season of life you are in.

**Our speaker is Rev. Jane Filkin**, 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 is an ordained ECO pastor and has served in pastoral ministry for 20 years. 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.

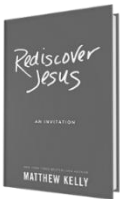
## WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

**Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday.** Individual programming for children, youth, and adults will not take place on this day. Regular Wednesday night programming will resume on February 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **New Wednesday Night Study for Lent!**

***Rediscover Jesus***, by Matthew Kelly, invites us to get to know Jesus better – something we may say we want to do – but life gets in the way. The book is divided into 40 daily readings of a page or two, a Bible verse, a question to ask, a thought to ponder, and a sentence prayer. Kelly prompts us to get to know Jesus in a deeply personal way: As the carpenter from Nazareth, the itinerant preacher, the Son of God, the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords, the Lamb of God, the

new Adam, the Messiah, the Alpha and the Omega, the Chosen One, the Light of the World, the God-Man who wants good things for us more than we want them for ourselves, the healer of our souls. You can order the book on-line or pick up a copy here at church (\$10 suggested donation). We will begin reading on Ash Wednesday, and begin our discussions on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>.



# 2024 CHURCH OFFICERS

## THE SESSION

Pastor Farrar Griggs – Moderator

### Class of 2024

\*Linda DiLullo

Jay Field

\*Pam Fleming

Jim Hornung

### Class of 2025

Linda Behmke

\*Jack Comstock

\*Jan Kennedy

Nina O'Connor

### Class of 2026

\*Jie Cai

Diane Chen

\*Brint Nicolai

Mark Wenger

## THE BOARD OF DEACONS

### Class of 2024

Ray Bellamy

Katie Kennedy

\*Dee Knight

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### Class of 2025

\*Mike Boccasini

Ann Sattel

Rashmi Vyas

\* Sandi Wray

### Class of 2026

Chang Liu

Lalitha Naveen

Rick Plummer

\*Gerri Wismer

\* serving second term

# BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

## *Sunday, February 11*

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor

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

## *Monday, February 12*

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

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Pastor's Office

## *Tuesday, February 13*

12:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor

## *Wednesday, February 14*

7:00am Ash Wednesday Service with imposition of ashes

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## *Thursday, February 15*

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 16*

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

## *Saturday, February 17*

7:30 – 9:00am Men's Group, Parlor

8:30 – 9:30am Kids' Basketball, Gym

9:30 – 10:30am Acts Bible Study, Parlor

1:00pm Memorial Service for Ed Dickinson, Sanctuary

## *Sunday, February 18*

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor

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

Youth Confirmation Class during Sunday School

7:00pm High 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](mailto:ilmpsvch910@gmail.com)

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