



Narberth Presbyterian Church

April 21, 2024

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

Partita on Lobe den Herren
Jinhee Shim, organ

arr. Callahan

Welcome

Pastor Farrar

Call to Worship

Vera Comstock

The Good Shepherd invites us to green pastures.
We are refreshed beside still waters.

We have been given everything we have.

God offers us everything we need.

When we walk through shadowed valley, God is with us.
We are confused and reassured.

God leads us in the right paths.

Our cups are filled to overflowing.

God welcomes us to the table where love is expressed.
We are invited to partake of the truth God offers.

We have received plenty that we might share.

We are called to be God's helpers. Amen.

*Hymn #26

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Lauda Anima

Scripture Reading

Matthew 9:35-38

Rob Wray

*Prayer of Confession

Dr. Meredith Riedel

Good shepherd, we have wandered down the strange pathways of our world.
We have ventured into dead-end streets that looked more inviting than the
narrow ways marked out by the signposts of your love. We have trusted other
voices and turned away from your truth. We have accepted your gifts without
acknowledgment. We have failed to use our overflowing cups to fill the cups of
sisters and brothers who need what we could offer. Forgive us, we pray, and
restore us to your fold. Amen.

*Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

*Hear the good news. By the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven, and we are restored to
wholeness. God's love will abide with us as long as we share it with others. Our souls will be fed when
we focus on feeding others. We will be empowered by prayer and generosity. Amen.*

*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**

Joy In Your Waters
Abide
As the Deer
NPC Worship Band

Children & Youth dismissed to Sunday School

Pastoral Prayer

Paster Debbie

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

You Are My All in All
Pam Fleming, violin, Jinhee Shim, organ

arr. Mira Park

***Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

Scripture Reading

Psalm 1:1-6 (*p.843*)

Pastor Farrar

Message

What Kind of Tree Is Me?

Pastor Farrar

***Hymn #60**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

Announcements

Pastor Farrar

Benediction

Pastor Farrar

Postlude

Psalm 19
Jinhee Shim, organ

Marcello

Prayer Ministry

Linda Behmke

New Sermon Series! Trees of Life. We will be talking about gardens in the Bible, metaphorical comparisons between trees and humanity, and how both can benefit from some pruning, both earthly and divine. Trees are just one more way God talks to us and guides us to his presence. Please come and join us for this series.

- A Tale of Three Gardens** Genesis 2:8-10;
Matthew 26:36-43
- What Kind of Tree is Me?** Psalm 1:1-6
- The Power of One** Ephesians 4:1-6
- Double Trees** Ezekiel 47:6-12;
Revelation 22:1-5
- The Master Gardener** John 15:1-8



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Nominating Committee Update – This month, we have reviewed three candidates. One candidate completed a first round Zoom interview but was not asked to move forward. For a second candidate, the PNC responded positively to both their first Zoom interview and their answers to theological questions. They were asked back to a second interview which was just completed. A third candidate was presented to us by Shepherd Staff. We are currently looking through their materials and watching their sermons. As you all know, this has been a long process. Please keep the members of the PNC in your prayers as they faithfully serve the congregation with diligence and love. They are Linda Behmke, Diane Chen, Jack Comstock, Lisa Hoffman, Katie Kennedy, Sean McGrew, Omar Mehdi, Ashley Reed, Jonathan Rogers, and Sue Wenger. Please also pray for the person that God is calling to be our next Senior Pastor.

Men's Breakfast – Join us on **Saturday, April 27th at 7:30am** in the gym. This month, we will hear a testimony from our very own, Rick Plummer!

Telling Your Story Day Retreat *“Our little stories are lifted up into God’s great story and there given their unique place. The word lifts us up and makes us see that our daily, ordinary lives are, in fact, sacred lives that play a necessary role in the fulfillment of God’s promises.”*

-Henri J. M. Nouwen

Come and hear the story of Leah Darwin, one of our beloved missionaries for 39 years. Leah will share with us how God has walked with her through the many unexpected challenges and joys of life. Leah is also going to teach us how to write down and share our stories. By looking at our own personal story, we can recognize God’s goodness, faithfulness, and love. We then are blessed and can be a blessing to others. Please join us on **Saturday, April 27th at Narberth Presbyterian Church from 11:00am to 4:00pm with lunch provided.** Registration is not required but it will help us plan for lunch. If you have questions or would like to let us know you’re coming, contact Sara in the Church Office (610-664-4880).

Join Us! The worship band invites you to come and gather with friends here at NPC and nearby congregations, for a night of worship, through music, poetry, and scripture on **May 1st @ 6:45pm in the Sanctuary.** Our heart in facilitating this time and space, is that we might share in the oil of togetherness; to lift up the name of Jesus and invite God to share His heart for us and for each other. You are invited to come as you are and participate as you are comfortable. All ages welcome!

Pentecost Readers: Pentecost Sunday is on **May 19th,** and we would like to have the scripture for the day read in as many languages as possible, to highlight that aspect of our varied congregation. If you are willing to read a verse or two in your language of birth, we would be thrilled! Please be in touch with Pastor Debbie, if you would like to be placed on the Pentecost Readers list, or just to find out a little bit more!

Good Grief Burger Fellowship will take place on **Wednesday, May 22nd at 5:30pm** in the gym. This is a time to celebrate our loved ones who have passed on before us through pictures and fun, happy memories. All are welcome no matter when your loved one(s) passed. Reach out to either Alice Antonelli (arichardson1@gmail.com) or Dee Knight (deedleskni9@gmail.com) with questions or to register.

Save the Date for the All Church Picnic - Sunday, July 14th at Springton Reservoir Picnic Pavilion - 1071 Media Line Rd, Newtown Square, PA. Time TBA.

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 & biblical, and the sessions are led by Alice Antonelli and Gerri Wismer. This is a place to be around people who understand the pain of your loss. GriefShare meets each **Monday evening from 6:30 – 8:00pm in the Chapel** and will continue into June (note that you can join at any time). It is important to register on the GriefShare website. Please email Alice Antonelli (arichardson1@gmail.com) or Gerri Wismer (geewis46@gmail.com) for more information about the group.

Overeaters Anonymous. 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 The Parkway Ministry is thriving and growing! We continue to add to the list of things we bring. Grocery items are a big hit, mostly zip-top canned soups and pasta, peanut butter, jelly, crackers, and full and travel-size toiletries. People who have a room to call their own prefer full-sized items and people who live in a shelter or on the street prefer travel-sized items because they need to carry their belongings at all times. Socks, boxers, and T-shirts are always welcome. Please consider donating any of these items, placing them in the collection box under the bulletin board just outside the front sanctuary doors on the Windsor Ave. side of the building. The number of folks we serve is growing as the weather gets warmer. Please pray for more volunteers and that we might offer spiritual encouragement through our friendships. See Marilyn Reed if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

The Baby Bottle "Make a Change for life" Drive. We have baby bottles in the chapel area for you to take home and fill with loose change (dollars, checks) and bring back to the church over the month of April. The money collected will benefit **Amnion Pregnancy Center**. During this time, we will also collect diapers and baby wipes.

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

Missions: Young Life For over sixty years, Young Life has been at work in the high schools and middle schools of the Western Philadelphia Suburbs. Staff and volunteers enter the world of kids, focusing on what matters to them — fun, adventure, friendship, and a sense of significance. In doing so, they earn the privilege of talking to them about something YL thinks matters most of all — the truth about God and His love for them. Please pray that the people of Young Life would continue to love God and their teenaged neighbors in ways that bring them all into deeper relationship with the Lord.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

Strike a Pose Sunday School – Beginning Sunday, April 14th! Look up in the sky. It's a bird! It's a plane! It's ... a kid striking a pose! We will be striking a pose to bring Bible characters to life. During Sunday School kids will be shaping different poses to help tell the stories of how the early church was started and exploded into the world. More than that, kids will learn how they can help build God's church today.

The NPC Nursery's Tree Series – Our youngest and most adorable members (infants-PreK) meet each Sunday in room 107 with Miss Sharon and a wonderful volunteer team. Over the next few Sundays they will also enjoy a Tree Series using some beautiful books such as *Under the Sycamore Tree*, *Don't Forget to Remember*, and *The Tale of Three Trees*. Each book has a special way about teaching children biblical lessons. If you are an interested in learning more please reach out to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org).

Kids Praise – Our final class for this program year will take place Wednesday, April 24th from 7:00pm-8:00pm in the choir room. This Wednesday we will also celebrate with an ice-cream sundae party!

Moving Up Sunday is June 2nd - Mark your calendar for Sunday, June 2nd as we present Bibles to our current 1st graders, promote our 5th graders to Youth Ministry, and celebrate our graduating seniors. Please note that food and fellowship will be enjoyed following service in the gym. All are welcome to attend!

Save the Date for the All Church Picnic – Sunday, July 14th at Springton Reservoir Picnic Pavilion – 1071 Media Line Rd, Newtown Square, PA. Food, Fun, and Fellowship! Time TBA.

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. **Registration is OPEN!** See the Friday Newsletter for registration links or 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! **Registration is now OPEN!** See the Friday Newsletter for registration links or reach out to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) with questions.



INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

High School Youth Group – HS Youth Group is happening TODAY directly following the worship service! We will meet in the youth room for food, fellowship, and FUN!

Youth Sunday School – All Youth (6th – 12th grade) are encouraged to attend Sunday School. Youth are dismissed to the Youth Room from the sanctuary. We will be starting a series going through Spiritual Disciplines! Hope to see you there!

Middle School Youth Group – MS Youth Groups meets each Wednesday from 7:00 – 8:00pm in the Youth Room. We will be studying the Book of Acts.

Teen Girls & Guys – We will meet again on May 5th! See you there!

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 Claire Woods (cwoods@narberthpres.org) to RSVP or for more information.

ALL CHURCH RETREAT – NEW BEGINNINGS



We are FULLY BOOKED!

Our retreat is fully booked! God is good!
Looking forward to this beautiful time
together!

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

Wednesday Night Dinners: Everyone is welcome to enjoy the food and friendship around the tables.

Please note: There will be no adult class offering on Wednesday, April 24th. Join us on May 1st to celebrate and sing with the Worship Band.

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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 (Unite Philly)
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 – Nadia Gordynsky
Servant Partners – Dan & Denise Anderson
The Antioch Partners – Haugens
The Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota (Standing Rock)
The Philadelphia Project – Rev. Ray Garcia
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
Charlie Choi
Sally Kapner
Faithe Hornung
Faithe Hornung

Open

Ashley Reed
Dave Bellamy
Jane Murray
Rob & Sandi Wray
Kim Ishmael

Open

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, April 21

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream
High School Youth Group following the Worship Service, Youth Room

Monday, April 22

6:15 – 7:15pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
6:30 – 8:00pm GriefShare, Chapel
7:00pm PNC Meeting, Parlor
8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Pastor's Office

Tuesday, April 23

Election Day – NPC Preschool closed as we serve as a polling locatin, Parlor
7:00pm Missions Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, April 24

5:45 – 6:45pm Church Family Supper, Gym
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: jlmpsych910@gmail.com

Thursday, April 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, April 26

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

Saturday, April 27

7:30am Men's Breakfast, Gym
11:00am – 4:00pm Telling Your Story Seminar, Gym

Sunday, April 28

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

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Matt Weed, Worship Tech. Coordinator

Tim Roykoff, Business Administrator

Sara Mahoney, Administrative Assistant

Hugh Barrie, Assistant Property Manager

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