



Narberth Presbyterian Church

May 26, 2024

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

America the Beautiful/How Great Thou Art

arr. Pilacik

Linda Pilacik, piano

Welcome

Pastor Farrar

Memorial Day Comments & Prayer

Pastor Farrar

Call to Worship

Pastor Debbie

Ascribe to God glory and strength;

Worship God in holy splendor.

The splendor of our Creator meets us here.

We are filled with awe before our God.

The voice of God is powerful and full of majesty.

God offers strength and peace to all people.

God's voice thunders over the waters.

God's strength empowers our response.

Holy, holy, holy is the God of hosts.

The whole earth is full of God's glory.

The universe is God's dwelling place.

There is no place from which God is absent.

Amen.

*Hymn #429

Let Your Heart Be Broken

Wye Valley

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 18:5; Hebrews 12:11

Annika Naveen

*Prayer of Confession

God of all, we confess that we are too much people of the flesh, living in slavery to our possessions and our fears. We are so attached to our little corner of the world that we find it hard to relate to others of different experiences. We do not want to suffer with the homeless, the hungry, the oppressed. We turn away from the suffering of Jesus to pursue temporary advantages. So often, we do not act like the body of Christ. O God, forgive us and claim us as your children.

Amen.

*Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

God always claims us and loves us. When we confess our lostness and seek new birth in the Spirit, putting to death our selfish pursuits, we can receive what God always offers, participation in God's kingdom. We are born anew to life which already partakes of eternity. The cleansing coals of forgiveness touch our lips, taking away our guilt and blotting out our sin. Receive this gift from God.

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

Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

Hymn of the Holy Spirit

Vision of Your Love

NPC Worship Band

Children & Youth dismissed to Sunday School

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

To a Wild Rose

MacDowell

Kristin Nelson, violin, Linda Pilacik, piano

***Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

Pastor Farrar

Scripture Reading

John 15:1-8

Pastor Farrar

Message

The Master Gardener

Pastor Farrar

***Hymn #568**

Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated

Hendon

Announcements

Pastor Farrar

Benediction

Pastor Farrar

Postlude

Linda Pilacik, Piano

Prayer Ministry

Jan Kennedy

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VBC 2024 – START THE PARTY!

Registration ENDS Sunday, June 2nd!

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). **Registration:** See the Friday Newsletter for registration links or reach out to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) with any questions.

Youth Volunteers needed for VBC 2024 – Rising 6th graders through adults are encouraged to volunteer! **Registration:** See the Friday Newsletter for registration links or reach out to Danielle with questions.

VBC Training is Wednesday, June 12th – All who are volunteering for VBC are encouraged to be at VBC training beginning at 6:00pm with pizza. We will meet in the gym and review important information that will help us to have a safe and fun week. Our time will conclude with some volleyball! If you cannot attend please let Danielle know.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recent Session Actions: The Session met May 21st and the following actions were approved:

- The Family Sahadi Mission Partnership was referred to the Missions Committee for consideration.
- To endorse the trip led by Diane Chen and Debbie Watson in December 2025, and to allow advertising with NPC as a co-sponsor.
- To amend the NPC Benevolence Policy such that organizations receiving less than \$100,000 in annual contributions are not required to have a CPA audit but instead would provide their Form 990 for financial accountability.
- Next Deacons' meeting: No meetings during the summer months.
- Next Session Meeting: June 18, 2024

Notes From Justice and Mercy: Sakinah Love, the founder and CEO of *Redeemed for a Cause* completed her doctorate and was given the Iconic Philly Woman Award for her contributions in making a difference in her community. As part of the mission of Redeemed for a Cause (RFAC), Sakinah goes into schools to reach out and provide education and workshops on sexual assault and trafficking. Sally Kapner procures donations of toiletries for the women who are or have experienced human trafficking. RFAC spends a significant amount of time working with young women who are in danger of becoming trafficked as well as those who have been trafficked to help them see themselves as God sees them. We are currently planning another time to visit and put together care packages toward the end of May. Please pray that the girls and women will receive God's word and His love. Contact Sally (sally.kapner@eastern.edu) if you are interested in participating or have questions about the work of RFAC.

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

Missions: Interserve - Jan Kennedy In “retirement,” Jan Kennedy is now part of Interserve’s International Council, whose members serve as trustees, providing governance to ensure that Interserve is true to God’s calling on our mission, and is working to fulfill that vision. Jan travels periodically for Board meetings, sometimes to distant countries. Please pray for good health, energy, discernment, wisdom, and the joy of the Lord for Jan and the entire Board as they do their work.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

Bible & Baseball – One of the best things about Spring/Summer is baseball! Join us beginning Sunday, May 26th as we yell “Play ball” and dive into some intriguing Bible questions that each team will answer before they go to bat! ***Adults and Youth are welcome to join us, as this is a great opportunity to serve in NPC’s Children’s Ministry and have fun!*** If interested, please reach out to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org). *Please note: we will not use a real baseball.* **Everyone is encouraged to wear red, white, and blue or Phillies gear on Sunday, May 26th!**

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.

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INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

Moving Up Sunday – Join us Sunday, June 2nd as we celebrate our incoming 6th graders and graduating seniors. There will be refreshments in the gym following service.

Teen Girls & Teen Guys – We will meet one last time before summer begins! All incoming 6th grade students are encouraged to join us. Each group will have an event on Sunday, June 9th following service. Please RSVP with Claire, (cwoods@narberthpres.org)

Middle School Youth Group – MS Youth Group has ended for this school year. Stay tuned for summer programming information.

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 continue our series going through Spiritual Disciplines! Hope to see you there!

Summer is almost here! Stay tuned for everything summer!

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.

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.

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

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

Wednesday night programming ended on May 22nd. We will take a programming break for the month of June. Stay tuned for exciting options in July and August!

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, May 26

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

Monday, May 27

Memorial Day Holiday – Church Office Closed
8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Pastor's Office

Tuesday, May 28

12:15 – 1:15 Staff Meeting, Parlor
7:00pm Missions Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, May 29

Thursday, May 30

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

Friday, May 31

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

Saturday, June 1

Sunday, June 2

Moving Up Sunday
8:15am Sunday School, Parlor
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream
Fellowship luncheon directly following the
Worship Service, Gym

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

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