



# Narberth Presbyterian Church

June 16, 2024

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

*'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

*Kirkpatrick*

Linda Pilacik, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Debbie

Call to Worship

Psalm 103:8-14 (responsive)

Ben & Evan Doane

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

**God will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;**

**he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.**

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's love for those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

**As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who honor him; for God knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.**

Come, let us worship God!

\*Hymn #9

*Sing Praise to the Father*

*To God Be the Glory*

Scripture Reading

1 John 3:1,2; Colossians 3:12-17

Allison Foley

Prayer of Confession

Brint Nicolai

Loving heavenly Father, your first words over your creation were words of blessing, and even after the first people doubted your goodness, sinned, and broke your heart, you loved them, and gave them hope. Ever since, you have been blessing people, including us, but sometimes we still break your heart by doubting your love for us. Forgive us, merciful God, and remind us again that you are good, and your intentions for us are good, so that we might trust you, and find our hope in you – now and always, we pray, amen.

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

Commissioning of VBC Leaders & Volunteers

Pastor Debbie

\*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**

*Ancient of Days*  
*Never See the End*  
NPC Worship Band

*Children & Youth dismissed to Sunday School*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Diane Chen**

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

**Offertory**

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

*Smith*

Tom & Ruth Ellen Patterson, vocals, Linda Pilacik, piano

**\*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

**Scripture Reading**

**Proverbs 3:1-12**

**Diane Chen**

**Message**

**What My Father Told Me**

**Pastor Debbie**

**\*Hymn #60**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

*Faithfulness*

**Benediction**

**Pastor Debbie**

**Postlude**

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

*Scott*

Linda Pilacik, piano

**Prayer Ministry**

**Jack Comstock**

**RSVP for the All-Church Picnic** – Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at Springton Reservoir Picnic Pavilion – 1071 Media Line Rd, Newtown Square, PA. Food, Fun, and Fellowship! The picnic begins at 12:30pm! Hamburgers, Veggie Burgers, Hot dogs, and drinks will be provided! RSVP's are encouraged! (dkauffman@narberthpres.org)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pastoral Nominating Committee Update:** We reviewed two candidates in the past month. One candidate—already mentioned in the previous report—who did well in the first Zoom interview and in answering our six theological questions, was asked to do a ProScan and was invited to a second Zoom interview. We also checked two references. Soon after the second interview, the candidate withdrew from consideration. The discernment not to go forward was mutual and in line with the PNC's internal assessment. Having rejected three prior candidates presented by Shepherd Staff, we made a new arrangement with the search firm to steer them toward the types of candidates that better fit our needs, and to spare them from spending a lot of time in unfruitful recruiting. Just recently, they sent preliminary information on two potential applicants that they would like to pursue. The PNC expressed interest in one and rejected the other. We are now waiting for Shepherd Staff to submit to us their completed portfolio for the one applicant. Please continue to pray for stamina for the PNC and for the person that God is calling to be our next Senior Pastor.

**Notes From Justice and Mercy:** In Philadelphia, there are about 3,000 children and youth in foster care at any given time. 714 children and youth in Montgomery County are also in foster care. One way to love our neighbor as ourselves is to reach out to foster youth, foster families, and reunifying families. NPC's Orphan Care Ministry has partnerships with 2 groups that serve struggling families. **Well Rooted's** mission is to support, nurture, and empower young adults and families affected by the child welfare system by walking alongside them and connecting them to the relationships and resources they need to thrive. **Safe Families for Children** is a program that supports families facing a crisis while the family takes steps toward stability. Please pray for these organizations and for NPC's advocacy in this area: for the kids, the parents, and the volunteers seeking to love these neighbors as ourselves. To learn more about NPC's Orphan Care Ministry, please email Val Foley ([valerie@vfoley.com](mailto:valerie@vfoley.com)).

**Dr. Janet Moore** is a licensed psychologist with over 30 years of therapeutic expertise. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Bible from Philadelphia College of Bible and a Master's degree in Theology from Denver Seminary. With an understanding of spirituality and faith in clients' lives, she is able to provide spiritually-integrated psychotherapy. 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, [jlmpsy910@gmail.com](mailto:jlmpsy910@gmail.com)

## PRAYER INFORMATION

### Please Remember in Prayer

**Missions: 4D Ministries (Hank and Mona Paulson)** It does not matter where the wind comes from, it matters how you adjust your sails. 4D is all about empowering churches in Eastern Europe to fulfill their missions. They do this by connecting the churches with partners from across the world and make different resources available, so as to help them become more outward looking and fruitful. More simply – 4D is dedicated to putting the wind in churches' sails. In their largest ministry project, *Ambassadors Together*, Hank, Mona and the 4D team have partnered with about 73 churches, reaching out to more than 5,700 kids, at least 50% of them being unchurched. They continue to do this via technology, and, at times, in person. Please pray for encouragement and connection with hungry people seeking purpose and hope in life.

## INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

**VBC Preview is Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>** – Come get a sneak peek of “Start the Party” during Sunday School time. Enjoy a VBC game, craft, dancing, and Bible!

**This summer our VBC mission cause is Well Rooted!** Well Rooted walks alongside those entering, exiting, or existing in the foster care system and connects them to the relationships and resources they need to thrive. If you would like to support Well Rooted this week during VBC please see the list of items you can donate in this Friday’s newsletter. You can also contact Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) to get more information.



**VBC 2024 – START THE PARTY** – Please pray for our VBC children and volunteers! VBC is June 17<sup>th</sup> – June 21<sup>st</sup>! We will be **Commission our VBC Volunteers on Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>** at the front part of worship!

**Fruit of the Spirit! New Sunday School Series beginning Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Join us in Sunday School as we focus on trusting in God and filling our mind and heart with God’s Word! Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control.

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## INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

**NPC Youth @ the Phillies Game!** Mark your calendars for the 5:00pm game on Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>! Please RSVP by June 15<sup>th</sup> so we are able to plan for the event & transportation! Hope to see you there!

**Youth Sunday School** – All Youth (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 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!

**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 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

**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 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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, June 16*

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor  
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream  
VBC Volunteer Commissioning during the Worship Service

## *Monday, June 17*

9:00 – 11:30am Vacation Bible Camp Begins!  
6:30 – 8:00pm GriefShare, Chapel  
7:00pm PNC Meeting, Parlor  
8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Pastor's Office

## *Tuesday, June 18*

9:00 – 11:30am VBC  
7:00pm Session Meeting

## *Wednesday, June 19*

9:00 – 11:30am VBC

## *Thursday, June 20*

9:00 – 11:30am VBC  
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, June 21*

9:00 – 11:30am VBC  
10:00am – 12:00pm Ladies Bible Study, Parlor

## *Saturday, June 22*

## *Sunday, June 23*

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

## *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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