



Narberth Presbyterian Church

June 23, 2024

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

How Great Thou Art
Jinhee Shim, organ

arr. Miller

Welcome

Pastor Farrar

Call to Worship

Responsive Reading

Pastor Debbie

Gather in awe before God, who laid the foundation of the earth.

Open your hearts to God's steadfast love.

The deeds of God are beyond our knowing.

Yet we catch glimpses of God's mercy and love.

God does not forsake us when we are dismayed and afraid.

Our Creator is with us in all times and places.

God is a stronghold for the oppressed and troubled.

The needy and the poor are not forgotten.

God is ready to listen to us in these moments together.

See, now is the acceptable time, the day of salvation.

Surely God will meet us here in our faith community.

How good it is when we sense our unity in Christ.

*Hymn #594

Like a River Glorious

Wye Valley

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 5:2; Psalm 128:1

Josh Mehdi

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Debbie

Help us, God, for we do not have the wisdom to help ourselves. When the good we have known crumbles beneath our feet and we are mired down in hopelessness and self-pity, we need you. When we cannot hide from the evil that is all around us because some of it is also in us, we cry out for your saving mercy. We confess that it is easier to see the problem than the promise. We have been more ready to complain than to accept your help. O God, we open our hearts to you. We want to be healed. Amen.

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

Teacher, whose word rebuked the wind and stilled the sea, whose trust in all that is eternal transcended the betrayal of friends and the cruelty of enemies, speak to us here in the midst of our own particular needs, and let that word abide in us with a transforming sense of peace that we can share with others. In Jesus' name.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recent Session Actions: The Session met June 18th and the following actions were approved:

- Well Rooted was approved as the missions cause for 2024 Vacation Bible Camp.
- Housing Assistance Proposal for New Senior Pastor: To alleviate the high cost of housing in the area, NPC will offer substantial housing assistance for the new Senior Pastor to purchase a home in the area. This will reduce the amount the pastor will need to contribute or borrow from outside sources to afford a home. The assistance will either be structured as a second mortgage loan from the church to the pastor or as joint ownership of the home between the pastor and the church, depending on the details of an agreement that can be worked out between the church and the pastor, once the pastor is identified. The church is willing to invest up to \$300,000 of its endowment for this purpose.
- Advertising of Housing Assistance: To reduce concerns of potential applicants about the high cost of housing in the area, the PNC may advertise that housing assistance is available and discuss the housing assistance options with candidates who are in the appropriate stage of the process.
- The Preschool budget for 2024-2025 was approved.
- Katie Kennedy was approved as the new Preschool Board Chair, replacing Carol Bellamy, who is moving to Florida.
- Next Deacons' Meeting: September 3rd
- Next Session Meeting: July 16th

All-Church Retreat! Save the Date for Friday, May 2nd – Sunday, May 4th 2025!

Mark your calendar now.

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).

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

Missions: Global Horizons Inc (Cephas Tushima) Cephas and his Colleagues offer training workshops and conferences for youth and young adults to equip them with a Christian worldview, encouraging them to go after their dreams, prepared to be emerging leaders who will share kingdom values within their workplaces and communities. The goal is to see this Godly influence shape the environment around them. Please pray the Lord's blessing on this endeavor, and on the plans Cephas has to grow the program to include short-term leadership training opportunities for rural church leaders without access to formal theological training, to address poverty through access to safe water, provide empowerment training for widows, and access to education for orphans.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

Fruit of the Spirit! New Sunday School Series beginning Sunday, June 23rd – 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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RSVP for the All-Church Picnic – Sunday, July 14th 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! RSVPs are encouraged! (dkauffman@narberthpres.org).

VBC 2024 – START THE PARTY – Thank you to all the adult and youth volunteers! We are grateful for your help!



One more week to Support our VBC Mission - 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. You can also contact Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) to get more information.

Items we are Collecting

Gift cards: Uber, Grub Hub, Instacart, Target, Walmart, or Crumbl Cookies

Household products/items: Dish Soap, Laundry Detergent, Hand Soap, Toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrush, body wash), Clorox Wipes

Monetary Donations: Cash or check (*written out to Well Rooted*)

Your donation would help with meals or treats for a foster or biological family. It also helps with rent assist, utilities/cell phone bill support, groceries, transportation, educational or employment wish list, personal growth experiences or a talent experience with the arts, and counseling sessions.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

Youth Sunday School – All Youth (6th – 12th grade) are encouraged to attend Sunday School. Youth are dismissed to the Youth Room from the sanctuary. July through August we will be hearing stories of faith and life from a variety of people in our church!

Starting in July!

Meet Claire at Narberth Park for a pick-up game of basketball **every Friday at 11AM!**

Every Wednesday, join Claire at a local Coffee Shop to hang out, play games, and enjoy some good drinks! Stay tuned for more details!

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

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

Summer Inspirations 2024

Join us for 3 weeks of inspiring people and stories this July from 7:00 – 8:00pm in the Chapel. All are welcome!

July 10, 2024

Summer Inspiration #1

Sseko Designs

Liz Forkin Bohannon graduated from Seattle Pacific University, and went to work in a high-powered corporate job in NYC. Something was missing, and she ended up in Uganda, where her faith, her education, and the needs of women in Uganda came together in a long-term way! Come out this Wednesday, at 7pm, to find out more about the life-giving/life-changing work God is doing – with Liz, her family, and the women of Sseko Designs, in Uganda & here in the United States! A/C and snacks, too!

July 17, 2024

Summer Inspiration #2

Mercy Ships

July 24, 2024

Summer Inspiration #3

Charity Water

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, June 23

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor

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

Monday, June 24

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Pastor's Office

Tuesday, June 25

7:00pm Missions Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, June 26

Thursday, June 27

7:00 – 8:15pm Women's Bible Study, Parlor

7:00 – 8:15pm Men's Bible Study, Pastor's Office

Friday, June 28

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

Saturday, June 29

Sunday, June 30

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

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