



Narberth Presbyterian Church

October 13, 2024

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

When Morning Gilds the Skies
Jinhee Shim, organ

arr. Payne

Welcome

Pastor Farrar

Call to Worship

Psalm 100 – Responsive Reading

Pastor Debbie

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

**Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.**

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us and we are his;

we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

**For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

*Hymn #50

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Mit Freuden Zart

Scripture Reading

Psalm 26:3, Psalm 36:5, Psalm 89:1,2

Rob Wray

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Debbie

Eternal God, you do not change. You have revealed yourself to us in your Word. You call us to worship you in spirit and in truth. But we confess that we often worship not your true self but who we wish you to be. We too often ask you to bless what we do rather than seeking to do what you bless. Forgive us for seeking concessions when we should be seeking guidance. Forgive us when our worship shapes you into what we want instead of shaping us into what you want. Help us to meet you here, that we might bow before your unspeakable majesty and so live for you now and ever, in Christ. Amen

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

Through Jesus Christ forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace. —from Acts 13:38; Ephesians 1:7, NRSV

Youth Update – Middle School Retreat

Claire Woods

Announcement – Family [Feud] Fellowship

Danielle Kauffman

*The Peace

Since we have peace with God through the Lord Jesus, let's share that peace with each other: The peace of the Lord be with you!

And also with you.

Worship Songs

Cornerstone
Honey in the Rock
Waymaker
NPC Worship Band

Children & Youth (6th – 9th grade) dismissed to Sunday School

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

The Morning Trumpet

White

Tom & Ruth Ellen Patterson, vocals, Jinhee Shim, piano

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Pastor Farrar

Scripture Reading

Luke 17:11-17

Pastor Farrar

Message

And One Came Back

Pastor Farrar

*Hymn #558

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Beecher

Benediction

Pastor Farrar

Postlude

Entrada
Jinhee Shim, organ

Torres

Prayer Ministry

Linda DiLullo

NOAH at Sight & Sound – Intergenerational Ministry is beginning to plan a time to see **NOAH** this April at Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA. Ticket prices are \$85 for adults and \$40 for children (3-12). If you would be interested in attending, please email Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) by **Sunday, October 13th**. Thank you for helping us to plan well!

Family [Feud] Fellowship – Church family of all ages are invited to the gym directly following worship on **Sunday, October 20th** for an intergenerational game. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Please **RSVP by Sunday, October 13th** to Danielle.

Save-A-Life Luncheon – Please join us in the Parlor following the worship service on **Sunday, October 27th**. Nadia Gordynsky from one of our mission causes, Save-A-Life will be present to give important updates and talk about her new book, *Little Feet, Big Heart*. All are welcome for this time of information and fellowship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nominating Committee – the 2025 Nominating Committee, co-chaired by Linda DiLullo & Pam Fleming, is looking for Elder & Deacon Nominations. Email office@narberthpres.org to submit a nomination.

The NPC Parlor – Parents, the NPC Parlor is always open on Sunday morning with the livestream available to watch! If you have younger children who might need a break from the sanctuary, please feel free to use this room! It's right off the Windsor Ave door stairs.

Men's Breakfast will resume on Saturday, October 26th. More details to come.

Turkey Study Tour Debbie Watson and Diane Chen have arranged with Tutku Educational Travel to lead a group from NPC and Palmer Theological Seminary on a 13-day study tour to Turkey from December 28, 2025 – January 9, 2026. Registration is open! Contact Diane (dianegchen@gmail.com) for a trip brochure or to express an interest in joining the tour. Space is limited.

CLASSES

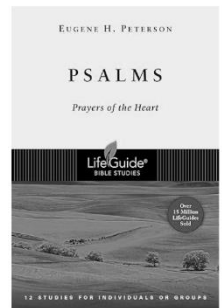
8:15am Sunday Class – Please join us – in the NPC Parlor, or via Zoom – for a time of conversation focused on the scriptures for the day's worship service. All are welcome! Contact Pastor Debbie for the Zoom link.

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 called GriefShare. The sessions specifically address topics and issues for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. This is a place where you can be around people who understand the pain of your loss. The first GriefShare session will meet on Monday, September 9th from 6:30 – 8:00pm and will continue into December (note that you can join at any time). It is important to register on the GriefShare website (see link in the Friday newsletter). Reach out to Alice Antonelli (arichardson1@gmail.com) or Gerri Wismer (geewis46@gmail.com) for more information about the group."

New Bible Study: Season in the Psalms: Finding Comfort and Wisdom in God's Word We are starting a new 13-week Bible Study of some of the most widely cherished psalms. We will use Eugene Peterson's study guide "*PSALMS: Prayers of the Heart*". We will meet on Thursdays from 7:00 – 8:15pm starting Thursday Oct 24th. We will not meet on Oct 31st (Halloween) and from Dec 19th – Jan 2nd (Christmas break).

Women: Meet in the Parlor (contact Lalitha Naveen: lnaveen@temple.edu)

Men: Meet in the Pastor's Office (contact Ken Eng: K_Eng@msn.com or Tim Neilson: mytn1122@gmail.com)



PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

Missions: Parkway Ministry Each week, a team of people from NPC make lunch for those experiencing lack in the city. Whether it is a lack of housing, food, or a combination of “lacks,” folks from here share not only a meal, but themselves and the love of the Lord with these people who have become and continue to become friends. Please pray for everyone involved, and for the Lord to continue to supply people and provisions (i.e. food and open hearts) for this weekly blessing to those who receive the food, and to those who offer it!

Special Offering: Because of the current increasingly dire situation in the West Bank of Israel, and the need for the church to provide for its members, as well as for its Muslim neighbors, the NPC Session has approved a one-time special offering, to be taken for the benefit of Baraka Presbyterian Church, in Bethlehem Israel, pastored by Rev. Danny Awad. Pastor Danny and his wife Joy spent 10 days here in April and spoke at a Wednesday Night gathering. The Church and Pastor Danny are members of Heritage Presbytery, to which Narberth Presbyterian Church also belongs. Thank you for helping to encourage our brothers and sisters in Bethlehem, and through them, sharing the tangible love of the Lord Jesus with their neighbors, whatever their religious affiliation, during a time of great difficulty for everyone who calls the Holy Land “home.” Donations can be made with a notation of “Disaster Relief – Baraka Church.” This is the final week to make a donation.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

Sunday School – This fall our K – 2nd grade will be using the *Gospel Light* curriculum and 3rd – 4th begin with a series called *Bible Trivia*. All are welcome in the gym for Sunday School fun and learning!



Family [Feud] Fellowship – Church family of all ages are invited to the gym directly following worship on **Sunday, October 20th** for an intergenerational game. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Please RSVP by Sunday, October 13th to Danielle.

Parkway Ministry Lunch Making - Sunday School children will be making lunches for our Friends on the Parkway on Sunday, October 27th. Stay tuned for more details!

Kids Praise Children's Program – PreK – 5th grade are invited to the Choir Room each Wednesday night from 7:00 – 8:00pm for music fun. Come make a joyful noise!

VBC 2025! – Monday, June 23rd through Friday, June 27th from 9:00am until 11:30am. Our theme this year is “Live it Out” – This summer we are focusing on one powerful action: loving like Jesus! At VBC we will not only hear about Jesus’ love but also learn to express that love through our actions. Join us this summer at VBC!

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

High School Small Group - All high school students (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th) are invited to the youth room every 2nd & 3rd Sunday following worship to dive deeper into the sermon scripture. Please reach out to Claire with any questions.

Youth Sunday School - All 6th – 9th grades are welcome to join us for Sunday School in the Youth Room! They will be dismissed following worship during the service.

Bible Study for 10th, 11th, 12th grade – Join us each Sunday evening 5:30 – 7:00pm for dinner and Bible study at the McGrew’s home. Together we will learn how to do an inductive Bible study on the book of John. Please reach out to Abby McGrew or Ian Kauffman with any questions.

Good Soil – Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 2nd from 5:30 – 10pm! NPC Youth are invited to attend a Christian Artist concert at Manoa Community Church! It will be a great time to connect with other youth and enjoy great worship, rap, spoken word, poetry and more! RSVP by Oct. 30th. Contact Claire Woods for more information.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

Join us on Wednesdays for a church family supper followed by the following offerings:

Moms at the Well: Motherhood can be challenging! For centuries, women met daily at neighborhood wells to draw water for their families, meeting a very significant physical need. But these wells were also gathering spaces, providing much-needed community and relationships. Join us this fall for a new Bible study, led by Heather Gallagher and Linda DiLullo, called *“Moms at the Well: Meeting God through the mothers of scripture”*. This Bible study offers a modern-day “well” for mothers, a gathering place to encourage one another and take an honest look at the challenges we face as moms. It also allows us to experience the God who invites us into a process of spiritual transformation.

Three Free Sins: Please join us this Fall for what promises to be an eye-opening, enlightening book study of *Three Free Sins: God’s Not Mad at You*, by Steve Brown, retired Pastor and Seminary Professor. Each week we’ll be reading one (brief) chapter of this down-to-earth book, thinking about, and discussing it. We’ll have a good time and, I trust, will be encouraged to live our lives more humbly and more confidently before God, and with each other!

Practicing the Way: Simon and Cindy Hauger are leading an 8-week series on *Practicing the Way*, a wonderful new book about spiritual formation. This series is intended to help you be more intentional on the journey of spiritual formation, help you get unstuck if you’ve stalled out, or just guide you to developing a deeper relationship with God. Simon and Cindy have been blessed by this series and are excited to share it with our larger community.

Kids Praise is Back – PreK through 5th grade are invited each Wednesday night for music fun!

Middle School Youth Group! Each week offers games, lessons, and fun! All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are encouraged to attend and bring a friend!

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, October 13

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

Monday, October 14

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

Tuesday, October 15

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

Wednesday October 16

5:45 – 6:45 Church Family Supper, Gym
7:00 – 8:00pm Moms at the Well, Chapel
7:00 – 8:00pm Three Free Sins, Gym
7:00 – 8:00pm Kids Praise, Choir Room
7:00 – 8:00pm MSYG, Youth Room
7:00 – 8:00pm Practicing the Way, Parlor

Thursday, October 17

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, October 18

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

Saturday, October 19

Sunday, October 20

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream
Family [Feud] Fellowship 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: ilmpsvch910@gmail.com

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