



Narberth Presbyterian Church

November 17, 2024

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in C Minor
Jinhee Shim, organ

Bach

Welcome

Pastor Farrar

Call to Worship

Based on Psalm 91:2; Romans 10:9, 13

Pastor Debbie

Let us worship God.

**“He is our refuge and our fortress,
our God, in whom we trust.”**

Let us confess with our mouths, “Jesus is Lord,”
and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead.

“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Let us call upon our true God, believing him in our hearts,
confessing him with our mouths, worshiping him in spirit and in truth.

*Hymn #9

Sing Praise to the Father

To God Be the Glory

Scripture Reading

Psalm 37:5; Psalm 32:8; Psalm 46:10

Josh Mehdi

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Debbie

The psalmist testifies: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me. If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer. Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me. In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God. —*based on Psalm 66:16, 18-20, NRSV*

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him. —Psalm 103:8-13

*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

Oh How Good to Be Together
Oceans

There is One Gospel
NPC Worship Band

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

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Pam Fleming, violin, Jinhee Shim, piano

arr. Burswold

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Pastor Farrar

Scripture Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

Pastor Farrar

Message

If You Want to Walk on Water...

Pastor Farrar

Hymn #520

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Trust in Jesus

Benediction

Pastor Farrar

Postlude

Toccata in G Major
Jinhee Shim, organ

Walond

Prayer Ministry

Linda DiLullo

Pie & Praise - Thanksgiving Eve Service at NPC! Please join us on Wednesday, November 27th beginning at 6:30pm for a praise-filled Thanksgiving Service, along with a sampling of tasty pie and other desserts. Please note that there will not be a meal, however there will be delicious treats. Then all are invited to the sanctuary for a family-friendly, dynamic time of thanking God for His abundance of blessings. We hope to see you there!

Decorating the Sanctuary for Advent/Christmas We are looking for a group of volunteers to help make our Sanctuary beautiful for the holiday season. Join us on Saturday, November 30th to help hang wreaths and garlands and put up a tree. We will meet from 9:30 – 11:30 and donuts will be provided. All are welcome to come! Contact person: Katie Kennedy (610-731-1045).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Unbound Conference: “It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.” (Galatians 5:1a) Heart of the Father, a Christian ministry based in Ardmore, will be hosting an Unbound conference for people who want to experience deeper spiritual freedom. Unbound is a simple, gentle, & powerful prayer ministry where you will learn from the basic gospel message how to be free from resentments, loneliness, addictions—anything that limits your life. If you have questions, contact Maria Kaminstein.

Date: Friday evening, November 22 and all day Saturday, November 23, 2024

Location: Victory Church 2650 Audubon Rd. Audubon PA 19401

Cards containing conference information have been placed in several locations near the doors and sanctuary.

Christmas Pageant! Save the Date! – This year our annual Christmas Pageant will take place on Sunday, December 22nd at end of service in the sanctuary.

NOAH at Sight & Sound – Intergenerational Ministry is beginning to plan a time to see *NOAH* (beginning of 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). Thank you for helping us to plan well!

Donations Request: The Parkway Ministry is currently helping to clothe our homeless brothers and sisters on the Parkway. Jennifer Bonovitz also works alongside Project Home Outreach workers to provide clothing and blankets for over 100 people who live permanently on the streets. In addition to food, we bring clothes to about 30 families in North Philly every Saturday. **Please consider donating coats, hoodies and sweatpants** if you are able. We have a big family depending on us! Clothing can be brought to the bin outside the door at the Windsor St entrance or taken directly to Jennifer’s house (214 Derwen Road, Merion Station) and left on a table in the carport.

Notes from Justice & Mercy: Please welcome our newest Justice and Mercy Advocate, Ken Eng. While Ken has just recently become part of the committee, he has been serving the youth of the Delaware Valley for many years. Ken and his partners offer SAT prep courses, free of charge, to students who cannot afford the high cost of commercial prep programs. Knowing the pressure students are under to earn a high score on their SATs, Ken ministers not only by tutoring his students but also by helping them to see their value beyond academic and professional achievement. Please pray that while they are teaching, Ken and his partners would show God's love to those in their classes and that the students would be receptive.

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

Missions: HumanGood American Baptist Homes of the West began in 1949, Southern California Presbyterian Homes began in 1955, and Presby's Inspired Life has been serving the Philadelphia area since 1955. The three combined as **HumanGood**, to provide affordable housing that meets the needs of low-income older adults. Our regular giving helps to support the work of providing a place to call home for older adults who might otherwise have none, and to offer a welcome in Jesus' name. Please pray for more places of affordable housing – here in the greater Philadelphia region, and beyond. **HumanGood** also includes Life plan communities (also known as continuing care retirement communities), which provide housing and health care on a continuum that changes as residents' needs change. Many of our NPC seniors have lived in Rosemont Village and Rydal Park. Please pray this week that those who offer the care might be blessed in their own lives of faith and service, and those who receive the care might experience the love of God and the presence of Jesus.

Hurricane Disaster Relief: If you would like to support the massive effort to help people recover, body and soul, from the ravages of hurricanes Helene and Milton, here are three organizations already at work in Florida and North Carolina. That work will be ongoing, so if you cannot give today, the need will still be there in the future. Thank you for your generous response to our neighbors in the South. Check the Friday Newsletters for links.

- 1) Project Hope
- 2) Greater Good Charities
- 3) Samaritan's Purse

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

Sunday School (K – 5th grade) – This week we will begin to learn our Christmas Pageant and Christmas Music! Our children will also be creating cards of encouragement for our NPC college students.

Pumpkin Prayers – During November, our NPC Nursery will learn that prayer is a treat we can enjoy as believers. Our youngest will connect with God, grow their faith, and find direction for a bright future!

Gingerbread Bash – The “Bash” is back! Mark your calendar for **Wednesday, December 11th from 6:45 – 8:00pm**. This is a fun, hands-on Christmas event where we build gingerbread nativities, hear the Christmas story, and discover the life-changing gift of God’s Son, Jesus. This event is best for kindergarten through 5th grade, however younger children may attend with a parent to help them. You must **RSVP by Sunday, December 1st** so all materials can be ready to go. Please contact Danielle to RSVP or with any questions.

Children sing with Choir! Save the Date – The Christmas Cantata will take place on Sunday, December 8th during worship. Children are invited to sing with the choir on this special day! We will hold a rehearsal on Saturday, December 7th beginning promptly at 9:30am. Please make every effort to be at this rehearsal. More details by email from Danielle soon.

Christmas Pageant! Save the Date! – This year our annual Christmas Pageant will take place on **Sunday, December 22nd** at end of service in the sanctuary. We will begin to learn our pageant next week in Sunday School.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

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

Bible Study for 10th, 11th, 12th grade – Join us each Sunday evening from 5:30 – 7:00pm for dinner and Bible study at the McGrews 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.

NPC Youth at the Parkway – On Sunday, December 1st, NPC youth will be providing and distributing a meal through the Parkway Ministry. Stay Tuned for more details on how your student can get involved in this day of service!

Youth Christmas Party! Sunday, December 15th after service! Join us for a fun-filled time of games, lunch, and Christmas celebration!

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.

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 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)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

Three Free Sins: Join us for what promises to be an enlightening book study of *Three Free Sins: God's Not Mad at You*, by Steve Brown, retired Pastor & Seminary Professor. Each week we'll be reading one 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 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, & guide you to developing a deeper relationship with God.

Kids Praise – PreK through 5th grade are invited each week 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, November 17

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor

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

Monday, November 18

6:15 – 7:15pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Chapel

6:30 – 8:00pm GriefShare, Parlor

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Pastor's Office

Tuesday, November 19

12:15 – 1:15 Staff Meeting, Parlor

7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday November 20

5:45 – 6:45 Church Family Supper, Gym

7:00 – 8:00pm Three Free Sins, Gym

7:00 – 8:00pm Practicing the Way, Parlor

7:00 – 8:00pm Kids Praise, Choir Room

7:00 – 8:00pm MSYG, Youth Room

Thursday, November 21

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, November 22

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

Saturday, November 23

Sunday, November 24

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor

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

11:00am – 1:00pm Gifts of Hope Gallery, 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: ilmpsysh910@gmail.com

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