

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

December 8, 2024

Prelude *Partita on "Rejoice, O My Soul"* Pachelbel
Jinhee Shim, organ

Welcome Pastor Farrar

PNC Update Sue Wenger

Choir Introit *The Lord Is In His Holy Temple* Choir

*Hymn #133 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* *Veni Emmanuel*

Lighting the 2nd Advent Candle (Peace) The Henry Family
Tim, Kristen, Caitlin, Natalie, Brandon

Advent Scripture Reading Isaiah 2:2-5; Matthew 5:9

Declaration of Peace: Prayer of St. Francis (Unison)

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

*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.

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Debbie

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *What Child is This* Lockard
Linda Pilacik & Jinhee Shim, piano

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Choir Cantata *Peace Has Come* McDonald
NPC Choir, Linda Pilacik, director
Narrators: Jack & Ilonka Comstock

Soloists: Kristen Henry & Tom Patterson
With NPC Children's Choir

Scripture Reading

Colossians 1:9-20

Pastor Farrar

Meditation

Firstborn

Pastor Farrar

Peace Has Come, Reprise

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Hymn #146

Joy to the World (V 2)

Antioch

Benediction

Pastor Farrar

Postlude

Toccata auf O du fröhliche
Jinhee Shim, organ

arr. Connor Licharz

Prayer Ministry

Linda Behmke



Pastor Nominating Committee Update: As Jack shared last Sunday, the PNC invited a promising candidate and his wife to come to NPC in mid-November. The candidate met with the PNC, the Session and staff over a series of 4 days and attended our Sunday service. It all went very well so after the PNC met on November 25th, we made the unanimous decision to call him to be our next Senior Pastor. He was notified and is currently in the process of discerning whether to accept our call. We are hopeful but also aware that he needs to gain approval from Heritage Presbytery to ensure he's a good fit for ECO. This will take a short period of time. So please pray for him in his discernment process and that his meetings with the Heritage Presbytery go well. And as always, please continue to pray for our church during this period of transition.

NPC's Annual Meeting: Join us on December 15th directly following the worship service as we will hold our Annual Congregational Meeting All are invited to participate, especially members. Childcare for children up to 5th grade is available.

Our meeting will include a time of memorial remembrance for members and loved ones who have entered the Church Triumphant in the last year. We will also elect new Elders and Deacons, give an overview of our mission causes, ministries and discuss the budget for 2025.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND EVENTS

Sunday December 8 Second Sunday in Advent

9:30am Worship Service: Join us as the Choir presents “Peace Has Come,” an intergenerational presentation of music and scripture. We also light the candle of Peace.
1:00pm Surviving the Holidays Seminar. GriefShare Event.

Wednesday, December 11

6:45pm Gingerbread Bash! 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. RSVP to Danielle by December 1st.

5:45 – 6:30pm Church Family Supper, Parlor

6:45 – 8:00pm “The True Christmas Story,” presented by Ray Vanderlaan, filmed on-site in Jerusalem and Bethlehem, Parlor

Friday December 13

12:30pm Christmas Luncheon and Carol Sing: All ages are welcome to join us in the Parlor for this annual event which is sure to get you in the Christmas spirit!

Sunday December 15 Third Sunday in Advent

9:30am Worship Service: Join us as we will light the candle of Joy this week. NPC Youth will enjoy a **Christmas party in the Youth Room** during Sunday School. Stay for the **NPC Annual Meeting following the service** with childcare provided.

Tuesday December 17

10:00am Pre-School Christmas Pageant, Sanctuary

Sunday December 22 Fourth Sunday in Advent

9:30am Worship Service: Join us as we experience the Christmas Story through the **Annual Children’s Christmas Pageant** at the end of the Worship Service. We will also light the candle of Love.

7:00pm Found Wandering Concert: a fun and festive concert to benefit one of our mission causes, **Well-Rooted.**

Tuesday, December 24 Christmas Eve

4:00pm Children’s Candlelight Service This shorter service is designed for families with young children. Battery-operated candles will be used to conclude the service.

5:30pm Family Candlelight Service

8:00pm Traditional Candlelight Service (live streamed)



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



During the month of December, the Chancel and Sanctuary is again fully decorated for Christmas. The poinsettias will be displayed on the 15th. After morning worship on **December 22, 2024**, the poinsettias will be delivered to members and friends of the congregation. Most will be given to those who were not able to attend the service, but ALL will be given to say **WE LOVE YOU!** If you're able to deliver a plant or two, please sign up below.

The Memorial Plants will be **\$12.00** each. This is a lovely way to remember loved ones, and to add to the congregation's enjoyment of the season. Please complete the form below and return it to the church office as soon as possible. Thank You! Please make **checks payable to Narberth Presbyterian Church.**

Dedications will be listed in the bulletin December 22nd. Dedications must be received by December 20th to be included in the bulletin.

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Christmas Poinsettias

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Attached is \$ _____ (checks/cash) to be identified as follows:

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory (or honor) of:

(please print)

By _____

OR

Given to the glory of God with thankful joy for His continuing love and grace.

By _____

I would be happy to deliver one (or more) plants after the morning services on Sunday, December 22nd.

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

NPC Elders Next week we will gather for our Annual Meeting, to take stock of the past year in the life of NPC and look ahead to the next. As we consider how God in his mercy has led, protected, and generously provided for (and through) us throughout our history, including in this momentous year of pastoral change, would you please take some time each day this week to thank the Lord for his reliable mercy, grace, and provision, in and through our Elders, who are charged with the spiritual oversight and care of this congregation, then ask how you and we together might follow God's leading, trust him more, and participate in his provision in 2025.

Notes From Justice & Mercy: Loving Our Neighbors – Ridge Avenue. Thanks to generous donations from our church family and beyond, Jyrki Matilla and Jennifer Bonovitz had the joy of giving 30 turkeys and other Thanksgiving food, on Saturday, November 23rd in the neighborhood along Ridge Avenue. We hope to be able to do a Christmas food giveaway on Saturday, December 21st. We would also like to bring gifts of new toys for parents to give to their children on Christmas Day. The children range in age from infants to adolescents. Gift certificates would be most welcome. Winter clothing donations have been coming in steadily. The gratitude of the Ridge Avenue families was overwhelming. We continue to send clothing to Kensington via Project Home outreach workers. Please thank God for his provision from many sources and pray that hearts would be receptive to the love Jennifer and many share in their giving. For further information please text Jennifer at 484-802-2773.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

December Sunday School – Sunday, December 8th is NPC's Christmas Cantata – No Sunday School for K-5th grade. *Children who are singing will sit with Danielle in the front pew.* **Sunday, December 15th – K-5th Sunday School and children should go directly to the gym as soon as they arrive at NPC.** **Sunday, December 22nd – K-5th Sunday School and Christmas Pageant.** *Children should go directly to the gym as soon as they arrive at NPC.* **Sunday, December 29th – Pajama Sunday!** Children are encouraged to wear their favorite pajamas to church. During Sunday School we will enjoy a favorite Christmas movie and popcorn.

NPC Nursery this December - Our youngest will begin a new series called "The Birth of Christ". This Sunday they will look at Luke 2:1-2 and learn more about Jesus being born in a stable.

Gingerbread Bash – Wednesday, December 11th from 6:45 – 8:00pm in the church gym. Thank you to those who RSVP'd! Please note this is the last Wednesday Night Children's Programming until January.

2024 Christmas Pageant – Join Andro Star, the Great Singing Star and the Star Choir as we look at the Christmas Story through the eyes of the Star of Bethlehem! What a blessing to see all our children bring the true meaning of Christmas to life. Our pageant will take place on Sunday, December 22nd at the end of worship in the sanctuary.

Childcare for the Found Wandering Concert – NPC Family, childcare will be available for infants through Kindergarten during the Found Wandering Concert on Sunday, December 22nd in RM 107. Please RSVP your children to Danielle so we can stay safe and organized!

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

Youth Christmas Party! Sunday, December 15th during the Sunday School hour! All Youth (6th-12th) are invited to join us for a fun-filled time of games, lunch, and Christmas celebration during Sunday School! Please bring a gift to exchange for white elephant and dress in your most festive attire!

Final MSYG of 2024 this Wednesday, December 11th! Join us and bring a friend!

Save the Date for Lazer Tag at Arnolds Fun Center on Sunday, January 12th!

Youth Serve on MLK Day-Monday, January 20th join your friends for a time of service to those around you! More details to come.

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, December 8

2nd Sunday of Advent

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor

9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream
Choir Cantata: Peace Has Come

Monday, December 9

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

6:30 – 8:00pm GriefShare, Chapel

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Pastor's Office

Tuesday, December 10

12:15 – 1:15 Staff Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, December 11

5:45 – 6:30 Church Family Supper, Parlor

6:45 – 8:00 "The True Christmas Story", Parlor

6:45 – 8:00pm Gingerbread Bash!, Gym

7:00 – 8:00pm Middle School Youth Group, Youth Room

Thursday, December 12

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, December 13

12:30pm Christmas Luncheon & Carol Sing, Parlor

Saturday, December 14

8:30am Women's Breakfast "Joy"

Sunday, December 15

3rd Sunday of Advent

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor

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

Congregational Meeting immediately following worship

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

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