

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

December 15, 2024

Prelude

Toccata on Creator alme siderum
Jinhee Shim, organ

Yon

Welcome

Pastor Debbie

Call to Worship

Based on Isaiah 55:10-12

Pastor Debbie

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return to it without watering the earth,
making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,

so is God's word that goes out from his mouth: It will not return to God empty,
but will accomplish what he desires, and achieve the purpose for which God sent it.

You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and hills will burst into song before you,
and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.
With joy, come, let us worship God!

*Hymn #152

Angels We Have Heard on High

Gloria

Scripture Reading

John 15:7-11

Abby McGrew

Lighting the 3rd Advent Candle (Joy)

The Snyder Family
Jeff, Melanie, Zach, & Julia

Advent Scripture Reading

Isaiah 12:1-6

Declaration of Joy: "Those the LORD has rescued will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away."

*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

How Great Our Joy
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear
Never See the End
NPC Worship Band

Youth Dismissed to Sunday School

Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Debbie
Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory	<i>Great Our Joy</i>	<i>arr. Wagner</i>
	NPC Bell Choir, Linda Pilacik, director	
Doxology and Prayer of Dedication		
Scripture Reading	Luke 2:8-11	Pastor Mark Gende
Meditation	The Message of Joy!	Pastor Mark
Hymn #151	<i>Go, Tell It on the Mountain</i>	<i>Go Tell It</i>
Benediction		Pastor Mark
Postlude	<i>Sortie on O Come, Divine Messiah</i>	<i>Franck</i>
	Jinhee Shim, organ	
Prayer Ministry		Linda DiLullo

Pastor Nominating Committee Update: As many of you know, the Pastor Nominating Committee has called a new Senior Pastor, Mark Gende. He is currently waiting to meet with the MPT “Ministry Partnership Team” of our presbytery, a required step in the process of becoming an ECO pastor. While we wait for that step to take place, we are excited that he is preaching to us today. We anticipate having a Congregational Meeting in early January to affirm PNC’s call for Mark to be our Senior Pastor. If all goes well as we hope and expect - the MPT says, “Yes”, the congregation votes “Yes”, and Mark says “Yes” - then he will start at some point thereafter. We give thanks to God for his faithfulness throughout this entire process!

NPC’s Annual Meeting: Join us **TODAY** 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 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

11:00am 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 Deacons Our Deacons give of themselves in service on a daily basis, offering comfort, encouragement, support that is down-to-earth and heaven-sent, meeting people in their various needs and acting as the Lord's hands, feet, and heart to them. Please pray blessings at every level for our Deacons, and for everyone they serve, and consider how you might join in one of the areas of service which they coordinate.

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 15th – *K-5th grade 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.

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!**

Communion & Baptism Class this January – Communion and Baptism are essential and precious parts of worshipping as the church body. This class is designed to meet children right where they are. It is best for older elementary students (3rd – 5th). This class will run January 12, 19, 26 and children are “Welcomed to the Lord’s Table” on Sunday, February 2. Please register your child by emailing Danielle.

MLK Day of Service Opportunity Monday, January 20th – This year our NPC Preschool and NPC Children’s Ministries are partnering to bring “A Day ON not OFF” to honor this National Day of Service. Please RSVP your family or child to Danielle. Older elementary students (3rd – 4th) may attend alone. We plan to meet in the gym 10:30 – 11:30am.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

TODAY! – **Youth Christmas Party!** ALL Youth are invited to join us upstairs for a time of food, games, and white elephant gift exchange during Sunday School.

Save the Date for Lazer Tag at Arnolds Fun Center on Sunday, January 12th! More details to follow soon!

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

MSYG will take a break for the holiday season and will resume on Wednesday, January 15th!

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

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

Monday, December 16

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Pastor's Office

Tuesday, December 17

11:00am Preschool Christmas Pageant, Sanctuary

12:15 – 1:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, December 18

Regular Wednesday Night Programming has ended for 2024. We will resume on Wednesday, January 15th. Stay tuned for more details!

Thursday, December 19

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

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

Friday, December 20

Saturday, December 21

Sunday, December 22

4th Sunday of Advent

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor

9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream. **Children's Sunday School**

Christmas Pageant to close the Worship Service

7:00pm Found Wandering Benefit Concert, Sanctuary

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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