

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

December 22, 2024

Prelude *Introduction & Variations on "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"* *Guilmant*
Jinhee Shim, organ

Welcome

Pastor Debbie

Call to Worship

Philippians 2:1-5

Ann Sadel

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

But emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness.

And he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

***Hymn #162** *The First Noel, the Angel Did Say (v. 1,2,5,6)*

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:4-7

Isabel Lally

John 13:1, 4-5, 34-35

Rob Wray

Lighting the 4th Advent Candle (Love)

The Kaplan Family

Jo-Ann, Peter, Thomas, Heather, & Sally

Advent Scripture Reading

1 John 4:7-10

Declaration of Love: Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. 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.

Worship Songs

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Here I Am to Worship/Light of the World

Sarah Comstock, guitar & vocals, Elaine Ernst, piano

Youth Dismissed to Sunday School

Pastoral Prayer **Pastor Debbie**

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Immanuel* *Card*

Sarah Comstock, vocals, David Ernst, vocals, Elaine Ernst, piano

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading **Romans 12:9-18** **Jan Kennedy**

Meditation **Talk to Me; See Me; Know Me:** **Pastor Debbie**

Love & Life in the Church

Hymn #173 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* *Adeste Fideles*

Children's Christmas Pageant

Sunday School Children

Special thank you to Joshua Weed for portraying baby Jesus

Benediction **Pastor Debbie**

Postlude *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* *arr. Kerr*

Jinhee Shim, organ

Prayer Ministry **Jan Kennedy**

Thank you from Mark Gende: *Mark and Tena Gende thank the Narberth Church family for their warm welcome last weekend. Everyone treated us like family and made us feel very much at home. We were greatly encouraged by the warmth and vitality of your hospitality and by your evident love for Christ, and we were tremendously blessed to worship the Lord Jesus with you.*

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND EVENTS

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 FLOWER DEDICATIONS



Joe Antonelli, beloved husband & stepfather

Alice Antonelli,

Grant & Maddy Fisher

Bill & Peggy Richardson, beloved parents/grandparents

Alice Antonelli

Grant & Maddy Fisher

My Dad, Richard

Diane Chen

David & Maryann Cope

The Cope Family

All our beloved relatives

The Cope Family

My dear sister Barbara & my parents, George & Helen

Suzanne Floyd

To the Glory of God

The Henry Family

Our parents & grandparents

The Todd Family

Our parents

Donald & Marjery Vangore

James & Caroline Watson

Debbie Watson

Warren & Jean Mills and Irv & Shirley Weed

Steve & Teri Weed

My Bill & Our Daughter, Freida

Geri Wismer

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

NPC Staff This week, please pray for our church staff who work hard everyday to serve the Lord and the NPC community. Let's thank the Lord for all of them, and pray that they, too, will receive energy, enthusiasm, and joy, as they share God's love with people of all ages, with imagination and love. For a full list of church staff, see page 8 of the bulletin.

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 out 30 turkeys along with 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 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 more information please text Jennifer at 484-802-2773.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

Christmas Pageant! TODAY! – *K-5th will present the 2024 Christmas Pageant in the sanctuary at the end of worship. Children should go directly to the gym as soon as they arrive at NPC.*

Pajama Sunday! December 29th – Children are encouraged to wear their favorite pajamas to church. During Sunday School we will enjoy a Christmas movie & 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.

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 and 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

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

Youth at the Parkway! We have rescheduled our opportunity for youth to make and take meals to the Parkway for Sunday, January 19th. ALL Youth (6th-12th) are encouraged to help make meals during Sunday School and then help drop them off immediately following Sunday Service. We also need adult volunteers to help with drop-off. Let Claire know by Friday, January 17th if you’d like to volunteer.

Youth Serve on MLK Day – Monday, January 20th join your friends for a time of service to those around you! We will be serving with Grands Stepping Up: A Ministry run out of Bethany Presbyterian Church. We will help by restocking the shelves, taking donations out to recipients, and handing out premade meals. Prior to this day we will collect donations of nonperishable foods, baby supplies, personal care items, and household cleaning items to take with us! Specific times for serving will be announced soon.

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

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

Monday, December 23

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Pastor's Office

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve

4:00pm Children's Candlelight Service

5:30pm Family Candlelight Service

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Wednesday, December 26

Christmas Day

Holiday – Church Office Closed

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

Thursday, December 26

Holiday – Church Office Closed

Friday, December 27

Saturday, December 28

Sunday, December 29

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

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