



Narberth Presbyterian Church

January 5, 2025

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

When Morning Gilds the Sky
Jinhee Shim, organ

arr. Payne

Welcome

Pastor Debbie

Call to Worship

Galatians 4:4-6

Vera Comstock

Hymn #181

As with Gladness Men of Old

Dix

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 52:7-10 (Responsive)

Clara Louie

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy.

When the Lord returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes.

Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

The Lord will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.

Prayer of Confession

Pam Fleming

Dear God, Time is a gift from you, and your timing is perfect – in history and in our lives – yet we do not always trust that this is true. Sometimes our view of time is skewed, and in our fear, we miss the gift. Forgive us for forgetting that if we trust and follow you, Lord, you will give us enough time, and the right time for all the important things in life. Please help us to trust you and your timing, so that our actions accomplish your goals for us and the people around us, and may all that we do, be to your glory. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.

The Peace

Worship Songs

*He Has Made Me Glad
God With Us*
NPC Worship Band

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Jesu, Joy of Men's Desiring
Jinhee Shim, organ

Bach

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 5:16-6:2; Galatians 4:4-6

Message

Timing is Everything

Pastor Debbie

Hymn #772

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O holy God, creator and ruler of the universe. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in your image and called us to love and serve you.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Born in humility, he came to rule over all. Helpless as an infant, he showed the power of your love. Poor in things of the world, he brought the wealth of your grace. Rejected by many, he welcomed all who sought him.

In his death and resurrection, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made us people of hope.

You are holy, O God of majesty, blessed is Jesus Christ, your son, our Lord.

Born as king in David's line, he lived with the lowly and cared for the least of your children.

From the grave you raised him to your right hand where he rules again from heaven.

**We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection.
we await his coming in glory.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place. Send us out as the body of Christ in the world.

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer after Communion

Hymn #187

Jesus, Come! for We Invite You

Sicilian Mariners

Benediction

Pastor Debbie

Postlude

In Thee is Gladness

Bach

Jinhee Shim, organ

Prayer Ministry

Mark Wenger

TODAY is Family Worship – All children (K – 5th) are encouraged to worship with their church family and participate in Communion. Worship Bags will be available and the NPC Nursery will be available, as usual, for infants through PreK.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Prayer Retreat: The season of Winter offers beauty.... falling snow, the warmth of a fire.....and an invitation for reflection and quiet contemplation. Please mark your calendars for our next Silent Retreat....” Growing in awareness of God”. This time will enable you to recognize and focus on the variety of ways in which you can notice and experience the presence of God in your life. It will be held Monday, February 3rd from 9:30am – 2:30pm at St Raphaela Retreat Center in Bryn Mawr. The cost is \$25 (you may pay cash or by check to “NPC”) and includes both breakfast and lunch. Please contact Heather Gallagher at 610-416-3607 or Heatherkevin@comcast.net to register and to ask any questions. Registration deadline is January 26th.

Notes from Justice & Mercy: Onesphor Tuhenya (Ones, pronounced Oh ness) has successfully completed the first semester of his sophomore year after transferring from Montgomery County Community College to West Chester University. His most recent text said “In my final week, I am finishing the first semester here strong. Thank you so much for your support. It is very much appreciated.” It is a blessing to support this young man as he trains to be a social worker and help other people in this community! At West Chester, Ones has met many others who have also settled in this area. He has learned a lot from their experiences which he will undoubtedly draw on as he strives to be a trusted resource for others like himself. To learn more about racial reconciliation work, please contact Marilyn Reed (alsomarilynreed@gmail.com).

Overeaters Anonymous. This is a support group for people who are struggling with their eating and want a caring group to support them in getting their eating and weight “right.” The group meets on **Monday evenings at 8:00pm** in the Pastor’s office both in person and via Zoom. New members are welcome; reach out to Eric (610-742-8196) with questions or to get the Zoom link.

Dr. Janet Moore is a licensed psychologist with over 30 years of therapeutic expertise. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Bible from Philadelphia College of Bible and a master’s degree in theology from Denver Seminary. With an understanding of spirituality and faith in clients’ lives, she is able to provide spiritually integrated psychotherapy. Janet offers counseling to adults and couples experiencing such struggles as depression and anxiety, relationship issues, life crisis, grief and personal adjustment problems. She provides compassionate help to survivors of physical, emotional, sexual, and spiritual abuse. Contact Dr. Moore at 610-664-4880 Ext 121, 484-686-6630, or jlmpsych910@gmail.com.

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

Missions: Family of Restoration Ministries (Coatesville) exists to restore individual and family ties in the context of Christian family, compassion & charity. Please pray for them and those they serve in these 4 ways:

House of His Creation, a maternity housing program which includes birth-mom support,

Caring 4 Young Families, a support group for young parents, including The Parenting Journey™ classes,

The Cynthia Gibbs Foundation, a teaching program on issues related to Shaken Baby Syndrome,

Family Building Events bringing together parents & kids around purity, relationship building, & family fun.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

Communion & Baptism Class begins January 12th – Communion & Baptism are essential and precious parts of worshipping as the church body. This special class will run January 12th, 19th, 26th and is best for 3rd, 4th, 5th graders. Children are “Welcomed to the Lord’s Table” on Sunday, February 2nd. Please register your child by emailing Danielle or reach out with any questions.

Basketball Clinic at NPC - It's that time of year again for Saturday morning (8:30 – 9:30am) kids basketball clinic at Narberth Presbyterian Church (NPC). This is best for 1st through 5th grade and is at no cost. January 11th through March 8th! All are welcome! Please register 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.

LIVE IT OUT! VBC 2025! - Mark your calendar for these dates: Tuesday, June 17th (3:00 – 5:00pm) through Friday, June 20th (9:00 – 11:30am on Wed, Thurs, Fri) for NPC’s VBC! This summer children will experience camp excitement with Bible-based learning that will inspire them to follow Jesus! VBC is best for those age 4 (by June 1) through rising 5th graders (2025 – 2026 school year). Many volunteers are needed to make this a success too! Registration opens for students and volunteers March 24th.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

RSVP for Lazer Tag at Arnolds Family Fun Center on Sunday, January 12th! We will meet in the Youth Room for pizza and drive to Oaks for a start time of Lazer Tag by 1:00pm. **Please bring \$15 and RSVP by Friday, January 10th. Don't forget to invite a friend!**

Youth at the Parkway! We have rescheduled our opportunity for youth to help 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 following Sunday Service. If you would like to help drop off, please let Claire know by Friday, January 17th.

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 serve by restocking the shelves and giving recipients donations and premade meals. Before 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.

MSYG will resume on Wednesday, January 15th!

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, January 5

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor

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

Monday, December 6

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

7:00pm PNC Meeting, Parlor

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Pastor's Office

Tuesday, December 7

12:15 – 1:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor

7:00pm Deacons, Parlor

Wednesday, January 8

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Thursday, January 9

6:30 – 8:00pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Friday, January 10

Saturday, January 11

8:30 – 9:30am Kids Basketball Clinic, Gym

8:30am Women's Breakfast, Parlor

Sunday, January 12

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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