



Narberth Presbyterian Church

January 19, 2025

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

Entrée in G Minor
Jinhee Shim, organ

Dubois

Welcome

Pastor Debbie

Call to Worship

Psalm 105:1-2,37-43

Caitlin Henry

Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

He brought out Israel, laden with silver and gold; Egypt was glad when they left.

He spread out a cloud as a covering, and a fire to give light at night.

They asked, and he brought them quail; he fed them well with the bread of heaven.

He opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed like a river in the desert.

For he remembered his holy promise given to his servant Abraham.

He brought out his people with rejoicing, his chosen ones with shouts of joy;

Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Hymn #634

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

Opening Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading

Exodus 14:10-25

Ian Kauffman

Prayer of Confession

Diane Chen

Dear God, Your timing is perfect, in history, and in our lives, yet we don't always trust that this is true. When we're between an ending and a new beginning, sometimes we get anxious, jump the gun, and do what may be good, but not your best, and we wonder what went wrong. Forgive us for forgetting to trust your timing – to wait for you to show us the right thing to do, and the right time to do it. Grow our patient trust in you, we ask in Jesus' name, amen.

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

Jesus knows our every weakness and loves us still. Awaken to the promise of Christ's amazing grace. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen.

The Peace

Worship Songs

King Of My Heart
Honey In the Rock
He Will Hold Me Fast
NPC Worship Band

Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Debbie
Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i> Linda Pilacik, piano	<i>Runyon</i>
Doxology and Prayer of Dedication		
Scripture Reading	Matthew: 14:22-29	Pastor Debbie
Message	God of the In-Between	Rev. Dr. Ken Green
Hymn #612	<i>How Firm a Foundation</i>	<i>Foundation</i>
Benediction		Rev. Dr. Ken Green
Postlude	<i>Jubilation</i> Jinhee Shim, organ	<i>Payne</i>
Prayer Ministry		Simon Hauger

The Rev. Dr. Kenneth Green and his wife, the Rev. Dr. Tassie Green attended Narberth from 2014 – 2016 and Tassie served on our staff as the Director of Youth and Family ministries.

Ken is a Church Consultant with the Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (USA). In that role, he consults with churches and presbyteries within the Synods of Lincoln Trails and Lakes & Prairies about employee compensation and benefits. He also leads seminars on preparing for ministry at regional seminaries and in preparing for retirement for pastors and church workers.

Before joining the Board in 2014, Ken was the senior pastor of First Presbyterian Church of LaGrange, Illinois. Previously, Ken and his wife, Tassie, were associate pastors at Second Presbyterian Church of Indianapolis. Ken and his family live in Palatine, IL where Tassie is currently the Interim Pastor at FPC Evanston, and serves as the faculty lead for Interim Ministry training in the region.

The Pastor Nominating Committee invites members to participate in the vote to call Rev. Mark Gende to Senior Pastor & Head of Staff of Narberth Presbyterian Church to be held at our Congregational Meeting on February 2, 2025, at 11:00am following the service. Due to the significance of this vote for our church, members are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting in person. A Zoom option requiring preregistration will be provided for those who physically cannot attend. Please contact Sara Mahoney in the church office to preregister for the Zoom. This vote is only for members of the church, but the results will be made public following the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Church Finances, End of Year, 2024 Preliminarily, Finance Committee reports that the gap between donations and costs, that had been projected as great as (\$600,000) for 2024 was dramatically reduced by extraordinary and beautiful giving as calendar year 2024 came to a close. This combined with careful attention to responsibly reducing costs greatly reduced, if not eliminated, that gap. We are still collecting final invoices for the year and ensuring that any gifts mailed and postmarked before the end of 2024 are correctly recorded in that budget year. We will release final results as soon as they become available, although we are confident in sharing that NPC ended 2024 with a much more favorable financial position, with our gratitude to the members and friends of Narberth Presbyterian Church.

NPC Christian Preschool will open registration for the 2025-2026 school year for current preschool families and church families on Monday, January 27. Our preschool offers two-day, three-day and five-day options for children aged 18 months to pre-kindergarten. The school day runs from 9:00am – 12:00pm from mid-September to early-June, and we also offer afternoon programming (12:00 – 3:00pm) through Lunch Bunch and Pre-Kindergarten Enrichment. Registration will also open at the same time for our wonderful six-week summer camp that runs from late June to late July. To receive more information as well as the link to register, please reach out to director Virginia Davis at preschool@narberthpres.org or 610-664-8890.

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

Missions: Amnion Crisis Pregnancy Center (Drexel Hill & Norristown) offers counseling to those who have undergone an abortion, recently or not, and provides support when the decision is to place their child for adoption, or to parent. Pray for those who provide the counseling, to be both kind and competent with those who seek their help, and for recipients to be encouraged, drawn to Jesus as he comes to them through staff and volunteers.

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).

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

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. We plan to meet in the gym from 10:30 – 11:30am.

Communion & Baptism Class begins January 12th – This special class will run January 12th, 19th, 26th. Children are “Welcomed to the Lord’s Table” on Sunday, February 2nd.

Treasure Children’s 3-Week Sunday School Series – Children not participating in Communion & Baptism Class will enjoy a 3 week series discovering the treasure of knowing Jesus. This Sunday we look at the value of wisdom in Proverbs 3:13-15.

NPC Nursery – Our youngest will begin a new series called “Little Me Big God”. The NPC Nursery is best for infants through PreK and is led by Sharon Shallow and volunteer team.

Kids Praise! Children’s Wednesday Night Program – Children (PreK – 5th grade) are encouraged to join us for music fun! We meet in the Choir Room from 7:00 – 8:00pm. All are welcome!

Kids Basketball Clinic at NPC - It's that time of year again for Saturday morning (8:30 – 9:30am) kids basketball clinic, led by Rich Toner, 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.

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

Youth at the Parkway TODAY! ALL Youth (6th – 12th) are encouraged to help make meals during Sunday School and learn more about the impact of this ministry!

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.

Confirmation Classes: Any student in 6th – 12th grade who would like to be confirmed into the church is encouraged to go through confirmation classes. This will begin in the coming months and happen during the Sunday School hour. Please talk to Claire Woods (cwoods@narberthpres.org) for more information.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING

Practicing the Way: Simon and Cindy Hauger are leading a second 8-week series of *Practicing the Way*, a wonderful new book about spiritual formation. This series will focus on the practices of **Sabbath and prayer**. If you're curious about Sabbath or would like to make your prayer life richer, then you will love this series. All are welcome (even if you did not participate in the first study). If you want to learn more, reach out to Simon or Cindy directly (shauger@workshopu.org // 215-605-6850).

Moms at the Well: For centuries, women met daily at neighborhood wells to draw water for their families, meeting a significant physical need. But these wells were also gathering spaces, providing much-needed community and relationship. Join us for scripture, a time of sharing, and prayer led by Lisa Hoffman. This is open to all women as a safe space to gather and encourage one another. It allows us to experience the God who invites us into a process of spiritual transformation. We will meet for 6 weeks. Reach out to Lisa Hoffman or Danielle Kauffman with any questions.

Personal Finance: Ever wonder how much debt is too much? What credit rating agencies are all about? If you should budget? And if so, is there an app for that? Join Alice Antonelli as she facilitates a class on personal finance on a variety of topics. The format will include a short video and conversation afterward. Contact Alice (arichardson1@gmail.com) or Mark Wenger (markfwenger@yahoo.com) with any questions.

Kids Praise! Winter Session Children are encouraged to join the party in the Choir Room. Together we sing, dance, learn a lot about music, and HAVE FUN! This program is best for PreK through 5th grade. We hope to see you there! Please reach out to Danielle with any questions.

Middle School Youth Group: Calling all 6th-8th grade students to join us for an hour of games, bible study, and memorable time together! Invite a friend to join you for a night of fun!

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, January 19

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor

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

Monday, January 20

MLK Day – Church Office Closed

10:30 – 11:30am Children’s Time of Service, Gym

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

7:00pm PNC Meeting, Parlor

7:00pm Adult Discipleship Meeting, Chapel

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Pastor’s Office

Tuesday, January 21

12:15 – 1:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor

7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, January 22

5:45 – 6:45 Church Family Supper, Gym

7:00 – 8:00pm Personal Finance, Pastor’s Office

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

7:00 – 8:00pm Women at the Well, Chapel

7:00 – 8:00pm Kids Praise, Choir Room

7:00 – 8:00pm MSYG, Youth Room

Thursday, January 23

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

Friday, January 24

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

Saturday, January 25

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

Sunday, January 26

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

Counseling: Dr. Janet Moore: cell: 484-686-6630 email: jlmpsych910@gmail.com

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