



Narberth Presbyterian Church

January 26, 2025

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

Voluntary No. 4 in C Major

Greene

Jinhee Shim, organ

Welcome & Call to Worship **Hebrews 12:1-3**

Danielle Kauffman

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.

And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Hymn #99

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Laudes Domini

Opening Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 11:1-10

Trae Hoffner

Prayer of Confession

Pam Fleming

Faithful God, your love is sure and true. Whatever life brings, we can trust you and live with confidence and hope that comes from you. We don't always do this. In the ups and downs of life, in its twists and turns, we often turn away from you, looking for answers to the questions of our lives elsewhere. When we do, we miss your best.

Forgive us for failing to trust you, who know and love us best. Call us back to you, our always faithful God, and help us trust you, so that as life brings its changes, we may always rest in your unchanging love and kind care. We pray in Jesus' strong, sure name, amen.

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

Since God has granted us peace by forgiving us our sins through the death of Christ on the cross, let's share that peace with one another and see it spread! The peace of Christ be with you!

The Peace

Worship Songs

Sing With All Your Heart

Abide

Vision of Your Love

NPC Worship Band

Children & Youth dismissed to Sunday School

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Debbie

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
Dean Pappas, vocals & guitar

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading Hebrews 12:4-13 Tom Burnett

Message Ch-ch-ch-ch-Changes Pastor Debbie

Hymn #108 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* *Madrid*

Benediction Pastor Debbie

Postlude *Hymn to Joy* *Payne*
Jinhee Shim, organ

Prayer Ministry Jay Field

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 TODAY, January 26th.

A note from Session: As we begin 2025, we, the twelve elected Ruling Elders of the Session at Narberth Presbyterian Church, want to remind our congregation that we are here for conversations, questions, and clarifications about our shared life as a community of faith. While we continuously strive to lead with prayerful discernment, attentive listening, and responsible accountability, we also recognize the importance of staying accessible to our church family.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any thoughts or concerns. Our contact information can be found on myNPC within the church’s website, or you are welcome to call the church office. We look forward to engaging with you as we serve Christ and the church together.

In Christ’s service,

Linda Behmke, Jie Cai, Diane Chen, Jack Comstock, Katie Kennedy, Susan Chen-Costantino, Jay Field, Simon Hauger, Jim Hornung, Jan Kennedy, Brint Nicolai, and Mark Wenger

PNC UPDATE – VOTING

Congregational Prayer Meeting

Members and friends are invited to join together as a congregation for a prayer meeting in the Chapel on **Monday January 27th at 7:00pm** to intercede for our church and our vote.

Congregational Meeting and Vote

February 2, 2025

The Pastoral Nominating Committee invites members to participate in the vote to call Rev. Mark Gende to be Senior Pastor and 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 pre-registration by 12:00 noon on Friday 1/31/25** 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.

Voting Information

- Only NPC members can vote to call a new pastor.
- All votes must be in person or via Zoom at the congregational meeting on 2/2/25.
- Votes will be anonymous and counted and announced on site at the end of the meeting.
- The meeting will be held on Zoom for members who are physically not able to attend in person.
- To preregister for Zoom, and get link, call Sara Mahoney at 610-664-4880 or email at smahoney@narberthpres.org
- Cutoff date to preregister is Friday 1/31/25 at 12:00 noon.

Childcare for Congregational Meeting - Sunday, February 2nd all members are encouraged to attend the Congregational Meeting taking place following worship where we will vote to call Rev. Mark Gende to be Senior Pastor and Head of Staff of Narberth Presbyterian Church. Childcare will be provided during the meeting and vote for infants through 5th grade in RM 107. Look for details in an email from Danielle and please reach out with any questions.

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

Missions: Save A Life (Nadia Gordynsky) operates 9 centers in Ukraine, 1 in Poland, and is headquartered in Philadelphia. They emphasize crisis pregnancy support, violence & domestic abuse assistance, humanitarian aid for mothers & their children, and the education of youth about sexual integrity & the sanctity of life. Please pray for the staff, the people they help, & their neighbors, as they live in the ongoing reality of war, that they will continue to offer help in the love of Christ to all who ask.

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

Communion & Baptism Class – 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!

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

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 will happen during the Sunday School hour. Please talk to Claire Woods (cwoods@narberthpres.org) for more information.

Souper Bowl Offering: Sunday, February 9th is our Annual Souper Bowl Offering! Proceeds will benefit the Parkway Ministry. Find a Youth Student at any door following service to donate!

NPC PRESCHOOL

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.

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!

ALL-CHURCH RETREAT

Where Friends Gather - 2025 All-Church Retreat! Friendship is one of the most powerful ways we experience God's love in our daily lives. Whether it's sharing a kind word, a listening ear, or simply being present, our friends enrich us in countless ways. All ages are encouraged to join us for this meaningful weekend with church friends taking place Friday, May 2nd, Saturday, May 3rd, and Sunday, May 4th in beautiful Sandy Cove, MD! Our speaker will be announced soon. Pricing sheets are available in the Chapel or please reach out to Danielle with any questions. You can reserve your spot with \$100 deposit by check, cash or online option. Please use 2025 Spring Retreat in the dropbox online. You can also text your deposit with the keyword RETREAT. Balances are due by April 2nd. We hope to see many of you at the 2025 All-Church Retreat!

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, January 26

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor

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

Monday, January 27

7:00pm Congregational Prayer Meeting, Chapel

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Pastor's Office

Tuesday, January 28

12:15 – 1:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor

7:00pm Missions Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, January 29

5:45 – 6:45pm 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 30

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

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

Friday, January 31

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

Saturday, February 1

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

Sunday, February 2

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor

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

11:00am Congregational Meeting & Vote directly following the Worship Service

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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