



# Narberth Presbyterian Church

February 23, 2025

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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**Prelude**

*Grand Choeur in G Major*

*Salomé*

Jinhee Shim, organ

**Welcome & Announcements**

Debbie Watson

**Announcement – Amnion “Make a Change for Life Drive”**

Alice Antonelli &  
Allison Foley

**Call to Worship**

Isaiah 42:10-12

Alexandra & William Higgins

Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise from the ends of the earth,

**You who go down to the sea, and all that is in it,**

You islands, and all who live in them.

**Let the wilderness and its towns raise their voices;**

Let the settlements where Kedar lives rejoice.

**Let the people of Sela sing for joy;**

Let them shout from the mountaintops.

**Let them give glory to the Lord and proclaim his praise in the islands.**

**Hymn #50**

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

*Mit Freuden Zart*

**Opening Prayer**

Pastor Debbie

**Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 42:1-9; Luke 4:14-21

David & Jay Cai

**Prayer of Confession**

Anne Barr

Gracious God, You gave us scripture to teach us about how life is, and how it can be when we live it according to your intentions and priorities. You sent your Son to show us what that life looks like, and you have provided your Spirit to enable us to follow him. In spite of all you have given, we often ignore, or even refuse your wisdom and leading as it comes to us in your book, through your Son and Spirit, and other people. Forgive us, Lord. Help us reorient our lives in every way on you, who created us in love and know us best, so that we might experience life at its very best, now and in eternity, Amen.

**Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon**

*Scripture says that when we turn to God in true sadness for our sin, he will forgive us and make us able not to return to our sin. Hear the good news – in Christ Jesus we are freed from our need to sin, and freed to live the life God has for us – now and in eternity. Amen!*

**Sacrament of Baptism**

**David Lok-Hin Cai**

Parents: Jay Cai & Chang Liu

**Alexandra Lee Higgins**

**William Lewis Higgins**

**Parker Lawson Higgins**

Parents: William Higgins & Kachiu Lee

**The Peace**

**Worship Songs**

*In the Fields of the Lord*

*Sanctuary*

NPC Worship Band

*Children & Youth (6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>) dismissed to Sunday School*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Pastor Debbie**

**Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

*Come Before Him with Singing*

*Sheppard*

NPC Choir, Linda Pilacik, director

**Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

**Scripture Reading**

**Luke 3:21-22; 4:1-13; 10:25-37**

**Message**

**Who Do You Think You Are,  
& What Are You Going to Do About It?**

**Pastor Debbie**

**Hymn #651**

*O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

*Maryton*

**Children's Song**

*Twelve Disciples Song*

Sunday School Children

**Benediction**

**Pastor Debbie**

**Postlude**

*Allegro from Concerto in B Minor*

Jinhee Shim, organ

*Walther*

**Prayer Ministry**

**Jan Kennedy**

Following worship today please join us in the gym for a reception to celebrate our children who were baptized today! All are welcome to attend!

We are excited to announce that Mark Gende, our new Sr Pastor, will be our retreat speaker this year! This is a beautiful opportunity for our church family to get to know Mark and Tena during our All-Church Retreat. Mark is very excited to be a part of this special time with us! Please register soon as space is filling up quickly.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Gather 25** is a live-streamed, world-wide, worship and outreach event, to be held on **Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**. We will host a watch party here at NPC from 7:00 – 10:00pm on Friday (USA leading worship, with refreshments), and from 8:00 – 11:00am on Saturday (Romania leading worship, and we will have coffee!), for everyone who would like to experience the worship in a larger group. You may also tune in from home at any time from 8:00pm Friday – 9:00pm Saturday.

**World Day of Prayer Gathering** – NPC is hosting this annual prayer gathering on **Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>** with a 6:30pm reception followed by a 7:00pm service. All ages are invited to experience a time of fellowship and prayer with other Christians from this area, as we engage in the service prepared by our Christian sisters in the Cook Islands.

**Rise & Shine Breakfast** – It's time to rise and shine for breakfast at NPC! All are welcome to join us in the gym on **Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> (Daylight Savings)** from 8:30 – 9:15am for eggs, pancakes, sausage, COFFEE, and more. Hope to see you there!

**GriefShare:** The journey of grief is a painful process; you do not need to walk it alone. We encourage you to come to the video and support group, GriefShare. The sessions specifically address topics and issues for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. This is a place where you can be surrounded by people who understand the pain of your loss. The first GriefShare session meets on **Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:00pm** in the Parlor and continues to meet weekly into June (note that you can join at any time). It is important to register on the GriefShare website & there is a \$20 registration fee to participate. Contact Alice Antonelli (arichardson1@gmail.com) or Gerri Wismer (geewis46@gmail.com) for more information about the group

**Preschool Sunday is March 16<sup>th</sup>** – Join us as we celebrate our NPC Preschool on Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Extended fellowship will be held in the gym following service.

**NPC Christian Preschool registration is open for the 2025-2026 school year for current preschool families and church families.** 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 is also open for our wonderful six-week summer camp that runs from late June to late July. To receive more information, reach out to director Virginia Davis (preschool@narberthpres.org // 610-664-8890).

## PRAYER INFORMATION

### Please Remember in Prayer

#### **Missions: Dan and Rebecca Hall (DiscipleMakers – Penn State-Main Campus)**

Please pray for Dan, Rebecca, the entire DiscipleMakers staff, and the students to and among whom they continue to share the gospel of Jesus at Penn State Main Campus and bring the life-changing impact of Christ to college students there. With a long history of cross-cultural ministry in North Africa, creativity, commitment to the Lord and to the students, Dan and Rebecca continue to minister to students, individually and in a number of group settings, for worship, teaching, mentoring, and fun.

**Notes from Justice & Mercy:** The Parkway Ministry is thriving under the new leadership of Ilonka Comstock. Weather issues are having an impact on the number of people who come out for food. The food does not go to waste, as our partners at Project Home are willing to deliver the food to wherever folks are. The number of people experiencing food insecurity remains high and will grow as public assistance and federal jobs decline. Please pray for more folks at NPC to join this ministry by praying, providing food, and driving downtown each Sunday to deliver food and develop friendships with our neighbors experiencing food insecurity and harsh weather conditions. Please contact Ilonka for more information.

## INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

**Gone Fishin'** – Our K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade and NPC Nursery will begin a new series together called *Gone Fishin'*. Each week we will discover the ministry of Jesus! ***“Come, follow me, and I will send you out to fish for people.”*** Mark 1:17

**Stepping Stones Through Lent** – Children and families are encouraged to engage together in this NEW Lenten devotional. They will be given out to all children beginning this Sunday (February 23<sup>rd</sup>). Please be sure to get your copy from Danielle! Also stay tuned for children’s Lenten Offering details.

**Girl Scout Sunday is March 9<sup>th</sup>** - On this special Sunday, our awesome Girl Scouts will help lead worship and host the fellowship table following service. All are invited to sample your favorite Girl Scout Cookies for free!

**Kids Praise! Children’s Wednesday Night Program** – Children (PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> grade) are encouraged to join us for music fun! We meet in the Choir Room from 7:00 – 8:00pm. All are welcome! Please note that Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday and Kids Praise will not take place. Please join us for Ash Wednesday service.

**LIVE IT OUT! VBC 2025!** – Mark your calendar for these dates: ***Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> (3:00 – 5:00pm) through Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> (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 5<sup>th</sup> graders (2025-2026 school year). Many volunteers are needed to make this a success too! Registration opens for students and volunteers March 24<sup>th</sup>.

## INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

**ALL Youth @ the Skadium!** Join us TODAY from 12:30 – 1:30pm. Invite a friend and join in for a fun hour of ice skating! Let Claire know if you need a ride to or from the Skadium. Skate rentals are \$3, Admission is \$8.

**Fat Tuesday Meal!** Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm ALL YOUTH (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) are invited to come together for a large meal in preparation for Lent! Join with your friends and enjoy the best food, company, and fun for the night!

## ALL-CHURCH RETREAT

**Where Friends Gather – 2025 All-Church Retreat! Our Speaker is our own Rev. Mark Gende!** 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 May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup> in beautiful Sandy Cove, MD! 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 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:arichardson1@gmail.com)) or Mark Wenger ([markfwenger@yahoo.com](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We hope to see you there! Please reach out to Danielle with any questions.

**Middle School Youth Group:** Calling all 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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!

## CLASSES

**NEW Men's & Women's Bible Studies:** Join us for an eight-week Bible study on the "I AM" statements in the Gospel of John! Discover the profound truths and promises of Jesus as He reveals His divine identity through these powerful declarations. Whether you're new to Bible study or a seasoned participant, this series will deepen your understanding of Christ's mission and love. All are welcome!

**When:** Thursdays starting March 13<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 – 8:15pm (excluding Easter week)

**Where:** Men's Bible Study – Pastor's office; Women's Bible Study – Church Parlor

**For More Information:** Men's Bible Study – contact Ken Eng ([K\\_Eng@msn.com](mailto:K_Eng@msn.com)) or Tim Neilsen ([mytn1122@gmail.com](mailto:mytn1122@gmail.com)); Women's Bible Study – contact Lalitha Naveen ([lnaveen@temple.edu](mailto:lnaveen@temple.edu))

# BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

## *Sunday, February 23*

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor  
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream  
12:30 – 1:20pm Youth @ the Skatium

## *Monday, February 24*

6:30 – 7:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Chapel  
8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Pastor's Office

## *Tuesday, February 25*

12:15 – 1:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor  
7:00pm Missions Meeting, Parlor

## *Wednesday, February 26*

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, February 27*

6:30 – 8:00pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room  
7:00 – 8:15pm Women's Bible Study, Parlor  
7:00 – 8:15pm Men's Bible Study, Pastor's Office

## *Friday, February 28*

10:00am – 12:00pm Ladies Bible Study, Parlor  
7:00 – 10:00pm Gather 25, Chapel

## *Saturday, March 1*

8:30 – 9:30am Kids Basketball Clinic, Gym  
8:00 – 11:00am Gather 25, Chapel

## *Sunday, March 2*

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](mailto:jlmpsych910@gmail.com)

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Linda Pilacik, Minister of Music

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