



# Narberth Presbyterian Church

March 2, 2025

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

*Deck Thyself, My Soul with Gladness, BWV 654*

*Bach*

Jinhee Shim, organ

Welcome & Announcements

Danielle Kauffman

Call to Worship

The Boccasini Family

Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

**One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts.**

We will speak of the glorious splendor of God's majesty and meditate on his wonderful works.

**We will tell of the power of God's awesome works, and proclaim his great deeds.**

We will celebrate God's abundant goodness and joyfully sing of his righteousness.

**The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.**

The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

Hymn #62

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

*St. Denio*

Opening Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading

**Genesis 28:10-17**

Roderick Burdick

Prayer of Confession

Danielle Kauffman

Gracious God, You love and seek us before we ever give you a thought. Even after we know and embrace this marvelous truth, we often fail to recognize you in our everyday lives, because we become distracted, and focused more on ourselves than on you.

Forgive us and refocus our attention, so that we see and celebrate you and your Son, Jesus, as you come to us and remain with us, every step of life's journey. We pray in his life-giving, life-changing name, amen.

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

*God says that when we confess our sins – when we agree with him that we have fallen short – and return to him, he will forgive us and make us new. Hear the good news, Christ died on the cross so that we might live in newness of life, keeping our eyes on him – today and every day. Amen!*

The Apostles' Creed

The Peace

Worship Songs

*Day For Singing*

*I Will Call Upon the Lord*

*Promises*

NPC Worship Band

Pastoral Prayer

Brint Nicolai

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Largo from Xerxes*

*Handel*

Pam Fleming, violin, Jinhee Shim, organ

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Matthew 12:9-14

Jack Comstock

Message

Have You Seen Jesus Lately?

Pastor Debbie

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Michael Steenhoff

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God, the Lord's table.  
Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast which he has prepared.

**The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, eternal God, now and forever. Amen

**The Breaking of the Bread** **Pastor Debbie**

**The Communion of the People Invitation**

**Distribution of the Elements**

**Prayer after Communion** **Pastor Debbie**

**Hymn #641** *All the Way My Savior Leads Me* *All the Way*

**Benediction** **Pastor Debbie**

**Postlude** *Praise the Lord on High* *Sawyer*  
Jinhee Shim, organ

**Prayer Ministry**

**Ash Wednesday is March 5<sup>th</sup>!** Join us for Ash Wednesday Service beginning at 7:00am and 7:00pm in the NPC Sanctuary. This is a special service which marks the beginning of Lent, a time of renewed devotion to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. The NPC Nursery will be available for infants through PreK at the 7:00pm service. Please note that individual programming for children, youth, and adults will not take place on this day.

**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!

**NPC Finance & Stewardship Committee Update:** Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of our NPC congregation, we finished the year 2024 with a much smaller budget deficit than previously anticipated. The total yearly shortfall, including non-budgeted expenses, was \$130,000, which is covered by a prior drawdown from our endowment. No additional drawdown was taken. For the first month of 2025, total offerings to the general budget are just under \$65k, at about 68% of budgeted expenses of \$95k. Thank you for your continued support.

## PRAYER INFORMATION

### Please Remember in Prayer

**Missions: Neighborhood Crusades** Through their Nighttime Anti-Violence, Anti-Drug Crusades, School of Evangelism, Homeless Outreaches and Gospel Tract Distributions, Daniel Sawyer leads a team of volunteers who seek to reach the unsaved with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, train Christians to effectively evangelize, and help strengthen and encourage troubled youths. Please pray for Daniel and Esther Sawyer, who lead the ministry, and those to whom they offer the good news of God's love in Jesus, for many good connections to be made – between people, and with the Lord!

**Notes from Justice & Mercy:** As part of Orphan Care, Val Foley mentors a young woman who has aged out of foster care and is working on living independently while caring for her young son. Well Rooted posts one-time opportunities to help on their Facebook page and Val helps with these. Currently, they are in need of a refrigerator and a car. Please pray for Val's husband's cancer treatments to go well. Pray also for the young woman Val is mentoring and for Well Rooted as it does the work of supporting people in the foster care system and families in crisis. Check out their Facebook page for opportunities to give.

## INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

**TODAY is Family Worship!** - Children (K – 5<sup>th</sup>) are encouraged to worship with their church family and participate in Communion. Worship bags are available in the Narthex and the NPC Nursery is available for infants through PreK in RM 107.

**Stepping Stones Through Lent** – Children & families are encouraged to engage in this NEW Lenten devotional. Please be sure to get your copy from Danielle!

**Children's Lenten Offering** – This year the Children's Lenten Offering will support Well Rooted, a new NPC Mission that supports and empowers young adults & families entering, exiting, or existing in the foster system. A list of items will be emailed to NPC parents and children can begin to bring them in Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>.

**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

**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! ONLY A FEW ROOMS REMAIN!** Join us May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> at beautiful Sandy Cove, MD for our third annual All-Church Retreat! **Our speaker is Rev. Mark Gende.** 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>.

**\*NEW – The Saturday only option is now available!** The cost is \$60 per person ages 12 & up; \$30 per child ages 4-11; and no charge for ages 0-3. Please RSVP directly to Danielle as space is limited.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING

**Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday.** Individual programming for children, youth, and adults will not take place on this day. Regular Wednesday night programming will resume on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Baby Bottle "Make a Change for life" Drive.** We have baby bottles in the Chapel & Narthex areas for you to take home and fill with loose change (dollars, checks) and bring back to the church over the month of March. The money collected will benefit **Amnion Pregnancy Center**. During this time, we will also collect diapers and baby wipes.

**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) or Tim Neilsen (mytn1122@gmail.com); Women's Bible Study – contact Lalitha Naveen (lnaveen@temple.edu)

**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

## NPC PRESCHOOL

**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).

# BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

## *Sunday, March 2*

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor

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

## *Monday, March 3*

6:30 – 7:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Chapel

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Pastor's Office

## *Tuesday, March 4*

12:15 – 1:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor

7:00pm Deacons Meeting, Parlor

## *Wednesday, March 5*

*Ash Wednesday*

7:00am Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary

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## *Thursday, March 6*

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, March 7*

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

6:30pm World Day of Prayer Service, Chapel

## *Saturday, March 8*

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

9:00am Women's Breakfast, Parlor

## *Sunday, March 9*

*Daylight Savings*

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor

8:30 – 9:15 Rise & Shine Breakfast, Gym

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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