



# Narberth Presbyterian Church

March 16, 2025

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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**Prelude**

*Still*

*arr. Park*

Jinhee Shim, organ

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Pastor Debbie**

**Call to Worship**

**Ezekiel 37:4-5**

**Jen Toland**

**Hymn #48**

*God of Creation, All-Powerful*

*Slane*

**Opening Prayer**

**Pastor Debbie**

**Scripture Reading**

**John 11:1, 5-6, 17-19, 21-27, 31-37**

**Kirsten Sams &  
Lisa Paninos**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Katie Kennedy**

God, as we stand with Jesus, Mary, Martha, their neighbors and the clergy, mourning before the tomb, sealed with stone, we cannot imagine new life in this place. We are sure death has won. We confess our lack of faith. We confess our lack of hope. We confess our fear of death, and our fear that you will not raise us from the grave. Forgive us, O God. Speak your truth, your peace to us, and take away our fear, so that we can live with confidence, trusting you now and into eternity, through Jesus, our Savior and Lord, amen.

**Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon**

*As Jesus called Lazarus out of the tomb, he calls us to live in him – now and in eternity! God's promise of eternal life has been fulfilled in Christ Jesus, who is the resurrection and the life. It is through Christ that our sins are forgiven, and we are made new.*

**Preschool & Teacher Introductions**

**Virginia Davis**

**Preschool Parent Testimony**

**Liz DeLucia**

**Preschool Children & Alumni Music Presentation**

**Sarah Comstock**

**The Peace**

**Worship Songs**

*Good God  
Lord I Need You  
Abide*

NPC Worship Band

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

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Debbie

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Lord, I Ring My Praise To Thee* *Stark*  
NPC Bell Choir, Linda Pilacik, director

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading John 11:38-39, 41-53 Katie Kennedy

Message When Life Meets Death Sean McGrew

Hymn #499 Lord, I Was Blind O Waly Waly

Benediction Sean McGrew

Postlude *Prelude and Fugue in G Major* *Bach*  
Jinhee Shim, organ

Prayer Ministry Simon Hauger

**TODAY is Preschool Sunday** – Join us for an extended fellowship in the gym following service to celebrate our NPC Preschool.

**Parkway Ministry:** Donations of clothing and nonperishable food are greatly needed at this time. Please place your donations in the blue bin outside the Windsor doors. Thank you!

**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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Road to Emmaus Day Retreat:** Join us for the last one of this series of solitude in community days on **Saturday April 12, 9:30am – to 2:30pm** at the Gallaghers' idyllic barn in Devon, PA. In solitude, we “experience ourselves as belonging to God and being unconditionally loved by God; we discover our very lives hidden with Christ in God as the bedrock of our identity. Then we emerge from the solitary place to engage in community with others who are experiencing themselves to be the beloved of God, and we discover that through Christ we belong to one another. While we are together, Jesus stands among us and sends us out on a mission to be his witnesses in the world.” (Ruth Haley Barton) Sign-up with Linda DiLullo (ldilullo3@gmail.com.) Registration fee is \$20. It is a bring-your-own-lunch event.

**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! **Diane Chen** will lead the study and provide an introduction on Week 1 and the men and women will meet jointly for Week 1  
**When:** Thursdays **starting March 20<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. GriefShare meets on **Mondays from 6:30 – 8:00pm** in the Parlor 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

**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: InterAct (Dan and Bev Mayerle)** desires to see disciples of Jesus Christ impacting communities with the Gospel across the North Pacific Crescent. Dan and Bev Mayerle have worked for many years with indigenous people through disciple making and church planting in Calgary's First Nations community. They have a passion for encouraging and equipping the next generation to follow the Lord's call into ministry. Please pray for Dan and Bev as they offer encouragement to the 25+ missionary units they oversee across western Canada, all of whom are involved in First Nations and New Immigrant (Sikh and Muslim) disciple making.

**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

**Gone Fishin'** – Our K-5<sup>th</sup> grade and NPC Nursery are enjoying 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.

**Children's Lenten Offering** – This year the children's Lenten Offering will support Well Rooted! We are collecting non-perishable food items. You can put your donation in the bin near the NPC Nursery or the bin on the stage.

**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!

**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

**Stations of the Cross:** During this season of Lent we will be learning more about the stations of the cross during Sunday School (6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grade). Students will have the opportunity to know more about reason for lent and the 40 days leading up to Christ's death and resurrection.

**Oracles: A Christian Spoken Word Showcase.** Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 9:00pm at Christ Community Church in Philadelphia! All Youth are invited for a night spoken word, hip-hop, singer-songwriters, and worship! RSVP by March 26<sup>th</sup> to Claire Woods (cwoods@narberthpres.org)

**Youth VBC Volunteers** – Rising 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders (2025 – 2026 school year) are encouraged to volunteer for VBC! Online Registration opens on March 24<sup>th</sup>. You can find the link on the church website or look for an email from Danielle. We hope to see you there!

## ALL-CHURCH RETREAT

**Where Friends Gather – 2025 All-Church Retreat! Fully Booked!** Looking forward to our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual retreat taking place May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> in beautiful Sandy Cove, MD! **Our speaker is Rev. Mark Gende.** Balances are due by April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**The Saturday only option has a few spots left!** 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

**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.

**Starting March 26<sup>th</sup>! Introduction to Biblical Interpretation:** Who wrote the Bible -- human beings or God? Does the Bible contain errors? Who decided to include only these 66 books? What went on between ancient oral traditions and our modern-day Bible? Why are there many versions and translations? How do we bridge the historical, cultural, and linguistic gap between us and the world of the text? Who determines the meaning of the text -- the author or the reader? How about the role of the Holy Spirit? Considering these questions will help us respect the complexity of the Bible, follow sound interpretive guidelines, and deepen our desire to read God's word with curiosity, discernment, and reverence. This class is primarily taught via Zoom, with a viewing option set up at church. Please email Diane ([dianegchen@gmail.com](mailto:dianegchen@gmail.com)) for the Zoom link and/or recording for each class.

**Kids Praise!** Children (PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> grade) are encouraged to join the party in the Choir Room. Together we sing, dance, learn a lot about music, and HAVE FUN! 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!

# BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

## **Sunday, March 16**

### *Preschool Sunday*

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor

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

**Guest Preacher: Sean McGrew.**

## **Monday, March 17**

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

6:30 – 8:00pm GriefShare, Parlor

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Pastor's Office

## **Tuesday, March 18**

12:15 – 1:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor

7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor

## **Wednesday, March 19**

5:45 – 6:45pm Church Family Supper, Gym

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

## **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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## **Thursday, March 20**

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 21**

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

## **Saturday, March 22**

## **Sunday, March 23**

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor

9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream. **Guest Preacher: Steve Weed.**

Jesus Christ, Minister

Deborah Watson, Associate Pastor

Danielle Kauffman, Intergenerational Ministry

Claire Woods, Director of Youth Ministry

Sharon Shallow, Nursery Coordinator

Jinhee Shim, Organist

Sarah Comstock, Worship Band Leader

Linda Pilacik, Minister of Music

Matt Weed, Worship Tech. Coordinator

Tim Roykoff, Business Administrator

Sara Mahoney, Administrative Assistant

Hugh Barrie, Assistant Property Manager

Joyce B. Nicolai, Bookkeeper

Ruth Ellen Patterson, Financial Secretary

Isabel Lally, Pastoral Visitor

Virginia Davis, Director of Preschool

Chris Marinelli, Weekday Custodian

Larry Lubchuk, Weekend Custodian



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