



Narberth Presbyterian Church

March 23, 2025

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

Passacaglia in D Minor
Jinhee Shim, organ

Buxtehude

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Debbie

Call to Worship

Psalm 27:1,13,14; John 16:33

Steve Weed

Hymn #530

Be Still, My Soul

Finlandia

Opening Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading

Mark 2:1-12

Mark Wenger

Prayer of Confession

Jay Field

Eternal God, our lives and all of time are in your hands. You have promised never to leave us alone, whatever life may hold, to bring us through the difficult and uncertain times. Still, we experience doubt and fear, and we close ourselves off from you, who know and love us best. Forgive us, merciful God. Remind us, again and again, through scripture, other people, and prayer that you are able, you are faithful and fill us with your Spirit so that we may face each new day with confidence and hope in you. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

Worship Songs

Oh How Good To Be Together
How Great is Our God
Waymaker
NPC Worship Band

Children & Youth (6th – 9th grade) dismissed to Sunday School

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns
Tom Patterson, vocals, Jinhee Shim, piano

setting, Beck

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading	James 1:2-5; Ephesians 3:16-19	Jay Field
Message	Living An Abundant Life When Life is Hard	Steve Weed
Hymn #519	<i>It Is Well with My Soul</i>	<i>Ville Du Havre</i>
Benediction		Steve Weed
Postlude	<i>Voluntary on "Thaxted"</i> Jinhee Shim, organ	<i>arr. Uppercue</i>
Prayer Ministry		Jay Field

Welcome Pastor Mark and Tena! We are excited to have Pastor Mark Gende and his wife Tena with us in worship on Sunday, April 6th. All are encouraged to attend this special time of worship with our new senior pastor. Directly following service, everyone is invited to the gym for some special treats and meaningful fellowship.

Starting Wednesday, March 26th! Introduction to Biblical Interpretation: This class is primarily taught via Zoom, with a viewing option set up at church. Please email Diane (dianegchen@gmail.com) for the Zoom link and/or recording for each class.

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. 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! This class meets on Thursdays **starting March 20th**, from 7:00 – 8:15pm (excluding Easter week) in the Parlor (women) & the Pastor's Office (men).

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

Weekly Newsletter: For full class descriptions and announcements, see the Friday e-newsletter.

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

Missions: ECO Church Planting Believing that churches and networks of churches should live out the whole of the Great Commission – including evangelism, spiritual formation, compassion, and redemptive justice – in our communities, and around the world,” **ECO’s** mission approach emphasizes the role of the local church in mission globally, through the planting of new churches, and the ongoing encouragement and equipping of Christians in existing congregations. Please pray for the Lord to move us all to share the Good News of Jesus through Christ-centered, biblically-based teaching, preaching, advocacy for the helpless, and compassionate service to all people – right here, and in ever wider circles of God’s grace, throughout the world!

Parkway Ministry: Donations of clothing and nonperishable food are greatly needed. 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.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Sunday, April 13th, Palm Sunday

9:30am Worship Service

Sunday School for children and youth & Confirmation Class will meet as usual.

Wednesday, April 16th

Individual programming for children, youth, and adults will not take place on this day.

Regular Wednesday night programming will resume on April 23rd.

Thursday, April 17th, Maundy Thursday

7:30pm Communion and Tenebrae Service

A quiet service of gathering darkness as we mark the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples. Communion will be served. The service ends in darkness and silence.

Children's Worship Bags will be available.

Friday, April 18th, Good Friday

12:00 noon Good Friday Service

We will gather to celebrate our unity in Christ and remember his death on the cross.

Children's Worship Bags will be available.

Sunday, April 20th, EASTER Morning

7:30am Sunrise Service (weather permitting, held in the courtyard on Windsor Ave., otherwise, in the Gym)

8:30am Easter Breakfast in the Gym

9:30am Worship Service

A joyful celebration of the Risen Christ in word, music, prayer and song.

He Is Risen! He Is Risen, Indeed!

Please Note: No regular Sunday school for Children & Youth. The NPC Nursery will be available for infants through Pre-K. Children's Worship Bags will be available.



EASTER FLOWERS 2023

On **Easter morning, April 20th**, our sanctuary will again be filled with the beauty and fragrance of lovely spring flowers. If you wish to dedicate a plant as a memorial to loved ones or simply to express your joy in God's love, please fill out the form below.



After the worship service on Easter, if you are able, please sign up to deliver a plant or two to members of our church family who are unable to worship with us here or take one home to enjoy. You do not need to donate a plant to deliver one. Please consider being the bearer of Easter greetings and love from our congregation to someone who otherwise might be alone on that day. See below for further details.

If you want to donate a memorial plant for Easter, please make your check in the amount of \$12.00 payable to **Narberth Presbyterian Church** and mark it "Easter Plant." You may call the office with the information, put it in the offering plate, or mail it to be received in the church office by **Thursday, April 17th**.

Name: _____

_____ I would like to give a plant as a memorial:
"Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of":

(Please print name clearly)

by: _____

or
_____ I would like to give a plant to express my joy for God's continuing love and grace.

WE NEED YOU to help deliver these plants and the warm greetings of the congregation after the 9:30am Easter service. If you are willing to help, please indicate below:

Name and phone number

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

Gone Fishin' – Our K-5th 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 – Please note that Kids Praise will not take place this Wednesday, March 26th but will resume on April 2nd.

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). Students and Volunteers can register online at the church website today!

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 (6th – 9th 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 29th 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 26th to Claire Woods (cwoods@narberthpres.org). This is a FREE event!

Youth VBC Volunteers – Rising 6th – 12th graders (2025 – 2026 school year) are encouraged to volunteer for VBC! Online Registration opens on March 24th. 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! Thank you to the 90 folks attending our 3rd annual retreat taking place May 2nd, 3rd, and 4th in beautiful Sandy Cove, MD! **Our speaker is Rev. Mark Gende.** Balances are due by April 2nd. You can pay by check (made out to Narberth Presbyterian Church) OR you can pay online - Please use 2025 Spring Retreat in the dropbox online. You can also text your deposit with the keyword RETREAT.

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, March 23

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream
Guest Preacher: Steve Weed.

Monday, March 24

3:00 & 6:00pm Preschool Book Fair, Gym
6:30 – 8:00pm GriefShare, Parlor
8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Pastor's Office

Tuesday, March 25

3:00 & 6:00pm Preschool Book Fair, Gym
7:00pm Missions Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, March 26

Individual programming for children, youth, and adults will not take place on site. Regular programming will resume on April 2nd.
7:00 – 8:00pm Introduction to Biblical Interpretation, Virtual via Zoom

Thursday, March 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, March 28

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

Saturday, March 29

7:30am Men's Breakfast, Parlor

Sunday, March 30

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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