



Narberth Presbyterian Church

April 6, 2025

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

Partita sopra: Jesu, Meine Freude
Jinhee Shim, organ

Walther

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Debbie

Call to Worship

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Nicole & Ava Bley

Hymn #689

The Church's One Foundation

Aurelia

Opening Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-24,30,31

Abbie Hein

Prayer of Confession

Linda Behmke

God, you are wise, and you are good, giving us eternal life – abundant life – in and through Jesus, and giving us a family in and through the church. Forgive us when we forget that the church is your idea, reduce it more to ideas we have, and so miss the best you have for us and for the people you want to bring into the family here. Give us new eyes for seeing you, for seeing your Son, for seeing the church, and fill us with your Spirit, so that we reflect more fully the radiance of Jesus in this place, and welcome others as you have welcomed us. We ask in the strong name of Jesus. Amen.

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.

The Peace

Worship Songs

That Where I Am, There You May Also Be
Egypt

NPC Worship Band

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

For Everyone Born

Sarah Comstock, vocals & guitar, Colin Comstock, guitar

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Pastor Mark

Message

The Foundation of a Flourishing Church

Pastor Mark

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

Michael Steenhoff

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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Communion of the People Invitation

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer after Communion

Hymn #710

We Are Called to Be God's People

Austrian Hymn

Benediction

Pastor Mark

Postlude

Jesu, Meine Freude
Jinhee Shim, organ

Walther

Prayer Ministry

Linda Behmke

Welcome Pastor Mark and Tena! We are excited to have Pastor Mark Gende and his wife Tena with us in worship TODAY! 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.

Prayer Vigil for Immigrants & Refugees. Let's respond to God's words to love the foreigners living among us (Lev. 19:33–34; Deut 10:19) by coming together to intercede for them on Sunday 4/27. Immersive and reflective prayer stations open at 2:00pm, and a communal prayer service begins at 3:00pm. To volunteer at the event, email claralouie@yahoo.com. More details to come.

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).

GriefShare meets on **Mondays from 6:30 – 8:00pm** in the Parlor into June (note that you can join at any time). 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: REAP Granada (Jenn and Scott Esposito) In 2012, Jenn and Scott Esposito and their 4 children moved to Granada, Nicaragua's oldest town, began building friendships through prayer walking for their first year, purchased property to become the base for ministry, and founded REAP Granada. Since then, the vision God placed on their hearts has grown to include a farm that yields a dozen different crops, employment for 20 locals, a conference center with dorms for attendees, and ministry Touchpoints that help create connections with hundreds of residents in the nearby neighborhoods and town. Please pray for the flourishing of the ministries and people of REAP Granada!

Notes from Justice and Mercy: Incredible things are happening for the dozens of teens enrolled in SAT Prep classes with Ken Eng and his ministry partners. Underserved students from South Philly, Center City, and Ardmore are not only receiving the academic support they need at no cost, but they are also discovering their true worth. Being a child of God is far more important and enduring than any test score, prestigious college, or high-paying job. New classes will begin in September in the Northeast and downtown. ESL classes are really seeing God at work, too. Please pray that all the instructors and tutors will shine with Christ's love. Contact Ken Eng (k_eng@msn.com) to learn about becoming a tutor.

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.



INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

Family Worship is Sunday, April 6th – We are excited to welcome Pastor Mark and his wife, Tena on this Family Worship Sunday. Children (K – 5th) will remain in service to worship with their church family and participate in Communion. Worship bags will be provided and the NPC Nursery is available for infants through PreK in RM 107.

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.

Children will SING - Our children will sing at the end of worship on Palm Sunday (Sunday, April 13th)! You won't want to miss it!

Lunches for the Parkway Ministry – On Sunday, April 27th our Sunday School children will be making lunches for our friends on the Parkway. Parents, please check your email for a SignUp Genius with donations that are needed. Thank you for being a blessing to others!

Kids Praise! Children's Wednesday Night Program PreK through 5th grade are invited for music fun! We meet in the choir room from 7:00 – 8:00pm.

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

Middle School Youth Group will come to an end on April 30th. Join us on Wednesday, April 30th for the final MSYG of the school year. We will meet in the youth room and walk to Jenni's to enjoy ice cream together!

Confirmation Sunday – Sunday, May 18th Join us in helping to celebrate our students as they complete confirmation class and are welcomed into membership at NPC!

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, 4th in beautiful Sandy Cove, MD! Please keep our retreat in your prayers.

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, April 6

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream
Fellowship time in the Gym directly following the
Worship Service to **Welcome Mark & Tena Gende!**

Monday, April 7

6:30 – 8:00pm GriefShare, Parlor
8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Chapel

Tuesday, April 8

12:15 – 1:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, April 9

5:45 – 6:45pm Church Family Supper, Gym
7:00 – 8:00pm Introduction to Biblical Interpretation, Zoom/Parlor
7:00 – 8:00pm Women at the Well, Chapel
7:00 – 8:00pm Personal Finance, Copy Room
7:00 – 8:00pm Kids Praise, Choir Room
7:00 – 8:00pm MSYG, Youth Room 7:00 – 8:00pm

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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Thursday, April 10

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

Friday, April 11

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

Saturday, April 12

9:30am – 2:30pm Road to Emmaus Day
Retreat, Devon, PA

Sunday, April 13

Palm Sunday

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

Jesus Christ, Minister
Mark Gende, Senior Pastor
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
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