



# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

April 13, 2025

**Prelude**

*Fanfare and Processional*  
Jinhee Shim, organ

*Wagner*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Pastor Debbie**

**Call to Worship**

**Zechariah 9:9-10**

**Caitlin Henry**

**Hymn #204**

*All Glory, Laud and Honor*

*St. Theodulph*

**Opening Prayer**

**Pastor Mark**

**Scripture Reading**

**Matthew 21:1-9**

**Isabel Lally**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Simon Hauger**

Father, we confess we are impatient and demanding, often expecting you to do for us what we want when we want in the way we want, without considering that you may have a way that is better. Forgive us for those times when our demands and expectations have obscured our appreciation for your ability to do exceedingly, abundantly, and above all that we could ask or think. Help us to remember in times of distress that your ways are not our ways, and that your ways are far better. This we ask in the name of our all-knowing Savior, the Lord Jesus. Amen.

**Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon**

*Father, thank you for knowing our frame that we are but dust. Thank you for forgiving our failures and faults, our sins and shortcomings, when we agree with you that they are such. Thank you for cleansing us from all unrighteousness when we come to you in trusting, sincere repentance. Amen.*

**The Peace**

**Worship Songs**

*He Has Made Me Glad*  
*Hosanna (Praise is Rising)*  
*Jesus Strong & Kind*  
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** *148* *Pappas*

Dean Pappas, vocals & guitar

**Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

**Scripture Reading** **Matthew 21:9** **Pastor Mark**

**Message** **God's Good Timing** **Pastor Mark**

**Hymn #203** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* *Ellacombe*

**Children's Song** *A Palm Sunday Calypso* *Hayes*

**Benediction** **Pastor Mark**

**Postlude** *Fanfare* *Lemmens*

Jinhee Shim, organ

**Prayer Ministry** **Simon Hauger**

**Memorial Service:** God's comfort for the friends & family of Julie Raezer who entered the Church Triumphant on March 21, 2025. Her Memorial Service will be held at NPC on Monday, April 21, 2021. If you are able to help with desserts or clean up, please contact Pastor Debbie.

**Where Friends Gather - 2025 All-Church Retreat!** Our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual retreat is taking place May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> in beautiful Sandy Cove, MD! Please keep our retreat in your prayers.

**All Church Picnic** - Please save the date for NPC's All-Church Picnic taking place Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>! More details soon.

# HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

## **Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, Palm Sunday**

9:30am Worship Service

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

## **Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**

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

Regular Wednesday night programming will resume on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 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.*



# PRAYER INFORMATION

## Please Remember in Prayer

**Missions: Young Life** For over sixty years, Young Life has been at work in the high schools and middle schools of the Western Philadelphia Suburbs. Staff and volunteers enter the world of kids, focusing on what matters to them — fun, adventure, friendship, and a sense of significance. In doing so, they earn the privilege of talking to them about something YL thinks matters most of all — the truth about God and His love for them. Please pray that the people of Young Life would continue to love God and their teenaged neighbors in ways that bring them all into deeper relationship with the Lord.

**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](mailto:k_eng@msn.com)) to learn about becoming a tutor.

## INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

**Children will *SING* on Palm Sunday** – Our children will sing at the end of worship on Palm Sunday.

**Countdown to Easter** – Our Sunday School and NPC Nursery children will journey to the cross and learn about all that took place the last week of Jesus' life. Join us in Sunday School and during Holy Week services and countdown to Easter at NPC.

**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.

**Lunches for the Parkway Ministry** – On Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited for music fun! We meet in the choir room from 7:00 – 8:00pm. ***Please note that Kids Praise will not take place on Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> during Holy Week.***

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

## INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

**Middle School Youth Group** will come to an end on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Join us on Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup>** Join us in helping to celebrate our students as they complete confirmation class and are welcomed into membership at NPC!

**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!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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 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). Contact Alice Antonelli ([arichardson1@gmail.com](mailto:arichardson1@gmail.com)) or Gerri Wismer ([gcewis46@gmail.com](mailto:gcewis46@gmail.com)) for more information about the group.

**Amnion Pregnancy Care Medical Center's Annual 5K Run/Walk for Life** is a family-friendly event providing the opportunity for runners and walkers of all ages to support Amnion by obtaining sponsors and walking or running the 5K course at Ridley Creek State Park (Pavilion 11) on Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. Following the run/walk participants can enjoy lunch, activities and the Awards Ceremony. If you are interested, please contact Alice Antonelli or Allison Foley for more information.

**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 gathering to intercede for them on **Sunday 4/27, 2:00 – 4:00pm**. Reflective prayer stations open at 2:00pm, followed by prayer service from 2:30 – 3:30pm, and an optional conversation time from 3:30 – 4:00pm. Invite your friends and neighbors. Please email [claralouie@yahoo.com](mailto:claralouie@yahoo.com) for more information.

## ADULT WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

**Women 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. Reach out to Lisa Hoffman or Danielle Kauffman with any questions.

**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.

# BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

## **Sunday, April 13**

### *Palm Sunday*

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor

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

## **Monday, April 14**

6:30 – 8:00pm GriefShare, Parlor

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Chapel

## **Tuesday, April 15**

12:15 – 1:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor

## **Wednesday, April 16**

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## **Thursday, April 17**

### *Maundy Thursday*

7:30 Worship Service, Sanctuary

## **Friday, April 18**

### *Good Friday*

12:00pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

## **Saturday, April 19**

## **Sunday, April 20**

### *Easter Sunday*

7:30am Sunrise Service, Courtyard

8:30am Easter 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: [jlmpsyich910@gmail.com](mailto:jlmpsyich910@gmail.com)

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