



# Narberth Presbyterian Church

February 9, 2025

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

*Grand Ghoeur in A Major*  
Jinhee Shim, organ

*Salomé*

Welcome

Pastor Debbie

Call to Worship

Linda Pilacik

Hymn #347

*Tell His Praise in Song and Story*

*Holy Manna*

Opening Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Michael Steenhoff

Prayer of Confession

Jay Field

Oh God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come; be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home. We sing these words with feeling but often live as if we need and want no guidance from you. Forgive us our mistrust of you, Lord, and your good guidance – in scripture, through other people, by your Spirit. Change our hearts, minds and wills, first to notice you, then ask for and receive daily insight and guidance from you, who know us better even than we know ourselves, and whose intentions for us and all people are completely good, so that our lives might more fully reflect your forgiveness, goodness and grace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

*Scripture says that when we turn to God and confess our sins, God, who is rich in mercy, will forgive us. Hear the good news – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new! Amen!*

Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

Pastor Debbie

*Elders: Susan Costantino, Simon Hauger, Katie Kennedy*

*Deacons: Kevin Cope, Lorraine Hoffner, Suzanne Morrison, Karen Pappas*

The Peace

Worship Songs

Who You Say I Am

I Need Thee Every Hour

Pam Fleming, Dean Pappas and Linda Pilacik

<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>		<b>Pastor Debbie</b>
<b>Passing of Friendship Pads &amp; Presentation of Tithes and Offerings</b>		
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>Help Me</i>	<i>Gatlin</i>
	Dave Baker, vocals & guitar, Dean Pappas, vocals & mandolin	
<b>Doxology and Prayer of Dedication</b>		
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	<b>Matthew 2:1-12</b>	<b>Rob Wray</b>
<b>Message</b>	<b>“Seekers &amp; Skeptics: Status Quo or Status Go?”</b>	<b>Pastor Debbie</b>
<b>Hymn #187</b>	<i>Jesus Come For We Invite You</i>	<i>Sicilian Mariners</i>
<b>Benediction</b>		<b>Pastor Debbie</b>
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Marche-Sortie</i> Jinhee Shim, organ	<i>Dubois</i>
<b>Prayer Ministry</b>		<b>Linda DiLullo</b>

**Helga Sauter** is turning 95 on the 15<sup>th</sup>! If you can help her celebrate by sending a card, please do. If you can make a brief visit – especially on the weekends, please do! No flowers, please. Contact Pastor Debbie for more information.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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 will also open at the same time for our wonderful six-week summer camp that runs from late June to late July. To receive more information as well as the link to register, please reach out to director Virginia Davis at [preschool@narberthpres.org](mailto:preschool@narberthpres.org) or 610-664-8890.

**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.

**Gather 25** is a live-streamed, world-wide, worship and outreach event, to be held on Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. We will host a watch party here at NPC from 7:00 – 10:00pm on Friday (USA leading worship, with refreshments), and from 8:00 – 11:00am on Saturday (Romania leading worship, and we will have coffee!), for everyone who would like to experience the worship in a larger group. You may also opt to tune in from home at any time from 8:00pm on Friday through 9:00pm on Saturday.

## ALL-CHURCH RETREAT

**Where Friends Gather - 2025 All-Church Retreat!** Friendship is one of the most powerful ways we experience God's love in our daily lives. Whether it's sharing a kind word, a listening ear, or simply being present, our friends enrich us in countless ways. All ages are encouraged to join us for this meaningful weekend with church friends taking place Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> in beautiful Sandy Cove, MD! Our speaker will be announced soon. 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>. We hope to see many of you at the 2025 All-Church Retreat!

## PRAYER INFORMATION

### Please Remember in Prayer

**Missions: Servant Partners (Dan & Denise Anderson)** “Seeking Jesus together by living and serving among the world’s urban poor; transforming communities with the urban poor.” Dan & Denise Anderson live in the poorest zip code in Philadelphia, engaging in holistic ministry and incarnational living which engages their neighbors, and minister to them as the Lord leads, through hospitality, community events and teaching of life skills. Please pray for Dan & Denise, and for the people whom they serve, as they train and empower people to transform their own communities in ways that will continue long after the Servant Partners are gone.

**Notes from Justice & Mercy:** The Parkway Ministry is thriving under the new leadership of Ilonka Comstock. Weather issues are having an impact on the number of people who come out for food. The food does not go to waste, as our partners at Project Home are willing to deliver the food to wherever folks are. The number of people experiencing food insecurity remains high and will grow as public assistance and federal jobs decline. Please pray for more folks at NPC to join this ministry by praying, providing food, and driving downtown each Sunday to deliver food and develop friendships with our neighbors experiencing food insecurity and harsh weather conditions. Please contact Ilonka for more information.

## INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

**Wall of Love** – This Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, our Sunday School children will create a Wall of Love with written notes of encouragement for their family, friends, and church. You can see their work of love on the Windsor Ave stairs leading to the gym.

**NPC Nursery** – Infants through PreK will enjoy a Valentine Celebration on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> and learn about God’s never-ending love for each of us.

**Football Fellowship** – All are invited to an intergenerational time of Football Fellowship – TODAY following worship in the gym. Food provided! *And a special treat with our NPC Intergenerational Band playing the Eagles’ Victory Song!*

**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!

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**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

**Confirmation Classes:** Any student in 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade who would like to be confirmed into the church is encouraged to go through confirmation classes. This will begin in the coming months and will happen during the Sunday School hour. Please talk to Claire Woods (cwoods@narberthpres.org) for more information.

**Souper Bowl Offering:** TODAY is our Annual Souper Bowl Offering! Proceeds will benefit the Parkway Ministry. Find a Youth Student at any door following service to donate! You can also give online using “Souper Bowl of Caring” in the dropbox OR text your donation with keyword SOUPER. Thank you for your support!

## 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.

**Personal Finance:** Ever wonder how much debt is too much? What credit rating agencies are all about? If you should budget? And if so, is there an app for that? Join Alice Antonelli as she facilitates a class on personal finance on a variety of topics. The format will include a short video and conversation afterward. Contact Alice ([arichardson1@gmail.com](mailto:arichardson1@gmail.com)) or Mark Wenger ([markfwenger@yahoo.com](mailto:markfwenger@yahoo.com)) with any questions.

**Kids Praise! Winter Session** Children are encouraged to join the party in the Choir Room. Together we sing, dance, learn a lot about music, and HAVE FUN! This program is best for PreK through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. 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, February 9*

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor

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

## *Monday, February 10*

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

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Pastor's Office

## *Tuesday, February 11*

12:15 – 1:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor

## *Wednesday, February 12*

12:30 – 1:30pm Preschool Staff Meeting, Parlor

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

7:00 – 8:00pm Personal Finance, Pastor's Office

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

## *Thursday, February 13*

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, February 14*

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

## *Saturday, February 15*

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

## *Sunday, February 16*

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](mailto:jlmpsych910@gmail.com)

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