



Narberth Presbyterian Church

February 16, 2025

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

Partita on How Firm a Foundation

setting, Hopson

Jinhee Shim, organ

Welcome & Announcements

Danielle Kauffman

Video Announcement – Gather 25

Call to Worship

Psalm 34 (responsive reading)

Isabel Lally

I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.

I will glory in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.

Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.

This poor man called, and the Lord heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

Hymn #26

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

Lauda Anima

Opening Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Introduction of Youth Ministry Intern, Roderick Burdick

Claire Woods

Scripture Reading

Psalm 119:24-42

Mickey Doherty

Prayer of Confession

Linda Behmke

Merciful God, time after time we come to you, confessing the sins which so often we repeat. Forgive us for falling into the same old sinful patterns, rather than persisting in trusting and following you, who will not lead us astray. Bring us back again to you, Lord, to walk the paths you have set for us, so that we do not wander through life, but walk through it, hand-in-hand with you, our good and gracious God. We pray in the name of Jesus, who is the way we follow, amen.

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

In Psalm 32, David says that in order to receive the blessing of forgiveness, we must acknowledge our sin to God. When we do, God forgives us and no longer remembers the sin. Hear the Good News: in Christ we are blessed with forgiveness. Amen!

The Peace

Worship Songs

*What A Beautiful Name
Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me
We Will Feast in The House of Zion*
NPC Worship Band

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

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Diademata

Linda Pilacik & Jinhee Shim, piano

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Philippians 3:4-16

Lalitha Naveen

Message

Losses & Gains

Pastor Debbie

Hymn #635

He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought

Benediction

Pastor Debbie

Postlude

Laudation

Martin

Jinhee Shim, organ

Prayer Ministry

Simon Hauger

Thank you to all who participated in last week's Souper Bowl offering. Together, we were able to raise \$570.25 to help serve the homeless population in Philadelphia through the Parkway Ministry!

PNC Update: Following through on the commitment we made to our church family when we voted to extend a call to Mark Gende as Narberth Presbyterian Church's next Senior Pastor/Head of Staff, we now have a projected start date. Mark will begin sometime in the first week of April, with the actual date to be confirmed as we draw closer. You may see Mark and Tena in the area prior to that date when they visit the area to seek permanent housing and prepare for their move.

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 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).

World Day of Prayer Gathering – NPC is hosting this annual prayer gathering on **Friday, March 7th** 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 28th through Saturday, March 1st**. 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.

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. GriefShare meets weekly, the content is Christ-centered & biblical, and the sessions will be led by Alice Antonelli and Gerri Wismer. This is a place where you can be surrounded by people who understand the pain of your loss. The first GriefShare session meets on **Monday, March 10th from 6:30 – 8:00pm** in the Parlor and the sessions continue into June (note that you can join at any time). It is important to register on the GriefShare website. Note that there is a \$20 registration fee to participate. Please feel free to email Alice Antonelli (arichardson1@gmail.com) or Gerri Wismer (geewis46@gmail.com) for more information about the group.

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

Missions: Leah Darwin (CRU City Neighbors) works with women who have suffered betrayal and/or abandonment, giving them hope & help in a safe space. She trains people in how to write their life stories, inviting them to co-write the rest of their story with the Holy Spirit. For many years, Leah led and trained leaders in Community Bible Study in the Philippines. After many years of fruitful service, she has handed that ministry to the next leader. Leah recently moved to this area; please pray for all the transitions involved, and for Leah to flourish in ministry in this country.

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 – All are encouraged to read our children’s special notes on the wall leading to the gym (Windsor Ave entrance).

Gone Fishin’ - Our K – 5th grade and NPC Nursery will begin 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. They will be given out to all children on Sunday, March 2nd. Please be sure to get your copy from Danielle! Also stay tuned for children’s Lenten Offering details.

Kids Praise! Children’s Wednesday Night Program – Children (PreK – 5th grade) are encouraged to join us for music fun! We meet in the Choir Room from 7:00 – 8:00pm. All are welcome! Please note that Wednesday, March 5th is Ash Wednesday and Kids Praise will not take place. Please join us for Ash Wednesday service.

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). Many volunteers are needed to make this a success too! Registration opens for students and volunteers March 24th.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

Youth @ the Skatium! Join us on Sunday, February 23rd from 12:30 – 1:30pm. Invite a friend and join in for a fun hour of ice skating! **RSVP by Feb. 21st** to Claire (cwoods@narberthpres.org) and let us know if you need a ride!

Confirmation Classes: Student in 6th – 12th grade who would like to be confirmed into the church is encouraged to go through confirmation classes. Class begins on Feb. 23rd during the Sunday School hour. Please talk to Claire Woods for more information.

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 2nd, Saturday, May 3rd, and Sunday, May 4th 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 2nd. We hope to see many of you at the 2025 All-Church Retreat!

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 // 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) or Mark Wenger (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 5th grade. We hope to see you there! Please reach out to Danielle with any questions.

Middle School Youth Group: Calling all 6th-8th 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 16

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor

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

Monday, February 17

President's Day Holiday – Church Office Closed

6:30 – 7:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Chapel

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Pastor's Office

Tuesday, February 18

12:15 – 1:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor

7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, February 19

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 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, February 21

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

Saturday, February 22

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

Sunday, February 23

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

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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

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