



# Narberth Presbyterian Church

March 30, 2025

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

*Farest Lord Jesus*  
Jinhee Shim, organ

*Mira Park*

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Debbie

Call to Worship

Genesis 1:1; Psalm 90:1-2; Rev. 1:8

Vera Comstock

Hymn #77

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

*Lobe Den Herren*

Opening Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading

Psalm 139:1-7, 13-16, 23-24

Diane Chen

Prayer of Confession

Susan Costantino

Gracious God, Scripture tells us to trust in you and do good – two simple commands, yet so often we struggle to follow them, and you. We do not always trust in you, so we do not always do what is good. We lean on our own wisdom, we go our own way, and we do wrong – to you, God, to others, and to ourselves. Please forgive us and continue to call us to follow you throughout life, so that all along the way, we might invite others to look and see your wisdom, mercy and love reflected in us. We pray in the name of Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Amen.

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

*When we turn back to the Lord, say, "Sorry" for our sin, and mean it, God, who hears not only the words, but our hearts, forgives us, and makes us new. Hear the good news, in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven, and invited to live in that forgiveness, trusting God's leading and timing, all the days of our lives. Amen!*

The Peace

Worship Songs

*Give Us Clean Hands*  
*Hymn of the Holy Spirit*  
*Vision of Your Love*  
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

*People Get Ready*  
David Baker, vocals & guitar

*Mayfield*

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading	Luke 19:1-10; 23:32-33, 39-43; 2 Timothy 3:14-15	Lalitha Naveen
Message	Does Anyone Really Know What Time It Is? Does Anyone Really Care?	Pastor Debbie
Hymn #486	<i>There's a Wideness in God's Mercy</i>	Wellesley
Benediction		Pastor Debbie
Postlude	<i>Praeludium in A Minor</i> Jinhee Shim, organ	J.S. Bach
Prayer Ministry		Susan Costantino

**Welcome Pastor Mark and Tena!** We are excited to have Pastor Mark Gende and his wife Tena with us in worship on Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup>**, 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). 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: Neighborhood Crusades** Thank you so much for all your prayers for the ministry of Neighborhood Crusades, Inc. We are now preparing for our 53<sup>rd</sup> Class of the Mel Floyd School of Evangelism. Please pray for our class and that the Lord will send students that will most effectively share His wonderful Word of Salvation.

**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 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.*



## EASTER FLOWERS 2023

On **Easter morning, April 20<sup>th</sup>**, 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 17<sup>th</sup>**.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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(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:

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Name and phone number

## INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

**Gone Fishin'** – Our K-5<sup>th</sup> 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** PreK through 5<sup>th</sup> 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 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 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 (6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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!

## ALL-CHURCH RETREAT

**Where Friends Gather – 2025 All-Church Retreat!** Thank you to the **90** folks attending our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual retreat taking place May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> in beautiful Sandy Cove, MD! **Our speaker is Rev. Mark Gende.** Balances are due by April 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 30*

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor

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

## *Monday, March 31*

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

6:30 – 8:00pm GriefShare, Parlor

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Pastor's Office

## *Tuesday, April 1*

12:15 – 1:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor

7:00pm Deacons Meeting, Parlor

## *Wednesday, April 2*

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 Kids Praise, Choir Room

7:00 – 8:00pm MSYG, Youth Room 7:00 – 8:00pm

## *Thursday, April 3*

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, April 4*

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

## *Saturday, April 5*

## *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!**

## *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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