



Narberth Presbyterian Church

October 2, 2022

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude *All The Way My Savior Leads Me* *Mason/Lowry*
Linda Pilacik, Organist

Welcome and Family News Danielle Kauffman

Call to Worship Ephesians 4:1-6 Alexandra and Will Higgins

Hymn *In Christ Alone* *Townend & Getty*
Linda Pilacik, Piano

Prayer of Invocation Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading Philippians 2:1-4 David O'Connor

Prayer of Confession Pastor Steve

Gracious God, we thank you for Jesus Christ, the only king who would die for his subjects, and then turn them into sons and daughters. Too often we forget that grace and we neglect such a great salvation. On this Communion Sunday, we confess the ways we have misrepresented Christ as his church. We have put ourselves at the center of life instead of Christ. We have looked to our own selfish interests, instead of the needs of others. Forgive us, and help us to be like Jesus, who came not to be served, but to serve, and who gave his life as a sacrifice for the world. In his humble and exalted name we pray. Amen

Silent Prayer and the Assurance of Pardon

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 sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

Children's Message Danielle Kauffman

The Greeting

Worship Songs *Give Us Clean Hands* *Hall*
Build My Life *Yunker*
NPC Worship Band

Family Worship - Children remain in Sanctuary

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

In The Garden

arr. Wilson

Jonathan Rogers, Piano

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Sermon

Glorious Humility

Pastor Steve

Invitation To Communion

Danielle Kauffman

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up 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 Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. We praise you for saints and martyrs, for the faithful in every age who have followed your Son and witnessed to his resurrection.

From every race and tongue, from every people and nation, you have gathered them into your kingdom. You have shown them the path of life and filled them with the joy of your presence.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Sent to be our Savior, he took our flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. His words are true. His touch brings healing. To all who follow him, he gives abundant life.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ, and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world. Amen.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Pastor Debbie

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn

I Am the Bread of Life

Toolan

Linda Pilacik, Piano

Benediction

Pastor Steve

Postlude

Linda Pilacik, Piano

Prayer Ministry

Jai Cai

New 6-week Explorers' Class begins today in the Parlor. We will meet from 11:00 to 12:45, light brunch and childcare provided.

Choir Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Choir Rehearsals have begun! The time is 11:00am or directly following our church service. We have room for you! Hoping to see you upstairs in the choir room. Linda Pilacik

Missions Luncheon: Please join us for lunch in the gym on October 23 at 11:15. Sakinah Love will be sharing her ministry to women who have been victims of human trafficking right here in our area. Lunch is free and child care will be provided. Please let Danielle know if you need childcare dkauffman@narberthpres.org

Pastor Steve's new book study on Mere Christianity continues tomorrow night, 7:15 – 8:30. Please sign up or be in touch with Steve.

Financial Update

Through August, your giving totals \$606,749 which equals 55% of our 2022 budget of \$1,099,000, and is \$15, 972 above giving at the same time in 2021.

Total expenses in budgeted areas equal \$741,840, which exceeds year to date offerings by \$135,091. A higher percentage of giving is normally received during the fourth quarter, so it is not unusual to have expenses exceeding giving at this point of the year. To date, we have been able to cover this difference with cash on hand from our strong finish to 2021.

However, we anticipate our spending going above budget this year due to the necessary property projects. We have made a down payment for new boilers to replace our struggling, aging units, with a total installation cost of approx. \$88,000. Along with the front step repairs and various smaller projects, we will significantly exceed our budget in the area of property this year, after being below budget in recent years. As we start the fourth quarter, we ask for your help in finishing the year well and covering our expenses.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Road to Emmaus With Jesus is a series of three five-hour days set aside on NPC's 2022-2023 calendar for us to pray and reflect on our journey with God. In solitude and in community, we will slow down and let the Holy Spirit draw our attention to his recollecting, renewing, and redeeming work in us. Through guided spiritual practices, we will make space for God in our hearts and in our lives, inviting the Holy Spirit to speak personally to us through Scripture, prayer, nature, solitude, and community. The dates and times are Monday October 3, Saturday January 21, and Wednesday March 22, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.. Each day will have its stand-alone theme and will take place in a local and accessible site, so come to one or all, as your schedules allow. The first retreat day of prayer will take place at St. Raphaela Center in Haverford. No prior experience is needed for participation. To sign up, please contact Linda DiLullo at 610-453-3420 or ldilullo3@gmail.com. Cost \$35, lunch included.

NEW SUNDAY CLASS: Colossians and Philemon at 11:15 am. Join us for a close look at these two fascinating letters from Paul and Timothy while Paul was imprisoned. Colossians talks about Christ as the center of all reality, and as John Barclay puts it, offers us "a comprehensive vision of truth". This nine-week class will have some teaching but mostly engaging discussion. We will meet in the **Youth Room** and have a Zoom option for those who can't be there in person. Led by Mark Wenger and Charlie Hurst. Please contact Mark at markfwenger@yahoo.com for the Zoom link.

NEW CLASS: Mere Christianity Book Study with Pastor Steve as of Sept 26In 2000, *Christianity Today* voted *Mere Christianity* by CS Lewis as the "most important Christian book of the 20th century." Pastor Steve is leading an 11-week study of this classic book. We meet from 7:15 to 8:30pm. Please sign up in the Chapel at church, or email or text Pastor Steve if you are interested.

GriefShare Meets weekly from 6:30 - 8pm in the Parlor (in person), and will continue on into December (you can join at any time). Register here: <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/155054/registrations/new>. Please feel free to email Alice Antonelli at arichardson1@gmail.com for more information about the group.

Cold Weather is Coming!

Our friends along the Parkway and in Kensington are in need of hoodies, coats, gloves, hats, boots and sneakers. You can put them in the bin outside the Windsor Ave door or connect with Jennifer Bonovitz (484-802-2773) or Marilyn Reed (215-776-3598) to arrange a drop off.

We are very thankful for your financial participation with NPC. Your gifts allow our ministry to flourish, helping us to reach out and support missions locally and around the world, teach our children and youth, and maintain our church building.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

* **Family Worship** - Sunday, October 2nd is Family Worship! Kindergarten through 12th grade are encouraged to worship with their family and participate in communion. A children's message and worship bags will be available. The NPC Nursery is ready to welcome infants through preschool aged children in RM 107.

* **Pumpkin Parables Sunday School (K-5th)**! Join us for small stories with BIG lessons this October. Each week we will enjoy a new pumpkin craft too!

* **Communion & Baptism Class**! Beginning Sunday, October 9th a new Communion & Baptism Class will be offered to children (K-5th) who are interested. The class will take place October 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th during Sunday School time. Children will be Welcomed to the Lord's Table on Sunday, November 6th. Please email Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) to register your child or if you have any questions.

* **Snip & Tell Wednesday Night Program!** Children (K-5th grade) are invited to a new program called "*Snip & Tell*"! Children will be captivated as we create simple paper cutouts that Unfold as the Bible story is Told!

* **EAGLES Football at NPC!** Bring your favorite lawn chair, wear your favorite jersey, and bring your favorite football appetizer to share. NPC will be watching and cheering on the Eagles together on Sunday, October 30th in the gym! All are welcome beginning at 12:30pm.

* **Save the date: ALL Church Retreat!** All ages are encouraged to attend the NPC All-Church Retreat taking place in Sandy Cove, MD on May 12th, 13th, and 14th! Details soon!

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

* **Middle School Youth Group!** Middle School Youth Groups meets each Wednesday evening from 7:00pm-8:00pm in the Youth Room. Each week offers games, lesson, and fun! All 6th, 7th, 8th graders are encouraged to attend and bring a friend!

* **High School Youth Group!** Each Sunday, all 9th-12th graders are encouraged to come enjoy time together from 7:00pm-8:00pm in the Youth Room. Join us for a time of community, theology, and an on opportunity to know, live, and share your faith!
Please note: there is NO High School Youth Group Sunday, October 2.

PRAYER INFORMATION

Missions Prayer Focus: Servant Partners (Dan and Denise Anderson)

“Seeking Jesus together by living and serving among the world’s urban poor; transforming communities with the urban poor.” Dan and 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 and Denise, and for the people with and whom they serve.

Notes from Justice and Mercy:

Modern slavery is happening in our communities and being able to spot the signs and know what to do could make a life-changing difference. Here are a few signs to look for: - homes with too many residents - one person speaking on behalf of many others who may avoid eye contact or conversation - people who seem scared, confused or have untreated injuries - people with no control over their own phone, mail or legal documents.

To report suspicions, call 911 in emergency situations or the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888. Contact Sally Kapner for more information.

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, October 2

Communion and Family Worship

8:15am **Sunday School** (Parlor)

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

11:00am Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

11:00am Explorers' Class, Parlor

11:15am **Sunday School:** Colossians and Philemon,
Youth Room (and Zoom)

NO HS Youth Group this week

Monday, October 3

9:30-2:30 Prayer Retreat at St. Raphaela Center

6:30-8:00pm GriefShare, Parlor

7:15-8:30pm *Mere Christianity* Book Study, Chapel

Tuesday, October 4

7:00pm Deacons, Parlor

Wednesday, October 5

5:45 – 6:45pm **Church family supper** in the gym

7:00 – 8:00pm **Children's** class (K-5th) with Danielle

7:00 – 8:00pm **MS Youth Group** with Juwan

7:00 – 8:00pm **Bible Study**, Pastor Steve (Parlor)

“Practicing The Presence of God: Finding God
In All of Life”

7:00 – 8:00pm **Video Series**, Pastor Debbie (Chapel)

“Living As A Christian in A World That Is Not.” a 5
week series, filmed in Greece

Each Week

Christian Pre-School – 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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Thursday, October 6

4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor

Friday, October 7

11:00am **Women's Bible Study** (In-person)

Saturday, October 8

Sunday, October 9

8:15am **Sunday School** (Parlor)

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

11:00am Explorers' Class, Parlor

11:15am **Sunday School:** Colossians and Philemon, Youth Room (and Zoom)

7:00pm High School Youth Group

Stephen N. Weed, Pastor

Deborah Watson, Associate Pastor

Danielle Kauffman, Intergenerational Ministry

Juwan Williams, Intergenerational Ministry

Jinhee Shim, Organist

Colin & Sarah Comstock, Worship Band Ldrs

Matt Weed, Worship Tech. Coordinator

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