



Narberth Presbyterian Church

October 20, 2024

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne in C Major
Jinhee Shim, organ

Buxtehude

Welcome

Pastor Farrar

Call to Worship

Psalm 47:1-2, 5-6 Responsive Reading

Nicole & Ava Bley

Clap your hands, all you peoples;

shout to God with loud songs of joy.

For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome,

a great king over all the earth.

God has gone up with a shout,

the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises;

sing praises to our King, sing praises.

***Hymn #29**

O Worship the King

Lyons

Scripture Reading

Romans 8:23; Ephesians 4:30

Michael Steenhoff

1 Thessalonians 5:23,24; 1 John 3:2

Prayer of Confession

Jan Kennedy

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news: This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God. —based on 1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24

Pastor's Report

Pastor Farrar

Pastor Nominating Committee Update

Katie Kennedy

Financial Update

Jack Comstock

***The Peace**

Since we have peace with God through the Lord Jesus, let's share that peace with each other: The peace of the Lord be with you!

And also with you.

Worship Songs

*Sing With All Your Heart
Joy In Your Waters
Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me*
NPC Worship Band
Accompanied by Jake L'Armand, violin

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

Pastoral Prayer

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Poetry *Leonhardt*
NPC Worship Band
Accompanied by Jake L'Armand, violin

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

John 12:1-6

Pastor Farrar

Message

Tweening

Pastor Farrar

***Hymn #522**

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Bradbury

Benediction

Pastor Farrar

Postlude

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
Jinhee Shim, organ

arr. Fedak

Prayer Ministry

Jay Field

Financial Update: Please listen for a message from Elder Jack Comstock during worship updating members and friends on ways to make Hurricane Relief donations and closer to home, a financial update for giving and budget at NPC in the current year. Interim giving statements will be mailed to each member's home in the next few days.

Men's Breakfast Goes (Almost) Vegan Come, see and taste all the healthy changes we have in store for you. We'll meet on Saturday October 26th from 7:30 – 9:00am in the Parlor.



Save-A-Life Luncheon – Please join us in the Parlor following the worship service next **Sunday, October 27th**. Nadia Gordynsky from one of our mission causes, Save-A-Life will be present to give important updates and talk about her new book, *Little Feet, Big Heart*. All are welcome for this time of information and fellowship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Nominating Committee Update: In our last update, we mentioned interest in two candidates. One of the candidates was unresponsive to Shepherd Staff, so we dismissed them. The second candidate has provided us with a full Candidate Presentation via Shepherd Staff. The presentation includes a candidate overview, written responses to Shepherd Staff's questions, reference responses, a personality assessment, and interview notes. The PNC reviewed the presentation and elected to explore the candidate in an interview taking place Monday, 10/21. Additionally, as we seek to reach more candidates, the PNC brainstormed ideas on how to market ourselves more effectively. In preparation for the end of Farrar's time at NPC, we are also evaluating the ECO Certified Transitional Pastor portal for available pastors. Please continue to pray for wisdom and stamina for the PNC and for the person that God is calling to be our next Senior Pastor.

Recent Session Actions: The Session met on October 15th and the following actions were approved:

- Decision to begin presenting more timely information on the financial state of the church, including use of Sunday announcements, newsletter, and slide reports.
- Reported an offering of \$2,662 collected for Baraka Presbyterian Church in Bethlehem, Israel, which will be sent to them.
- Having applied for admission as covenant partners, completed the explorer's class, and given their testimonies, the following people were enthusiastically welcomed into the membership of the church.:
 - Vadim & Anastasia Huzanova
 - Maria & Robert Granholm
 - Cassie & Lauren Kline-Nunnally
 - Paul & Andrea Bradford
 - Ashley Marbach
 - David & Chris Baker
 - Melanie & Jeff Snyder
 - Heather & Kevin Gallagher
- Next Deacons Meeting: November 12.
- Next Session Meeting: November 19.

The NPC Parlor – Parents, the NPC Parlor is open on Sunday morning with the livestream available to watch! If you have younger children who need a break from the sanctuary, please feel free to use this room! It's right off the Windsor Ave door stairs.

Turkey Study Tour Debbie Watson and Diane Chen have arranged with Tutku Educational Travel to lead a group from NPC and Palmer Theological Seminary on a 13-day study tour to Turkey from December 28, 2025 – January 9, 2026. Registration is open! Contact Diane (dianegchen@gmail.com) for a trip brochure or to express an interest in joining the tour. Space is limited.

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

Missions: 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, as, always sharing the love of Christ, they train and empower people to transform their own communities in ways that will continue long after the Servant Partners are gone.

If you would like to support the massive effort to help people recover, body and soul, from the ravages of hurricanes Helene and Milton, here are three organizations already at work in Florida and North Carolina. That work will be ongoing, so if you cannot give today, the need will still be there in the future. Thank you for your generous response to our neighbors in the South. Check the Friday Newsletters for links.

- 1) Project Hope
- 2) Greater Good Charities
- 3) Samaritan’s Purse

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

Sunday School – This fall our K – 2nd grade will be using the *Gospel Light* curriculum and 3rd – 4th begin with a series called *Bible Trivia*. All are welcome in the gym for Sunday School fun and learning!

Parkway Ministry Lunch Making – Sunday School children will be making lunches for our Friends on the Parkway on Sunday, October 27th. A SignUp Genius was sent out to parents last week. Please sign up to help.

Kids Praise Children's Program – PreK – 5th grade are invited to the Choir Room each Wednesday night from 7:00 – 8:00pm for music fun. Come make a joyful noise!

NOAH at Sight & Sound – Intergenerational Ministry is beginning to plan a time to see *NOAH* this April at Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA. Ticket prices are \$85 for adults and \$40 for children (3-12). If you would be interested in attending, please email Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org). Thank you for helping us to plan well!

VBC 2025! – Monday, June 23rd through Friday, June 27th from 9:00am until 11:30am. Our theme this year is “Live it Out” – This summer we are focusing on one powerful action: loving like Jesus! At VBC we will not only hear about Jesus’ love but also learn to express that love through our actions. Join us this summer at VBC!

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

Pumpkin Carving Night! All Youth (6th – 12th grade) will be enjoying a time of pumpkin carving, a movie, pizza and fellowship together on Friday, October 25th from 7:00 – 9:00pm at NPC! Come ready with your best Jack-O-Lantern carving skills to enjoy a night of fun together!

Youth Sunday School – All 6th – 9th graders are welcome to join us for Sunday School in the Youth Room! They will be dismissed following the worship songs during the service.

Bible Study for 10th, 11th, 12th grade – Join us each Sunday evening 5:30 – 7:00pm for dinner and Bible study at the McGrew’s home. Together we will learn how to do an inductive Bible study on the book of John. Please reach out to Abby McGrew or Ian Kauffman with any questions.

Good Soil – Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 2nd from 5:30 – 10pm! NPC Youth are invited to attend a Christian Artist concert at Manoa Community Church! It will be a great time to connect with other youth and enjoy great worship, rap, spoken word, poetry and more! RSVP by Oct. 30th. Contact Claire Woods for more information.

CLASSES

8:15am Sunday Class – Please join us – in the NPC Parlor, or via Zoom – for a time of conversation focused on the scriptures for the day's worship service. All are welcome! Contact Pastor Debbie for the Zoom link.

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 with people who understand the pain of your loss. GriefShare meets on Monday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00pm and will continue into December Reach out to Alice Antonelli (arichardson1@gmail.com) or Gerri Wismer (geewis46@gmail.com) for more information about the group.

New Bible Study: Season in the Psalms: Finding Comfort and Wisdom in God's Word We are starting a new 13-week Bible Study of some of the most widely cherished psalms. We will use Eugene Peterson's study guide "*PSALMS: Prayers of the Heart*". We meet on Thursdays from 7:00 – 8:15pm starting Thursday Oct 24th. We will not meet on Oct 31st (Halloween) and from Dec 19th – Jan 2nd (Christmas break).
Women: Meet in the Parlor (contact Lalitha Naveen: lnaveen@temple.edu)
Men: Meet in the Pastor's Office (contact Ken Eng: K_Eng@msn.com or Tim Neilson: mytn1122@gmail.com)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

Moms at the Well: Motherhood can be challenging! For centuries, women met daily at neighborhood wells to draw water for their families, meeting a significant physical need. These wells were also gathering spaces, providing much-needed community and relationships. Join us for a Bible study, led by Heather Gallagher and Linda DiLullo, called "*Moms at the Well: Meeting God through the mothers of scripture*". This Bible study offers a modern-day "well", a gathering place to encourage one another and take an honest look at the challenges we face as moms and to experience the God who invites us into a process of spiritual transformation.

Three Free Sins: Join us for what promises to be an enlightening book study of *Three Free Sins: God's Not Mad at You*, by Steve Brown, retired Pastor & Seminary Professor. Each week we'll be reading one chapter of this down-to-earth book, thinking about, and discussing it. We'll have a good time and, I trust, will be encouraged to live our lives more humbly and more confidently before God, and with each other!

Practicing the Way: Simon and Cindy Hauger are leading an 8-week series on *Practicing the Way*, a new book about spiritual formation. This series is intended to help you be more intentional on the journey of spiritual formation, help you get unstuck if you've stalled out, & guide you to developing a deeper relationship with God.

Kids Praise is Back – PreK through 5th grade are invited each week for music fun!

Middle School Youth Group! Each week offers games, lessons, and fun! All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are encouraged to attend and bring a friend!

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, October 20

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream
Family [Feud] Fellowship directly following the
Worship Service, Gym

Monday, October 21

6:15 – 7:15pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Chapel
6:30 – 8:00pm GriefShare, Parlor
8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Pastor's Office

Tuesday, October 22

12:15 – 1:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor
7:00pm Missions Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday October 23

5:45 – 6:45 Church Family Supper, Gym
7:00 – 8:00pm Moms at the Well, Chapel
7:00 – 8:00pm Three Free Sins, Gym
7:00 – 8:00pm Practicing the Way, Parlor
7:00 – 8:00pm Kids Praise, Choir Room
7:00 – 8:00pm MSYG, Youth Room

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: ilmpsvch910@gmail.com

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Thursday, October 24

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, October 25

10:00am – 12:00pm Ladies Bible Study, Parlor
7:00 – 9:00pm Youth Pumpkin Carving, Gym

Saturday, October 26

7:30 – 9:00am Men's Breakfast, Parlor

Sunday, October 27

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream

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