



Narberth Presbyterian Church

October 27, 2024

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Jinhee Shim, organ

arr. Payne

Welcome

Pastor Farrar

Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-2, 20-22

The Granholm Family

Praise the LORD, O my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Rob, Maria, Evie, & Ari

**Praise the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.**

Praise the LORD, you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his bidding,
who obey his word.

**Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts,
you his servants who do his will.**

Praise the LORD, all his works
everywhere in his dominion.

Praise the LORD, O my soul.

*Hymn #634

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

Scripture Reading

Psalm 104:13-15; Psalm 119:35-40

Jeff & Zach Snyder

Prayer of Confession

Ann Sattel

Our Father, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of you and for ignoring your immensity and greatness. Lord Jesus, forgive us when we forget that you rule the nations and our small lives. Holy Spirit, we offend you by minimizing your power and squandering your gifts. We confess that our blindness to your glory, O triune God, has resulted in shallow confession, tepid conviction, and only mild repentance. Have mercy upon us. In Jesus' name. Amen

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

To all who turn from sin in sorrow, to all who turn to God in hope, this is God's Word of grace: We are accepted, we are forgiven, we are loved. This gift we have from God. Thanks be to God.

Missions Update

Jane Murray

Welcoming New Covenant Partners

Farrar Griggs & Linda DiLullo

*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

Son of Heaven
What A Beautiful Name
Jesus, Strong and Kind
NPC Worship Band

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

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Eyes Wide Open
Dean Pappas, vocals & guitar

Pappas

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

John 6:25-35

Pastor Farrar

Message

Jesus Is the Sign

Pastor Farrar

*Hymn #557

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Scott

Benediction

Pastor Farrar

Postlude

Toccata from Cathedral Suite
Jinhee Shim, organ

Young

Prayer Ministry

Jack Comstock

TODAY! Save-A-Life Luncheon – Please join us in the Parlor following the worship service. 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.

Finance Committee Update: Giving statements were sent out this week to all members. Please reach out to Ruth Ellen Patterson or the church office with any questions.

Missions Ambassadors: If you are interested in becoming an ambassador to one of our missions causes, reach out to Faithe Hornung (610-496-4470) or Jane Murray (215-275-5569).

WELCOME NEW COVENANT PARTNERS

Andrea & Paul Bradford live in Penn Valley. Andrea is a pediatrician, and Paul is a physician assistant and serves on faculty at West Chester University. They come to NPC from CityLife Church, in South Philadelphia.

Heather & Kevin Gallagher live in Devon. Heather is a Nurse Practitioner and Kevin is newly retired. They come back to NPC after attending Church of the Good Samaritan.

Cassie & Lauren Kline-Nunnally live in Wynnewood. They have a 7-year-old son, Greyson. Cassie is a pediatric neuro-oncologist at CHOP and Lauren is the CAO at Swinerton, a national commercial construction company. They come to NPC from Westminster Presbyterian Church in Tiburon, CA.

Chris & David Baker live in Haverford after relocating from Los Angeles about a year and a half ago. They have twins who are attending college at the University of Chicago and Rhode Island School of Design. Chris is CEO of Amplity, a global clinical research firm based in PA. David is a retired English Teacher and former stay at home dad. They most recently attended BelAir Presbyterian in LA.

Ashley Marbach lives in Wynnewood with her husband, Brian, and three children, Ava, Amelia, and Matthias. She works for an engineering firm and comes to NPC from a Methodist church in New Orleans.

Maria & Robert Granholm live in Narberth. Maria is an attorney for Duane Morris and Robert is the IT Director at Insigniam. They have two daughters, Evaline (8) and Ariana (5). They come to NPC from Six:Eight Community Church in Ardmore.

Vadim & Anastasiia Huzanov are immigrants from Ukraine, Odessa. They live in Narberth with their young son, Yelisei. Vadim works in home/apartment renovations and Anastasiia works as a caregiver at St. Margaret School in Narberth. They come to NPC from the Baptist church in Odessa, Ukraine.

Melanie & Jeff Snyder live in Wynnewood. Jeff works as the Assistant Dean of Development and Alumni Relations at Penn's Weitzman School of Design and Melaine works at Penn Valley Elementary School as an instructional aid. Their children are Zach (11th grade) and Julia (7th grade).

*The Bakers & the Kline-Nunnallys were unable to attend the service today. They will be recognized on a future date.

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

Missions: House of His Creation is a maternity housing program which includes birth-mom support. Please pray the Lord's blessing on them and those they serve through these 4 ministries:

- **Family of Restoration Ministries** in Coatesville exists to restore individual and familial ties in the context of Christian family with compassion and charity.
- **Caring 4 Young Families** is a monthly support group to young parents, including facilitating The Parenting Journey™ classes.
- **The Cynthia Gibbs Foundation** is a teaching program on issues related to Shaken Baby Syndrome.
- **Family Building Events** to bring together parents and children around purity, relationship building, and family fun.

Hurricane Disaster Relief: 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

TODAY! Parkway Ministry Lunch Making – Sunday School children will be making lunches for our Friends on the Parkway. Thank you for being a blessing to others!

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!

Christmas Pageant! Save the Date! - This year our annual Christmas Pageant will take place on Sunday, December 22nd at the end of service in the sanctuary.

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

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.

Teen Girls & Teen Guys – Join us on Sunday November 3rd for a combined meal and short devo before splitting into teen girls and guys! Meet us in the Youth Room following service. Let Claire Woods know if you are planning to attend!

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.

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 27

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream
Save-A-Life Luncheon following the Worship Service, Parlor

Monday, October 28

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

Tuesday, October 29

12:15 – 1:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor
7:00pm E/D/S Time of Prayer, Parlor
7:30pm PNC Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday October 30

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: jlmpsych910@gmail.com

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Thursday, October 31

11:15am Preschool Halloween Parade
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, November 1

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

Saturday, November 2

Sunday, November 3

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

Jesus Christ, Minister

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