



Narberth Presbyterian Church

November 3, 2024

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

Speak, O Lord
Jinhee Shim, organ

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Welcome

Pastor Farrar

Call to Worship

Responsive Reading

Fin Kauffman

As we are called into worship today, it is sobering to remember that when God appeared on earth in the person of Jesus, most of the world did not recognize him and therefore did not worship him.

Today we ask for the faith that will open our eyes to see Jesus for who he is, that we might worship him in truth.

People of God, behold and see your God!

We open our eyes to see his glory.

We open our ears to hear his wisdom.

We open our hands to offer him gifts.

We open our mouths to sing his praise.

We open our hearts to offer him our love.

He is Lord!

***Hymn #669**

God of Grace and God of Glory

Cwm Rhondda

Scripture Reading

Love is Compassionate: Psalm 139:1-3

Claire Woods

Love is Powerful: Psalm 18:1-3

Love gives us Hope: Psalm 71:20, 21

Love is Steadfast: Psalm 100:5

Prayer of Confession

Linda Behmke

God of love, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done, we have sinned in ignorance; we have sinned in weakness; we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us and renew our lives through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." —John 3:16-17

The Apostles' Creed

***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

*He Has Made Me Glad
That Where I Am, There You May Also Be
New Wine*
NPC Worship Band

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

When I Survey the Wonderous Cross
NPC Bell Choir, Linda Pilacik, director

arr. Kauffmann

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

John 21:9-17

Pastor Farrar

Message

The Mandate to Care

Pastor Farrar

*Hymn #776

Let Us Break Bread Together

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The Invitation to the Lord's Table

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God, the Lord's table.

Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast which he has prepared.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them 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 holy God, creator and ruler of the universe. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in your image and called us to love and serve you.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Born in humility, he came to rule over all. Helpless as an infant, he showed the power of your love. Poor in things of the world, he brought the wealth of your grace. Rejected by many, he welcomed all who sought him.

In his death and resurrection, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made us people of hope.

You are holy, O God of majesty, blessed is Jesus Christ, your son, our Lord.

Born as king in David's line, he lived with the lowly and cared for the least of your children.

From the grave you raised him to your right hand where he rules again from heaven.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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)

Unbound Conference: “It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.” (Galatians 5:1a) Heart of the Father, a Christian ministry based in Ardmore, will be hosting an Unbound conference for people who want to experience deeper spiritual freedom. Unbound is a simple, gentle, & powerful prayer ministry where you will learn from the basic gospel message how to be free from resentments, loneliness, addictions—anything that limits your life. If you have questions, contact Maria Kaminstein.
Date: Friday evening, November 22 and all day Saturday, November 23, 2024
Location: Victory Church 2650 Audubon Rd. Audubon PA 19401
Cards containing conference information have been placed in several locations near the doors and sanctuary.

Donations Request: The Parkway Ministry is currently helping to clothe our homeless brothers and sisters on the Parkway. Jennifer Bonovitz also works alongside Project Home Outreach workers to provide clothing and blankets for over 100 people who live permanently on the streets. In addition to food, we bring clothes to about 30 families in North Philly every Saturday. **Please consider donating coats, hoodies and sweatpants** if you are able. We have a big family depending on us! Clothing can be brought to the bin outside the door at the Windsor St entrance or taken directly to Jennifer's house (214 Derwen Road, Merion Station) and left on a table in the carport.

Notes from Justice & Mercy: Please welcome our newest Justice and Mercy Advocate, Ken Eng. While Ken has just recently become part of the committee, he has been serving the youth of the Delaware Valley for many years. Ken and his partners offer SAT prep courses, free of charge, to students who cannot afford the high cost of commercial prep programs. Knowing the pressure students are under to earn a high score on their SATs, Ken ministers not only by tutoring his students but also by helping them to see their value beyond academic and professional achievement. Please pray that while they are teaching, Ken and his partners would show God's love to those in their classes and that the students would be receptive.

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

Missions: ECO Church Planting and Global Mission Funds Believing that churches and networks of churches should live out the whole of the Great Commission – including evangelism, spiritual formation, compassion, and redemptive justice – in our communities, and around the world, ECO’s mission approach emphasizes the role of the local church in mission globally, through the planting of new churches which will reach their neighbors with the Good News that in Christ, there is individual and shared life they long for, and the ongoing encouragement and equipping of Christians in existing congregations. Please pray for the Lord to move us all to share the Good News of Jesus through Christ-centered, biblically based teaching, preaching, advocacy for the helpless, and compassionate service to all people.

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 is Family Worship! Children (K – 5th grade) are encouraged to worship with their church family and participate in Communion. Worship bags are available, and children are welcome to sit with Miss Danielle in the second pew. The NPC Nursery is available for infants through PreK as usual.

Pumpkin Prayers – During November, our NPC Nursery will learn that prayer is a treat we can enjoy as believers. Our youngest will connect with God, grow their faith, and find direction for a bright future!

Kids Praise Children’s Program – PreK – 5th graders 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 end of service in the sanctuary. We will begin to learn our pageant next week in Sunday School.

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.

Teen Girls & Teen Guys – Join us TODAY, 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.

NPC Youth at the Parkway – Sunday, December 1st, NPC youth will be providing and distributing a meal through the Parkway Ministry. Stay Tuned for more details on how your student can get involved in this day of service!

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, November 3

Family Worship

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor

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

Monday, November 4

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

6:30 – 8:00pm GriefShare, Parlor

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Pastor's Office

Tuesday, November 5

NPC Preschool - CLOSED

Election Day – NPC's Parlor will serve as a voting location

Wednesday November 6

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

Thursday, November 7

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 8

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

Saturday, November 9

8:30am Women's Breakfast, parlor

Sunday, November 10

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

Counseling: Dr. Janet Moore: cell: 484-686-6630 email: ilmpsvch910@gmail.com

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