



# Narberth Presbyterian Church

November 24, 2024

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

*Now Thank We All Our God*  
Jinhee Shim, organ

*Karg-Elert*

Welcome

Pastor Farrar

Call to Worship

Responsive Reading

Jack Mahoney

O God, our Father, you seek men and women, boys and girls,  
who will worship you in spirit and in truth;  
and so we ask you to inspire and bless the worship  
week by week in this church,  
in words and music, prayers and hymns, psalms and lessons.

Open the hearts and lips of those who worship you today all over the world,  
that all of us may listen with an alert conscience to the preaching of your Word  
and come to receive the bread and cup with true repentance and faith.  
We ask this in the name of him through whom alone our worship is acceptable.  
To you, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

\*Hymn #89

*Our Great Savior*

*Hyfrydol*

Scripture Reading

Psalm 107:1-3; Psalm 103:1-4; Iasiah 12:4,5

Tom Patterson

Prayer of Confession

Katie Kennedy

Lord Jesus Christ, you came to serve. As you came to a blind man and gave him sight, come to us in our darkness and show us the things we cannot see. As you came to a man tormented in his mind and gave him peace and healing, come to us in our tensions and make us whole. As you came to Lazarus, who was dead, and brought him from the grave, come to us in our deadness and bring us to real life now with our living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, you came not to be served but to serve. But we see life the other way round: to get where we do not give, to exploit whom we have not helped, to use what we have not earned. As you came to a dying thief and promised him paradise, come to us now in forgiveness and give us hope. In your name, Lord, we pray. Amen

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

*God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.* Amen

## **\*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**

*You Are With Me*

*We Will Feast in the House of Zion*

Dean Pappas, vocals & guitar, Linda Pilacik, vocals & piano

*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**

*Give Thanks to God*

*Larson*

NPC Choir, Linda Pilacik, director

## **Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

## **Scripture Reading**

**Deuteronomy 6:1-7,10-12**

**Pastor Farrar**

## **Message**

**The Promised Land**

**Pastor Farrar**

## **Hymn #367**

*Day by Day and With Each Passing Moment*

*Blott En Dag*

## **Children's Song**

*The Butterfly Song*

*Howard*

## **Benediction**

**Pastor Farrar**

## **Postlude**

*Tocatta Pour Grand Orgue*

*Belier*

Jinhee Shim, organ

## **Prayer Ministry**

**Isabel Lally**

**TODAY at 11:00am: Gifts of Hope Gallery** in the gym! Join us after the service for a delicious lunch and an opportunity to meet and learn about some of our Mission Causes and help support the people they serve.

**Pie & Praise – Thanksgiving Eve Service at NPC!** Please join us on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30pm for a praise-filled Thanksgiving Service, along with a sampling of tasty pie and other desserts. Please note that there will not be a meal, however there will be delicious treats. Then, all are invited to the sanctuary for a family-friendly, dynamic time of thanking God for His abundance of blessings. Monetary donations will be received to go toward the purchase of warm clothing for the Parkway Ministry to distribute as the weather gets colder. We hope to see you there!

# ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND EVENTS

**Sunday December 1**                      **First Sunday in Advent**

**9:30am Worship Service:** Join us as we celebrate communion & light the candle of Hope.

**Wednesday, December 4**

**5:45 – 6:30pm Church Family Supper,** Gym

**6:45 – 8:00pm “The Christmas Candle,”** based on the Max Lucado book of the same name (family friendly), Parlor

**Sunday December 8**                      **Second Sunday in Advent**

**9:30am Worship Service:** Join us as the Choir presents “Peace Has Come,” an intergenerational presentation of music and scripture. We also light the candle of Peace.

**1:00pm Surviving the Holidays Seminar.**

**Wednesday, December 11**

**7:00pm Gingerbread Bash!** This is a fun, hands-on Christmas event where we build gingerbread nativities, hear the Christmas story, and discover the life-changing gift of God’s Son, Jesus. RSVP to Danielle by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**5:45 – 6:30pm Church Family Supper,** Parlor

**6:45 – 8:00pm “The True Christmas Story,”** presented by Ray Vanderlaan, filmed on-site in Jerusalem and Bethlehem, Parlor

**Friday December 13**

**1:30pm Christmas Luncheon and Carol Sing:** All ages are welcome to join us in the Parlor for this annual event which is sure to get you in the Christmas spirit!

**Sunday December 15**                      **Third Sunday in Advent**

**9:30am Worship Service:** Join us as we will light the candle of Joy this week. NPC Youth will enjoy a **Christmas party in the Youth Room** during Sunday School. Stay for the **NPC Annual Meeting following the service** with childcare provided.

**Tuesday December 17**

**10:00am Pre-School Christmas Pageant,** Sanctuary



**Sunday December 22**                      **Fourth Sunday in Advent**

**9:30am Worship Service:** Join us as we experience the Christmas Story through the **Annual Children’s Christmas Pageant** at the end of the Worship Service. We will also light the candle of Love.

**7:00pm Found Wandering Concert:** a fun and festive concert to benefit one of our mission causes, **Well-Rooted.**

**Tuesday, December 24**                      **Christmas Eve**

**4:00pm Children’s Candlelight Service** This shorter service is designed for families with young children. Battery-operated candles will be used to conclude the service.

**5:30pm Family Candlelight Service (live streamed)**

**8:00pm Traditional Candlelight Service**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Men's Breakfast** – Please don't be a turkey and join us in the Parlor this Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 – 9:00am.

**Decorating the Sanctuary for Advent/Christmas** We are looking for a group of volunteers to help make our Sanctuary beautiful for the holiday season. Join us on Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> to help hang wreaths and garlands and put up a tree. We will meet from 9:30 – 11:30 and donuts will be provided. All are welcome to come! Contact person: Katie Kennedy (610-731-1045).

**Surviving the Holidays:** Celebrating the holidays can be challenging when you are coping with the loss of a loved one. If you are going through a season of grief, we invite you to our GriefShare *Surviving the Holidays* event on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00pm in the church parlor. You do not need to be a part of the 13-week GriefShare group to attend. If you have any questions please reach out to Gerri Wismer (geewis46@gmail.com) or Alice Antonelli (arichardson1@gmail.com).

**NOAH at Sight & Sound** – Intergenerational Ministry is beginning to plan a time to see *NOAH* (beginning of 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!

**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

**Justice & Mercy: The Chestnut Foundation** Shelby and Benjamin Chestnut live with a severe form of cerebral palsy. They are our neighbors here in Narberth. The Chestnut Foundation exists to help meet the extraordinary needs of families whose children have cerebral palsy, focusing on those with unknown causes and/or with two or more afflicted children. Please pray for the Lord to walk with and bless this family, and those like them, as daily they face tremendous demands that are physical, emotional, financial and spiritual.

## INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

**Sunday School (K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade)** – Sunday School will take place in the Choir Room this week. The children will continue to work on our Christmas music and we will be singing at the end of worship service this week!

**Gingerbread Bash** – Please RSVP and mark your calendar for **Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:45 – 8:00pm**. This is a fun, hands-on Christmas event where we build gingerbread nativities, hear the Christmas story, and discover the life-changing gift of God's Son, Jesus. This event is best for kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, however younger children may attend with a parent to help them. You must **RSVP by Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>** so all materials can be ready to go. Please contact Danielle to RSVP or with any questions.



**Children sing with Choir! Save the Date** – The Christmas Cantata will take place on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> during worship. Children are invited to sing with the choir on this special day! We will hold a rehearsal on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> beginning promptly at 9:30am. Please make every effort to be at this rehearsal.

**Christmas Pageant! Save the Date!** – This year our annual Christmas Pageant will take place on **Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>** at end of service in the sanctuary.

## INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

**Youth Sunday School** – All 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> grade** – Join us each Sunday evening from 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.

**Date Change! NPC Youth at the Parkway: Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup>!** All NPC Youth (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) are invited to join us upstairs during Sunday school to make lunches and learn more about the Parkway Ministry! Immediately after service we will be taking these lunches to the Parkway! Please let Claire Woods know if you are planning to help deliver the meals or would like to provide supplies to make lunches!

**Youth Christmas Party!** Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday School hour, all Youth (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>) are invited to join us for a fun-filled time of games, lunch, and Christmas celebration!



# BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

## *Sunday, November 24*

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor

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

## *Monday, November 25*

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

6:30 – 8:00pm GriefShare, Chapel

7:00pm PNC Meeting, Parlor

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Pastor's Office

## *Tuesday, November 26*

12:15 – 1:15 Staff Meeting, Parlor

## *Wednesday November 27*

6:30pm Pie & Praise Thanksgiving Eve Service,  
Chapel/Sanctuary

## *Thursday, November 28*

*Thanksgiving Day*

Holiday – Church Office Closed

## *Friday, November 29*

Holiday – Church Office Closed

## *Saturday, November 30*

7:30 – 9:00 Men's Breakfast, Parlor

9:30 – 11:30 Holiday Decorating, Sanctuary

## *Sunday, December 1*

*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent*

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: [ilmpsy910@gmail.com](mailto:ilmpsy910@gmail.com)

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Linda Pilacik, Minister of Music

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Sara Mahoney, Administrative Assistant

Hugh Barrie, Assistant Property Manager

Joyce B. Nicolai, Bookkeeper

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Isabel Lally, Pastoral Visitor

Virginia Davis, Director of Preschool

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