



# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

December 17, 2023

Prelude *Introduction and Variations on  
"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"* *Guilmant*  
Jinhee Shim, organist

\*Hymn #159 *Sing We Now of Christmas* *Noel Nouvelet*

Welcome and Family News *Pastor Farrar*

Call to Worship *John 7:40-42* *Heather & Sally Kaplan*

Prayer of Invocation *Pastor Debbie*

Scripture Reading *Isaiah 7:13,14* *James Chung*

## \*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen

## \*Silent Prayer and Assurance of Pardon

*Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.* Romans 5:1-2, NRSV

Lighting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Advent Candle (JOY) *Paul Rabe & Cheryl Gunter*

Advent Scripture Reading *Isaiah 12:1-6*

## Declaration of Joy:

Those the LORD has rescued will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

## \*The Peace

As God has given us peace through Christ, let us pass the peace to one another. The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**



## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND EVENTS

**Sunday December 17**      **Third Sunday in Advent**

**9:30am Worship Service:** Join us as we celebrate the season with our Children's Christmas Pageant at the end of the service. We will light the candle of Joy this week.

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

**Sunday December 24**      **Fourth Sunday in Advent & Christmas Eve!**

**9:30am Worship Service:** Join us as we light the candle of Love.

**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

**Notes From Justice and Mercy** On November 18<sup>th</sup> Redeemed for a Cause held their annual Thanksgiving dinner event but this year was a Friendsgiving Community Feeding. Traditional Thanksgiving food was served not only to the circle of people touched by human trafficking but to everyone in the community. As usual they had a great turnout and served many people. All the donations and volunteers were endlessly appreciated. Please pray for the ministry of Redeemed for a Cause as they seek to build up the community with positive messages that shield them from a vulnerable mindset that makes people more susceptible to being trafficked. To this end, they are always happy to receive donations of grooming and personal hygiene products. See Sally Kapner to help.

**The holidays can be a difficult time...Dr. Janet Moore** is a licensed psychologist with over 30 years of therapeutic expertise. Janet offers counseling to adults and couples experiencing such struggles as depression and anxiety, relationship issues, life crisis, grief, and personal adjustment problems. She provides compassionate help to survivors of physical, emotional, sexual, and spiritual abuse. Contact Dr. Moore at 610-664-4880 Ext 121, or 484-686-6630, [jlmpsych910@gmail.com](mailto:jlmpsych910@gmail.com)

# CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



During the month of December, the Chancel and Sanctuary is again fully decorated for Christmas. The poinsettias will be displayed on the 17<sup>th</sup>. After morning worship on **December 24, 2022**, the poinsettias will be delivered to members and friends of the congregation. Most will be given to those who were not able to attend the service, but ALL will be given to say **WE LOVE YOU!** If you're able to deliver a plant or two, please sign up below.

The Memorial Plants will be **\$12.00** each. This is a lovely way to remember loved ones, and to add to the congregation's enjoyment of the season. Please complete the form below and return it to the church office as soon as possible. Thank You! Please make **checks payable to Narberth Presbyterian Church.**

Dedications will be listed in the bulletin December 24<sup>th</sup>. Dedications must be received by December 21<sup>st</sup> to be included in the bulletin.

----- cut here -----

## Christmas Poinsettias

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Attached is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (checks/cash) to be identified as follows:

**Given to the glory of God and in loving memory (or honor) of:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

By \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

**Given to the glory of God with thankful joy for His continuing love and grace.**

By \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would be happy to deliver one (or more) plants after the morning services on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>.

## PRAYER INFORMATION

**Please pray** for patience and discernment for the PNC. Please also pray for the person that God is calling to be our next Senior Pastor.

**Missions:** Music helps us give expression to our experiences of life, and God's faithfulness throughout life. Technology can help that expression to be communicated more beautifully. We are experiencing this today, as our worship is live-streamed, as well as the Found Wandering Concert, and every week, as Jinhee Shim, Linda Pilacik, Sarah Comstock, and all our musicians, are supported and broadcast by Matt Weed and the Tech Team. Please pray for the music and technology ministries of this church to continue to offer and facilitate the good news of God's love – during the Christmas season – and throughout the year!

**Redemption Housing Bike Drive** We are collecting used/new bikes to deliver to Redemption Housing which houses men that are re-entering society from prison. As you can imagine, they don't have any wheels to get around, and a bicycle is a good first step. Just let Alice Antonelli know at arichardson1@gmail.com.

## INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

**Children's Christmas Pageant is Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** – The joy of Christ's birth shines in this Nativity story! Join Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus, and our humorous Innkeeper for this warm and delightful pageant. Please note: Sunday School children should go directly to the gym this Sunday – we will not dismiss from the sanctuary. Our pageant will take place in the sanctuary following the message.

**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> is Pajama Sunday!** Wear your favorite pjs and bring your favorite stuffed animal to Sunday School. We will watch "The Star" and eat popcorn!

**Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup> is Marathon Kickball!** Join Miss Danielle for kickball from 3:00 – 5:00pm in the church gym. Snacks and drinks provided! All are welcome!

**Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> is Karaoke and Crafts!** During Sunday School we will sing our favorite tunes and enjoy fun crafts.

**Save the Date for the 2024 All-Church Retreat!** Get out your calendar and mark the dates for the All-Church Retreat taking place on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> in beautiful Sandy Cove, MD. ***Rev. Jane Filkin will be our speaker!*** To register please contact Danielle Kauffman with your \$100 deposit. Full payment is due April 1, 2024.

## INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

**Today – Youth Service Project** – Directly following worship all youth are invited to meet in them gym as we eat lunch and load our vehicles for The Parkway Christmas Shop. Youth will return to NPC by 3:00pm. Please contact Mia Rogers (mkuniholm@gmail.com) with any questions.

**Teen Girls' Ministry** – Regular meetings will take place after Christmas. Stay tuned! Please reach out to Danielle Kauffman (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) or Lisa Hoffman (Lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net) with any questions. All are welcome!

**Winter Chill Youth Retreat** – Save the date for some time away with our Youth Group at the shore this winter! January 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>! If you are interested in attending or for more information, please reach out to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org).

**Youth Sunday School** – Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> youth will be dismissed from the sanctuary following our worship songs for Sunday School.

**Middle School Youth Group** – Regular meetings will take place after Christmas. Stay tuned!

**High School Youth Group** – Regular meetings will take place after Christmas. Stay tuned!

# BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

## *Sunday, December 17*

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor  
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream  
**Children's Christmas Pageant to end the service**  
11:00am Teen Girls Service Project: Parkway  
Christmas Shop  
7:00pm Found Wandering Benefit Concert, Sanctuary

## *Monday, December 18*

6:15pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Chapel

## *Tuesday, December 19*

12:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor

## *Wednesday, December 20*

Wednesday Night Dinner and Classes are on break for the Christmas and New Year's Season, and will resume on **January 10<sup>th</sup>**, with dinner, and a new season of programming. Stay tuned for the exciting details!

## *Thursday, December 21*

## *Friday, December 22*

## *Saturday, December 23*

7:30am Men's Group, Parlor

## *Sunday, December 24*

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor  
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream  
4:00pm Childrens' Candlelight Service  
5:30pm Family Candlelight Service  
8:00pm Traditional Candlelight Service

## *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: [ilmpsysh910@gmail.com](mailto:ilmpsysh910@gmail.com)

## **Narberth Presbyterian Church**

205 Grayling Avenue

Post Office Box 414

Narberth, PA 19072

### **Office hours:**

**Mon-Thurs. 9:00am to 4:00pm**

**Friday 9:00 am - 3:00pm**

**Phone: 610-664-4880**

**Fax: 610-668-8225**

**E-mail: [office@narberthpres.org](mailto:office@narberthpres.org)**

CCLI # License #387124

Jesus Christ, Minister

Farrar Griggs, Pastor

Cell #: (704) 239-4735

Email: [farrargriggs@gmail.com](mailto:farrargriggs@gmail.com)

Deborah Watson, Associate Pastor

Danielle Kauffman, Intergenerational Ministry

Lisa Hoffman, Interim Youth Coordinator

Jinhee Shim, Organist

Sarah Comstock, Worship Band Leader

Linda Pilacik, Minister of Music

Matt Weed, Worship Tech. Coordinator

Tim Roykoff, Business Administrator

Sara Mahoney, Administrative Assistant

Hugh Barrie, Assistant Property Manager

Joyce B. Nicolai, Bookkeeper

Ruth Ellen Patterson, Financial Secretary

Isabel Lally, Pastoral Visitor

Virginia Davis, Dir. of Preschool

Chris Marinelli, Weekday Custodian

Devon Jackson, Weekend Custodian



### **On the Web:**

[www.narberthpres.org](http://www.narberthpres.org)

[twitter.com/narberthpres](https://twitter.com/narberthpres)

[facebook.com/narberthpresbyterian](https://facebook.com/narberthpresbyterian)