



# Narberth Presbyterian Church

December 31, 2023

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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**Prelude**

Linda Pilacik, piano

**Welcome**

Pastor Farrar

**Call to Worship**

**From Psalm 150**

**Jan Kennedy**

Praise God in His holy temple;  
Praise him in the firmament of His power.

**Praise him for his mighty acts;  
Praise him for his excellent greatness.**

Praise him with the blast of horns;  
Praise him with lyre and harp.

**Praise him with timbrel and dance;  
Praise him with strings and pipe.**

Praise him with resounding cymbals;  
Praise him with loud clanging cymbals;

**Let everything that has breath,  
Praise the Lord. Hallelujah!**

**\*Hymn #146**

*Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come*

*Antioch*

**Scripture Reading**

**Hosea 11:1**

**Linda Pilacik**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**Brint Nicolai, Elder**

Father, we offer songs of praise. We confess our faith. And yet, so often, we do not walk our talk. We confess that we try too little, aim too low, creating distance between us and you. Come into our hearts. Help us trust. Forgive us our silly attempts to be in charge. Amen

**\*Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon**

*Christ identified with us to show us whose we are. Christ suffered for us to help us in our times of testing. Christ died to lead us to life in all its fullness. Now our merciful and faithful High Priest welcomes us to be at one with God. We are forgiven, we are redeemed, we are lifted up to a life of freedom. Amen.*

**\*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.**

**\*Worship Song**

*God With Us*  
*Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me*  
NPC Worship Band

*Children dismissed to Sunday School*

**Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**                      *Watchman Tell Us of the Night*                      *Mason/Beck*  
Tom Patterson, vocals, Linda Pilacik, piano

**\*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer**                      Pastor Farrar

**Scripture Reading**              Matthew 2:13-16; Mark 3:20,31-35                      Pastor Farrar

**Sermon**                      You Can't Stay in Bethlehem                      Pastor Farrar

**\*Hymn #178**                      *Mary's Little Boy-Child*                      *Hairston*

**Announcements**                      Pastor Farrar

**Benediction**                      Pastor Farrar

**Postlude**                      Linda Pilacik, piano

**Prayer Ministry**                      Nina O'Connor

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Good Neighbors** For some of our neighbors, 2023 has been a very hard year. Across the street on Hampden Ave there was a fatal house fire in April that caused extensive damage. Workers are now beginning to rehabilitate the damaged home. Please join in supporting their difficult work by respecting the cones they have placed in front of the home, when parking to worship at Narberth Presbyterian Church. In this small act, we can show our solidarity with our neighbors and help them to get these needed and extensive repairs done as quickly as possible.

**Road to Emmaus Day Retreat:** Start the year 2024 with an extended quiet reflection and prayer time, with the option of exploring the Paschal rhythm of death, burial, and resurrection in our life through guided spiritual practices. Join us for a day of solitude in community on **Saturday January 27, 9:30am – 2:30pm**, at the Gallaghers' idyllic barn in Devon, PA. Sign-up with Clara Louie ([claralouie@yahoo.com](mailto:claralouie@yahoo.com)) now. Registration fee is \$25. It is a bring-your-own-lunch event.

**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)

## 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:** As we bid farewell to 2023, we are reminded that we also have said “Goodbye” to Youth Minister, Juwan Williams, after one year, and to Pastor Steve, after 32 years of faithful service. This week let’s give thanks to God for them, and for his even greater faithfulness at all times, but especially in times of great change, and ask him to give us hearts faithful to the Lord Jesus, and to service in his name – inside and beyond the bounds of NPC.

## INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

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

**Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> join us for MLK Day 2024!** All 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to serve with The Philadelphia Project. This is a FREE event! Our workday will be 9:00am – 2:30pm. Please contact Danielle if your child is interested! Space is limited.

**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.**

**Save the Date for VBC** – Mark your calendar for Vacation Bible Camp the week of Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>! VBC is best for age 4 through rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

## INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

**Youth Sunday School, Middle School Youth Group and High School Youth Group** – All will resume in January!

**Teen Girls' Ministry** – Resumes January 7<sup>th</sup> and will meet the first Sunday of each month going forward. More details soon!

**NEW Teen Guys' Ministry** – Kickoff for Teen Guys (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) is January 7<sup>th</sup> in the Youth Room directly following worship. Join us for lunch and a devotional. Parents can pick up at 12:45pm.

**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>! For more information, please reach out to Danielle ([dkauffman@narberthpres.org](mailto:dkauffman@narberthpres.org)).

## 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.

**Men's Small Group** There is an open small group for men looking to connect in a more intimate setting. The Men's Small group **meets from 7:30 – 9:00am on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month in the Parlor.** Donuts sometimes exist, but coffee is *always* guaranteed! The format of the group is designed to facilitate intimate sharing, prayer, and accountability. While the study of scripture helps to facilitate those conversations, education is not the primary goal of this group. Our purpose is to provide a place for men to deepen relationships with a small cohort of other men and experience what it looks like for “iron to sharpen iron.” Contact Justin Crawford (me@JustinCrawford.com / 646.588.9042) for more information.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

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!



# BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

**Sunday, December 31**

*New Year's Eve*

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

**Monday, January 1**

New Year's Day – Church Office Closed

**Tuesday, January 2**

12:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor

**Wednesday, January 3**

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**Thursday, January 4**

**Friday, January 5**

**Saturday, January 6**

**Sunday, January 7**

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor

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

7:00 – 8:00pm High School Youth Group, 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: [ilmpsy910@gmail.com](mailto:ilmpsy910@gmail.com)

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