



# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

March 24, 2024

Prelude

*Preludio in C Minor from Sonata No. 3*  
Jinhee Shim, organ

*Guilmant*

Welcome

Pastor Farrar

Call to Worship

Sara & Jack Mahoney

God's spirit is moving among us; give thanks!  
Our God is about to do a new thing in our midst.

**How good it is to be chosen by God;**

**We gather to sing our praises and thanks.**

God has done great things for us.

Now God is pointing us toward new goals.

**We wait to hear what God would have us do.**

**We are ready to learn new behaviors to be faithful.**

Into the wilderness of our lives comes living water.

Into the sorrow of our days comes reason for joy.

**Forgetting what lies behind, we greet our future;**

**We press on, responding to the upward call of Jesus.**

\*Hymn #204

*All Glory, Laud and Honor*

*St. Theodulph*

Scripture Reading

Psalm 130

Trae Hoffner

\*Prayer of Confession

Mike Boccasini

O God, whose upward call in Christ Jesus we have so often chosen to ignore, we confess that we often settle for lesser gods. We seldom look beyond our own interests toward those of our sisters and brothers. We can see the wasteful acts of other people but not our own selfish acts. We need forgiveness, O God.

Amen.

\*Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

*Here are words you may trust, words that merit full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. To all who confess their sins and resolve to lead a new life, he says, "Your sins are forgiven." He also says, "Follow me." Now to the one who rules all worlds, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. —based on 1 Timothy 1:15*

\*The Peace

As God has given us peace through Christ, let us share that peace with one another. The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**



# HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

## **Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, Palm Sunday**

9:30am Worship Service

Choir Cantata Presentation: *Victory!*

*Sunday School for children and youth and Confirmation Class will meet as usual.*

## **Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**

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

7:00 – 8:00pm Rediscover Jesus, Pastor Debbie, Chapel

*Please note: No regular programming for Children & Youth.*

## **Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, Maundy Thursday**

7:30pm Communion and Tenebrae Service

A quiet service of gathering darkness as we mark the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples. Communion will be served. The service ends in darkness and silence.

*Childcare is provided for infants through kindergarten.*

## **Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, Good Friday**

12:00pm Good Friday Service

We will gather to celebrate our unity in Christ and remember his death on the cross.

*Children's Worship Bags will be available.*

## **Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, EASTER Morning**

7:30am Sunrise Service (weather permitting, held in the courtyard on Windsor Ave., otherwise, in the Gym)

8:30am Easter Breakfast in the Gym

9:30am Worship Service

A joyful celebration of the Risen Christ in word, music, prayer and song.

He Is Risen! He Is Risen, Indeed!

*Please Note: No regular Sunday school for Children & Youth. The NPC Nursery will be available for infants through Pre-K.*

*Children's Worship Bags will be available.*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Road to Emmaus with Jesus Day Retreat:** *“Abide in me, and I in you.”* Perhaps this invitation from Jesus is resonating with your soul’s desire? Join us as we explore the theme “Abiding” in NPC’s next silent day retreat on **Thursday April 11, 9:30am – 2:30pm, at St. Raphaela Center, Haverford, PA.** You will have the opportunity to spend time with God in solitude with community and to receive spiritual direction, if desired. Registration deadline and the non-refundable fee of \$45 for St. Raphaela is due on March 24. Breakfast and lunch are provided. Contact Clara Louie (claralouie@yahoo.com) to sign up and for scholarship assistance.

**Recent Session Actions:** The Session met March 19<sup>th</sup> and the following actions were approved:

- To transition Larry Lubchuk onto the church staff as Weekend Custodian, effective immediately.
- Next Deacons’ meeting: April 2, 2024. Linda Behmke will attend as session liaison.
- Next Session Meeting: April 16, 2024.

**GriefShare** The journey of grief is a painful process; you do not need to walk it alone. We encourage you to come to the video and support group, GriefShare The sessions address topics and issues for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. GriefShare meets weekly, the content is Christ-centered & biblical, and the sessions will be led by Alice Antonelli and Gerri Wismer. This is a place where you can be around people who understand the pain of your loss. GriefShare will continue on **Mondays from 6:30 – 8pm in the Chapel** into June (note that you can join at any time). It is important to register on the GriefShare website. Please email Alice Antonelli (arichardson1@gmail.com) or Gerri Wismer (geewis46@gmail.com) for more information about the group.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Overeaters Anonymous.** This displaced group from Overbrook Presbyterian Church will be using space at NPC. This is a support group for people who are struggling with their eating and want a caring group to support them in getting their eating and weight “right.” The group meets on **Monday evenings at 8:00pm** in the Pastor’s Office both in person and via Zoom. New members are welcome; reach out to Eric (610-742-8196) with questions or to get the Zoom link.

**Notes From Justice and Mercy** The Chestnut Foundation is assisting a family with 2 young people who have Transverse Myelitis, an inflammation of the spinal cord. Shelby will be having surgery in early March to enable the muscles in her hands to relax so that they may open and then grip items. Benjamin will be having surgery to straighten his spinal cord which will, hopefully, enable him to stand up. Donna Hart has suffered from this disease as well. Donna was once dependent on a wheelchair but was miraculously healed to allow her to walk without assistance. Please pray for such a miracle for the Chestnut family. Pray that the surgeries will be successful, and God will bring about further healing. Grandmother Maryann is a primary caregiver and Donna Hart helps as well. Can you donate a few hours to be with the children so that the regular caregivers can have a break? Can you help the dad with construction work to renovate their home to better accommodate Shelby’s and Benjamin’s needs as they grow older? Contact Donna Hart (610-608-8728) for more information or to help.

**New! Health Aid Library** Sometimes, due to age, injury or illness; crutches, a walker, cane or wheelchair become necessary to safely move about. Insurance coverage may be spotty on these devices, especially for temporary needs. Narberth Presbyterian Church has benefitted over the years from members that have donated their devices to the church for others to use. This article is being posted to make sure that those that might benefit from a mobility aid are aware that NPC will loan out these items for as long as one might want to borrow them at no cost. This also allows one to try different types of devices without having to commit to their purchase first. We simply ask that a mobility aid borrowed from NPC be returned when they are no longer needed. IF this might help you, please contact the church office at 610-664-4880 or by email at [office@narberthpres.org](mailto:office@narberthpres.org).

**Dr. Janet Moore** is a licensed psychologist with over 30 years of therapeutic expertise. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Bible from Philadelphia College of Bible and a Master’s degree in Theology from Denver Seminary. With an understanding of spirituality and faith in clients’ lives, she is able to provide spiritually integrated psychotherapy. 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, [jlmpsy910@gmail.com](mailto:jlmpsy910@gmail.com)

## PRAYER INFORMATION

**Missions: ECO Church Planting** 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, 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 – right here, and in ever wider circles of God’s grace, throughout the world!

## EASTER FLOWERS 2023

On **Easter morning, March 31<sup>st</sup>**, our sanctuary will again be filled with the beauty and fragrance of lovely spring flowers. If you wish to dedicate a plant as a memorial to loved ones or simply to express your joy in God's love, please fill out the form below.



After the worship service on Easter, if you are able, please sign up to deliver a plant or two to members of our church family who are unable to worship with us here or take one home to enjoy. You do not need to donate a plant to deliver one. Please consider being the bearer of Easter greetings and love from our congregation to someone who otherwise might be alone on that day. See below for further details.

If you want to donate a memorial plant for Easter, please make your check in the amount of \$12.00 payable to **Narberth Presbyterian Church** and mark it "Easter Plant." You may call the office with the information, put it in the offering plate, or mail it to be received in the church office by **Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to give a plant as a memorial:  
"Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of":

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(Please print name clearly)

by: \_\_\_\_\_

or  
\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to give a plant to express my joy for God's continuing love and grace.

**WE NEED YOU** to help deliver these plants and the warm greetings of the congregation after the 9:30am Easter service. If you are willing to help, please indicate below:

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Name and phone number

## INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

**ART-RAGE-OUS Sunday School** – Our inner artist is coming out this Easter! During Sunday School our kids will have a chance to unleash the artist inside of them by using all kinds of super fun art to tell the Easter story and to picture the outrageous love that Jesus has for us. See you in Sunday School! **Please note: we will not have Sunday School on Easter Sunday for K-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Children are encouraged to worship with their church family. The NPC Nursery will be available as usual.**

**Children's Lenten Offering** – Beginning Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> children are encouraged to bring in personal care items to support The Parkway Ministry. Please send in full-size: bars of soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, washcloth, ChapStick, large Ziplock bags. Also please pray for our Friends on the Parkway.

**Kids Praise** – Children (PreK-5<sup>th</sup> grade) are encouraged to join us each Wednesday for a time of music fun! We meet in the choir room from 7:00 – 8:00pm. **Please note: we will not hold this class on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.**

## VBC 2024 – START THE PARTY!

**Save the Date for VBC** – Jesus gives us the most amazing reason to party! This summer get ready to celebrate the good news of Jesus! Join us Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup> through Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 – 11:30am at NPC for VBC 2024. VBC is best for those age 4 by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 through those entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade (2024-2025 school year). Rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders through adults are encouraged to volunteer for this awesome week. **Registration is OPEN!** See the Friday Newsletter for registration links or reach out to Danielle ([dkauffman@narberthpres.org](mailto:dkauffman@narberthpres.org)) with any questions.

**Youth Volunteers needed for VBC 2024** – Mark your calendar for Vacation Bible Camp the week of Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>! Rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders through adults are encouraged to volunteer! **Registration is now OPEN!** See the Friday Newsletter for registration links or reach out to Danielle ([dkauffman@narberthpres.org](mailto:dkauffman@narberthpres.org)) with questions.



## INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

**Youth Sunday School** – All Youth (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) are encouraged to attend Sunday School. Youth are dismissed to the Youth Room from the sanctuary. Hope to see you there!

**High School Youth Group** – HS Youth Group is moving! We will no longer have HS Youth Group on Sunday Evenings. Instead, we will have HS Youth Group every third Sunday directly after Worship Service. This will begin next month on April 21<sup>st</sup>. We hope to see you there!

**Middle School Youth Group** –MS Youth Group will not meet this Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. We will meet again on Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00 – 8:00 pm in the Youth Room. We will be studying the Book of Acts.

**Teen Girls and Teen Guys** – Our next meeting is set for Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. Details soon!

**The Philadelphia Project – Summer of Service Retreat for Youth** – All 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders are encouraged to attend a meaningful week of service with The Philadelphia Project! Mark your calendar for July 21<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>. Please reach out to Claire Woods (cwoods@narberthpres.org) or Dave Bellamy (dbellamy@narberthpres.org) to RSVP or for more information.

## ALL CHURCH RETREAT – NEW BEGINNINGS



**We are FULLY BOOKED!**

Our retreat is fully booked! God is good! Looking forward to this beautiful time together!

Come away with the Lord and the community of NPC for a weekend of refreshment, fellowship, and fun. Meet new friends, enjoy the beauty of God's creation, and rest in the Lord's presence. We'll spend time in Scripture as we consider the significance of change and what it looks like to navigate through times of transition—in our own lives and in our life together. There will be time for recreation, worship, personal reflection, and fun for all ages. This retreat can be tailored to be what you need. All are welcome! Come as you are. There is something for everyone, no matter what season of life you are in.

## 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.

**Adult Bible Study – The Gospel of Mark.** The Gospel of Mark is a vivid and dynamic account of the ministry and message of Jesus Christ. It is the shortest of the four gospels and portrays Jesus as the Servant of God: "*For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*" (Mark 10:45).

**When:** Thursdays from 7:00 – 8:15pm, starting Thursday, Jan 18<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** Women's Bible Study: Church Parlor; Men's Bible Study: Pastor G's office

**Who:** Women's Bible Study: contact Lalitha Naveen: lnaveen100@gmail.com.

Men's Bible Study: contact Ken Eng: K\_Eng@msn.com

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

**Wednesday Night Dinners:** Everyone is welcome to enjoy the food and friendship around the tables.

**Wednesday Night Study for Lent** We will be gathering in the Chapel to reflect on how we have been “rediscovering” Jesus in this season of Lent. Whether or not you have been reading along in Matthew Kelly’s book, *Rediscover Jesus*, please join us for a time of **reflection** on what we have discovered in this Lenten study, and **encouragement** to continue to discover Jesus and walk faithfully with him – this Holy Week – and beyond!

**Please Note:** There is no regular programming for Children & Youth this Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.

# BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

**Sunday, March 24**

*Palm Sunday*

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

**Easter Cantata: Victory!**

Youth Confirmation Class during Sunday School

**Monday, March 25**

6:30 – 8:00pm GriefShare, Chapel

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Pastor's Office

**Tuesday, March 26**

12:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor

**Wednesday, March 27**

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

7:00 – 8:00pm Rediscover Jesus, Pastor Debbie, Chapel

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**Thursday, March 28**

*Maundy Thursday*

7:30pm Communion & Tenebrae Service

**Friday, March 29**

*Good Friday*

12:00pm Service

**Saturday, March 30**

7:30am Men's Breakfast, Parlor

**Sunday, March 31**

*Easter Sunday*

7:30am Sunrise Service, Courtyard

8:30am Easter Breakfast, Gym

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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