

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

March 31, 2024

Prelude

Marche Joyeuse

arr. Mitchell-Wallace

Jinhee Shim, organ, Emil Pilacik, trumpet

Anthem

Risen For Me

Killian

NPC Kids Praise Choir

Welcome

Pastor Farrar

Call to Worship

Annika Naveen

Day has dawned and shadows are left behind.

The stone is rolled away and hope is reborn.

This is the day the Lord has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

God opens to us the gates of righteousness.

We enter to give thanks to our God.

We give thanks, for our God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Set your mind on things that are above.

Look up and welcome Christ's appearing.

We have been raised with Christ.

Glory is being revealed to us on this holy day.

*Hymn #234

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:45-53

James Chung

*Prayer of Confession

Ann Sattel

O God, the message of Easter has come again before we were ready to receive it. The Palm Sunday parade demanded very little of us. We could join in the hosannas. But the betrayal and denial, the suffering and shame, the agony and death, have left us fearful and shaken. We have become enemies of Jesus without intending to be disloyal. We have left him in the tomb, lest he upset our daily lives. The Jesus of long ago seems more comfortable to us than the Christ who is risen today in our midst. We confess our reluctance to let Christ claim us and change us. O God, please forgive us! Amen.

*Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

God raised Jesus from death. Disciples who had deserted Jesus felt the embrace of forgiveness. The Spirit of Christ has come among us today, claiming for us our new life together. God wants to forgive us. God intends that we move from earthly death to eternal life. All of us are invited to share in the promise of Easter.

Children's Message The RELIGHT of the World Miss Danielle

***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.**

Worship Songs

Son of Heaven
What A Beautiful Name
NPC Worship Band

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

The Festal Day Is Here
NPC Choir, Linda Pilacik, director

Hopson

***Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

Scripture Reading

John 20:1-8

Pastor Farrar

Message

Have You Seen the Lord?

Pastor Farrar

***Hymn #92**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Diademata

Announcements

Pastor Farrar

Benediction

Pastor Farrar

Postlude

Toccata from Symphony No. 5
Jinhee Shim, organ

Widor

Prayer Ministry

Diane Chen

Explorers' Class – Are you interested in becoming a member of NPC, learning more about our church, or about faith? Please consider being a part of our New Explorers' Class **beginning Sunday, April 14th** directly following worship. This class will run for 2 or 3 consecutive Sundays. To sign up or for more information please contact Sara Mahoney in the church office.

WorldLink Luncheon – Join us **next Sunday, April 7th**, for a luncheon after the worship service in the Parlor. Jack Nelson from WorldLink, one of our Mission Causes, will be here to share more about this mission and their important work.

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS



In Loving Memory Of:

Our Grandparents
Tom & Peg McGarvey
Alex Kapner & Margie Nathanson
Charlotte Nelson
Yvonne Gunter
Kizzie Vance
Our Parents & Grandparents
My Bill
For God's Continuing Love & Grace
Our Parents, Mary & Yesu Das,
Rachel & David Vangore
Our Dear Parents, Helen & George

By:

The Cope Family
The Kapner Family
The Kapner Family
Paul Rabe & Cheryl Gunter
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Paul Rabe & Cheryl Gunter
Scott, Julie, Connor & Aidan Todd
Gerri Wismer
Farrar & Cindy Griggs
Donald & Marjery S. Vangore

Suzanne & Barbara Floyd

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? On **Thursday April 11**, we will be exploring the theme “Abiding” Please pray for all those participating in this special time of solitude with God.

Fundraisers to support Amnion Pregnancy Care Medical Center: There are two upcoming fundraisers to support this important NPC Mission Cause. The **Baby Bottle "Make a Change for life" Drive** will be starting Sunday, April 7th. We will have baby bottles in the chapel area for you to take home and fill with loose change (dollars, checks) and bring back to the church over the following four weeks. During this time, we will also collect diapers and baby wipes. **Amnion's 5K walk/run for Life** is an event where we encourage you to join other church members from across the Delaware Valley at Ridley Creek State Park for a morning of running, walking, music, food and fun! The walk will be held on the morning of Saturday, April 20th. Contact either Alice Antonelli (arichardson1@gmail.com) or Allison Foley (christiangueapig@icloud.com) for more information.

Telling Your Story Day Retreat *“Our little stories are lifted up into God’s great story and there given their unique place. The word lifts us up and makes us see that our daily, ordinary lives are, in fact, sacred lives that play a necessary role in the fulfillment of God’s promises.”*

-Henri J. M. Nouwen

Come and hear the story of Leah Darwin, one of our beloved missionaries for 39 years. Leah will share with us how God has walked with her through the many unexpected challenges and joys of life. Leah is also going to teach us how to write down and share our stories. By looking at our own personal story, we can recognize God’s goodness, faithfulness, and love. We then are blessed and can be a blessing to others. Please join us on **Saturday, April 27th at Narberth Presbyterian Church from 9:30am to 4:00pm with lunch provided.** Registration is not required but if you have questions or would like to let us know you’re coming, contact Sara in the Church Office (610-664-4880).

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.

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.

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.

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.

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

Missions: Chosen People Ministries (Paul and Linda Cruz) Paul left a career as a hospital administrator for full-time ministry in 2003. Since completing his studies at Palmer Seminary in 2010, Paul has been working in small group ministry, engaged in preaching and teaching, and in hosting Messianic Jewish holiday celebrations. He helps with several local Messianic fellowships in the Philadelphia area. Please pray for Paul and Linda, as he has had some very serious health challenges putting his eyesight at risk. Please pray for complete recovery and joy – at medical appointments and everywhere they go these days – as they offer a friendly faithful witness to Jews and non-Jews alike.

Dr. Janet Moore is a licensed psychologist with over 30 years of therapeutic expertise. 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

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

Easter Sunday - He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Children and Youth are encouraged to worship with their church family on this special day. A children's message and worship bags will be provided. The NPC Nursery (RM 107) is available for infants through PreK.

Children's Lenten Offering – This is the final Sunday to participate in our Lenten Offering to support the Parkway Ministry. We are collecting: bars of soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, washcloth, ChapStick, large Ziplock bags. Also please pray for our Friends on the Parkway. Donations can be left on the stage in the church gym.

Kids Praise – Children (PreK-5th grade) are encouraged to participate in this fun group. We will meet beginning Wednesday, April 10th, April 17th, and end with a party on April 24th. We meet in the choir room from 7:00 – 8:00pm.

Kids Praise singers will sing – Sunday, March 31st and Sunday, April 14th! Mark your calendar!

Strike a Pose Sunday School – Beginning Sunday, April 14th! Look up in the sky. It's a bird! It's a plane! It's ... a kid striking a pose! We will be striking a pose to bring Bible characters to life. During Sunday School kids will be shaping different poses to help tell the stories of how the early church was started and exploded into the world. More than that, kids will learn how they can help build God's church today.

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 17th through Friday, June 21st from 9:00 – 11:30am at NPC for VBC 2024. VBC is best for those age 4 by June 1st, 2024 through those entering 5th grade (2024-2025 school year). Rising 6th 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) with any questions.

Youth Volunteers needed for VBC 2024 – Mark your calendar for Vacation Bible Camp the week of Monday, June 17th – Friday, June 21st! Rising 6th 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) with questions.





INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

Youth Sunday School – All Youth (6th – 12th 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 21st. We hope to see you there!

Middle School Youth Group – MS Youth Groups meets each Wednesday from 7:00 – 8:00pm in the Youth Room. We will be studying the Book of Acts.

Teen Girls – Our next meeting is set for Sunday, April 7th. Teen Girls will meet in the gym following service to walk to the McGrews home together! We will then enjoy food, fellowship, and a devo together!

Teen Guys – Our next meeting is set for Sunday, April 7th. Teen Guys will meet in the Youth Room following service to enjoy fellowship and devo together!

The Philadelphia Project – Summer of Service Retreat for Youth – All 6th through 12th graders are encouraged to attend a meaningful week of service with The Philadelphia Project! Mark your calendar for July 21st – 27th. Please reach out to Claire Woods (cwoods@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 18th

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.

After the Resurrection: For the month of April, we will be visiting the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, and the larger city, with Ray VanderLaan as our video guide/teacher. If you've never been there, it will be a good introduction, and if you have been, it will bring back memories of that visit. All are welcome to come, watch, learn and grow as we see the places where the events of Holy Week, Easter, and Pentecost took place! We meet in the Chapel from 7:00 – 8:00pm. All are welcome

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Please Note: There is no regular programming for Children this Wednesday, April 3rd.

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, March 31

Easter Sunday

7:30am Sunrise Service, Courtyard

8:30am Easter Breakfast, Gym

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

Monday April 1

Church Holiday – Office Closed

6:30 – 8:00pm GriefShare, Parlor

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Pastor's Office

Tuesday, April 2

12:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, April 3

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

7:00 – 8:00pm After the Resurrection Pastor Debbie, Chapel

7:00 – 8:00pm Middle School Youth Group, Claire, Youth Room

Thursday, April 4

7:00 – 8:15pm Women's Bible Study, Parlor

7:00 – 8:15pm Men's Bible Study, Pastor's Office

Friday, April 5

1:30 pm Slideshow, Diane Chen – Turkey, Parlor

Saturday, April 6

7:30 – 9:00am Men's Group, Parlor

8:30am Women's Breakfast, Chapel

Sunday, April 7

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor

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

WorldLink Luncheon directly following the Worship Service, Parlor

Teen Girls & Teen Guys Groups meet directly following the Worship 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: ilmpsvch910@gmail.com

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