



Narberth Presbyterian Church

April 7, 2024

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

arr. Bish

Jinhee Shim, organ

Welcome

Pastor Farrar

Call to Worship

Alexandra & William Higgins

God has called us together for this time of worship.

God is listening to our thoughts and to our speaking.

God inclines an ear to us and hears us.

God knows us better than we know ourselves.

Let us open our hearts to the One who gives us life.

Let us set out faith and hope in God.

In one another's presence, we renew our vows.

Together we offer our thanks and sacrifice.

God's promises to us are both ancient and ever new.

God is with us here and on all the roads we travel.

Together we lift our voices in songs of praise.

Together we recognize we are precious in God's sight.

*Hymn #473

And Can It Be That I Should Gain?

Sagina

Scripture Reading

Psalm 27:1,3,4

Heather Gallagher

*Prayer of Confession

Linda Behmke

O God, we confess that we rush through our days without recognizing your presence with us. We follow our busy diversions without reverence to your will for us. We strive for financial success and personal recognition, while you call for obedience to your truth and love. Purify our souls, we pray, and redirect our priorities. May we be born through your living and enduring word. Amen.

*Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

God provides for us as a good shepherd provides for a flock of sheep, seeking green pastures and still waters for us even in periods of famine and drought. In fearful times, amid loss, the Shepherd's care is always available. Surely God's goodness and mercy will restore all who give up their own pretensions in order to live in community with God, with glad and generous hearts. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

Announcement for Amnion Pregnancy Center

Alice Antonielli & Allison Foley

Invitation to WorldLink Luncheon

Jack Nelson

***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** *Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me*
Nothing I Hold Onto
NPC Worship Band

Pastoral Prayer **Pastor Debbie**

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Amazing Grace* *setting, Beck*
Tom Patterson, vocals, Jinhee Shim, piano

***Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

Scripture Reading **Luke 24:13-35** (*p. 1642*) **Pastor Farrar**

Message **Road Stories and Bread Breaking** **Pastor Farrar**

***Hymn #481** *Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness* *Germany*

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God, the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast which he has prepared.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O holy God, creator and ruler of the universe. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in your image and called us to love and serve you.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Born in humility, he came to rule over all. Helpless as an infant, he showed the power of your love. Poor in things of the world, he brought the wealth of your grace. Rejected by many, he welcomed all who sought him.

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.

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.

Children’s Book Fair and Art Show at NPC Christian Preschool: Our preschool is partnering with Children’s Book World for a book fair, and church families are invited to stop by the gym on **on Monday, April 15 & Tuesday, April 16th from 6:00 – 7:00pm each night**. Cash or check will be accepted, and books for sale will be children’s books for preschool-aged kids up to early elementary school. A selection of artwork created by our preschool children will also be on display. Please reach out to Virginia Davis (preschool@narberthpres.org) with any questions.

Heritage Presbytery Spring Gathering. Join in this wonderful time of connection, worship, and learning on April 19th & 20th at Pequea Presbyterian Church. Highlights include: dinner, fellowship, and worship on Friday followed by worship and learning with Keynote speakers, Chris DiVietro & Danny Awad on Saturday. See the Friday newsletter for more information and links.

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 11:00am to 4:00pm with lunch provided**. Registration is not required but it will help us plan for lunch. If you have questions or would like to let us know you’re coming, contact Sara in the Church Office (610-664-4880).

Join Us! The worship band invites you to come and gather with friends here at NPC and nearby congregations, for a night of worship, through music, poetry, and scripture on **May 1st @ 6:45pm in the Sanctuary**. Our heart in facilitating this time and space, is that we might share in the oil of togetherness; to lift up the name of Jesus and invite God to share His heart for us and for each other. You are invited to come as you are and participate as you are comfortable. All ages welcome!

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 meets each **Monday evening from 6:30 – 8:00pm in the Chapel** and will continue 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 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 Parkway Ministry is thriving and growing! We continue to add to the list of things we bring. Grocery items are a big hit, mostly zip-top canned soups and pasta, peanut butter, jelly, crackers, and full and travel-size toiletries. People who have a room to call their own prefer full-sized items and people who live in a shelter or on the street prefer travel-sized items because they need to carry their belongings at all times. Socks, boxers, and T-shirts are always welcome. Please consider donating any of these items, placing them in the collection box under the bulletin board just outside the front sanctuary doors on the Windsor Ave. side of the building. The number of folks we serve is growing as the weather gets warmer. Please pray for more volunteers and that we might offer spiritual encouragement through our friendships. See Marilyn Reed if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

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.

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.

Save the Date for the All Church Picnic - Sunday, July 14th at Springton Reservoir Picnic Pavilion - 1071 Media Line Rd, Newtown Square, PA. Time TBA.

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, jlmpsych910@gmail.com.

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

Missions: REAP Granada (Jenn and Scott Esposito) In 2012, Jenn and Scott Esposito and their 4 children moved to Granada, Nicaragua's oldest town, began building friendships through prayer walking for their first year, purchased property to become the base for ministry, and founded REAP Granada. Since then, the vision God placed on their hearts has grown to include a farm that yields a dozen different crops, employment for 20 locals, a conference center with dorms for attendees, and ministry Touchpoints that help create connections with hundreds of residents in the nearby neighborhoods and town. Please pray for the flourishing of the ministries and people of REAP Granada!

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

Sunday, April 7th is Family Worship – Children and Youth are encouraged to worship with their church family and participate in Holy Communion. Children are invited to grab a Worship Bag and sit with Miss Danielle in the first two pews. The NPC Nursery is available for infants through PreK in Rm 107 with Miss Sharon and volunteer team.

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.

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

Kids Praise singers will sing – Sunday, April 14th! Mark your calendar!

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!

Handprint Sunday – Sunday, April 14th during Sunday School, we will come together for a time of devotion, adding our handprints to the wall in the Youth Room, followed by fellowship and light refreshments. You do not want to miss this Sunday!

High School Youth Group – HS Youth Group is happening on **Sunday, April 21st** directly following the worship service! We will meet in the youth room for food, fellowship, and FUN!

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 – We are meeting **TODAY, 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 – We are meeting **TODAY, 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!

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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Mark Your Calendars! On **Wednesday, April 17th**, Pastor Danny Awad and his wife, Joy, will be joining us for dinner and a talk about their work in Bethlehem, West Bank. Pastor Danny is the Pastor of The Presbyterian Church of the Holy Land, and their story is one of hope in a challenging setting. Come meet Danny and Joy, and be encouraged, challenged, and inspired by both their presence, and their story!

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, April 7

9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream
Youth Confirmation Class during Sunday School
WorldLink Luncheon directly following the Worship Service, Parlor
Teen Girls & Teen Guys Groups meet directly following the Worship Service

Monday, April 8

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, April 9

12:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, April 10

5:45 – 6:45pm Church Family Supper, Gym
7:00 – 8:00pm After the Resurrection, Pastor Debbie, Chapel
7:00 – 8:00pm Kids Praise, Miss Danielle, Choir Room
7:00 – 8:00pm Middle 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: jilmpsyeh910@gmail.com

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Thursday, April 11

9:30am – 2:30pm Road to Emmaus with
Jesus Day Retreat, St. Raphaela's Center
6:30 – 8:00pm Choir Practice, Choir Room
7:00 – 8:15pm Women's Bible Study,
Parlor
7:00 – 8:15pm Men's Bible Study, Pastor's Office

Friday, April 12

1:30pm Ladies Bible Study, Parlor

Saturday, April 13

Kathe Jacobs' Memorial Service:

10:00am Visitation, Parlor

11:30am Service followed by a reception in the Gym

Sunday, April 14

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor

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

Explorers' Class following the Worship Service, Parlor

Jesus Christ, Minister

Farrar Griggs, Pastor

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