



Narberth Presbyterian Church

May 5, 2024

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

Jesus Loves Me
Jinhee Shim, organ

arr. Payne

Welcome

Pastor Farrar

Call to Worship

Katie & Hallie Kennedy

How awesome to gather before God!
We are here to celebrate with wide-eyed wonder.

The God of all words is with us.

Praise God for this season of Easter.

Praise God for all the signs of new life.

Praise God for all we can do together.

Praise God for the life and ministry of Jesus.

Praise God for all who share that ministry today.

Christ came to offer us abundant life.

We are here today to reclaim that gift.

We gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

We want to follow in the steps of Jesus. Amen.

*Hymn #62

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

Scripture Reading

Proverbs 11:30; Isaiah 65:22

Ruth Ellen Patterson

*Prayer of Confession

Jack Comstock

O God, we do not want to admit that our possessions possess us. Yet we do seem captive to all the things we have acquired and all the things we want. We are reluctant to share too much, lest we be deprived of the comforts we cherish. We do not want to suffer for our faith. There are limits to our willingness to follow Jesus. O God, help us trust you beyond these limits. 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

*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**

That Where I Am
Create In Me A Clean Heart
NPC Worship Band

Pastoral Prayer

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Walk Worthy
NPC Choir, Linda Pilacik, director

Martin

***Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 47:6-12; Revelation 22:1-5

Pastor Farrar

Message

Double Trees

Pastor Farrar

***Hymn #777**

The Lord Is Here!

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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.

In his death and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made us people of hope.

You are holy, O God of majesty, Blessed is Jesus Christ, your son, our Lord. Born as king in David's line, he lived with the lowly, and cared for the least of your children. From the grave you raised him to your right hand where he rules again from heaven.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Sermon Series! Trees of Life. We will be talking about gardens in the Bible, metaphorical comparisons between trees and humanity, and how both can benefit from some pruning, both earthly and divine. Trees are just one more way God talks to us and guides us to his presence. Please come and join us for this series.

- A Tale of Three Gardens** Genesis 2:8-10;
Matthew 26:36-43
- What Kind of Tree is Me?** Psalm 1:1-6
- The Power of One** Ephesians 4:1-6
- Double Trees** Ezekiel 47:6-12;
Revelation 22:1-5
- The Master Gardener** John 15:1-8



Please pray for our annual **All-Church Retreat** and all of those in attendance next weekend.

Pentecost Readers: Pentecost Sunday is on **May 19th**, and we would like to have the scripture for the day read in as many languages as possible, to highlight that aspect of our varied congregation. If you speak another language and are willing to read a verse or two in that language, we would be thrilled! Please be in touch with Pastor Debbie, if you would like to be placed on the Pentecost Readers list, or just to find out a little bit more!

Good Grief Burger Fellowship will take place on **Wednesday, May 22nd at 5:30pm** in the gym. This is a time to celebrate our loved ones who have passed on before us through pictures and fun, happy memories. All are welcome no matter when your loved one(s) passed. Reach out to either Alice Antonelli (arichardson1@gmail.com) or Dee Knight (deedleskni9@gmail.com) with questions or to register.

Postcard Penpal is Back – This summer get to know a church member better through our Postcard Penpal Program. This is an easy way to stay connected this summer with another church friend. Children, youth, adults or entire families can sign up! Your first few postcards and stamps will be provided. Sign up by emailing Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) by June 1st.

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.

Overeaters Anonymous. 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: Sakinah Love, the founder and CEO of *Redeemed for a Cause* completed her doctorate and was given the Iconic Philly Woman Award for her contributions in making a difference in her community. As part of the mission of Redeemed for a Cause (RFAC), Sakinah goes into schools to reach out and provide education and workshops on sexual assault and trafficking. The work of Sakinah Love and RFAC continues to grow. Sally Kapner often procures donations of toiletries for the women who are or have experienced human trafficking. These toiletries and grooming items work toward making these girls and women start to feel valuable and worth loving again. RFAC spends a significant amount of time working with young women who are in danger of becoming trafficked as well as those who have been trafficked to help them see themselves as God sees them. This is the best antidote to being trafficked. We are currently planning another time to visit and put together more care packages toward the end of May. Please pray that the girls and women will receive God’s word and His love. Contact Sally (sally.kapner@eastern.edu) if you are interested in participating or have questions about the work of RFAC.

The Kensington Ministry will be doing a food event on May 11th in partnership with **Stop the Risk in Kensington.** We expect to provide food and beverages for approximately 100 of our brothers and sisters battling addiction. You can help by providing juice boxes or bottled juice, fruit cups or applesauce, soft-chew breakfast bars, cookies, peanut butter, and bottled water. **Donations** may be dropped off in the bin at the Windsor Ave. entrance or on the table in the carport at 214 Derwen Road, Merion. Text Jennifer at 484 802 2773 with any questions. Thank you to all who have faithfully supported our food ministry.

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

Missions: Amoenitas (Scott Todd) provides professional technical assistance with technologies and techniques to help organizations, usually those in the non-profit sector, and frequently those motivated by faith, to identify, analyze and understand key factors that can be optimized, reoriented or improved to balance, strengthen and sustain healthy systems, as they do their work that intersects faith, science, business, education, environment, industry, government and community. Please pray for Scott's flourishing, and that of the work he does to help organizations become even stronger and healthier as they serve the common good in this world.

The Baby Bottle "Make a Change for life" Drive is coming to a conclusion. If you still have baby bottles at home, please fill them up with loose change, dollars, or checks, and bring them in and drop them in the dedicated Amnion box in the chapel area. Thank you so much for your generosity!

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

Sunday, May 5th is Family Worship – Children are encouraged to worship with their church family and participate in Communion. Worship Bags are available and children are welcome to sit with Miss Danielle in the first two pews. The NPC Nursery is available for infants through PreK as usual in RM 107.

Strike a Pose Sunday School – 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.

The NPC Nursery's Tree Series – Our youngest and most adorable members (infants-PreK) meet each Sunday in room 107 with Miss Sharon and a wonderful volunteer team. Over the next few Sundays they will also enjoy a Tree Series using some beautiful books such as Under the Sycamore Tree, Don't Forget to Remember, and The Tale of Three Trees. Each book has a special way about teaching children biblical lessons. If you are interested in learning more please reach out to Danielle.

Moving Up Sunday is June 2nd – Mark your calendar for Sunday, June 2nd as we present Bibles to our current 1st graders, promote our 5th graders to Youth Ministry, and celebrate our graduating seniors. Please note that food and fellowship will be enjoyed following service in the gym. All are welcome to attend!

Save the Date for the All Church Picnic – Sunday, July 14th at Springton Reservoir Picnic Pavilion – 1071 Media Line Rd, Newtown Square, PA. Food, Fun, and Fellowship! Time TBA.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

Sunday, May 5th is Family Worship – Youth are encouraged to worship with their church family and participate in Communion.

Teen Girls – Teen Girls will meet TODAY following service. Please meet in the Gym, we will be walking to GET Cafe together for a time of sweet treats and devos.

Teen Guys – Teen Guys will meet TODAY following service in the Youth Room for food and devos.

High School Youth Group – HS Youth Group will have an event at the end of this month! Stay tuned for details!

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

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.

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.

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 are led by Alice Antonelli and Gerri Wismer. This is a place to 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.

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: We will again 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. **This week**, come learn a bit more about the Resurrection, while standing in a first century garden, facing an empty grave, just as Mary, Peter, and John did 2,000 years ago! 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.

2024 MISSIONARY CAUSES

Mission

4D Ministries – Hank Paulson
Amnion Pregnancy Center
Child Evangelism Fellowship, Inc. – N. Ireland
Chosen People Ministries– Paul Cruz
Cornerstone Christian Academy
CRU City – Brindleys (Unite Philly)
CRU International–Leah Darwin
Development Associates International
Disciple Makers – Rebecca and Dan Hall
ECO Church Planting and Global Missions Funds
Esperanza Health Center
Fellowship of Christian Athletes – Kasey Dougherty
Global Horizons – Cephas Tushima
Habitat for Humanity –N. Central Philadelphia
House of His Creation
InterAct Ministries – Dan & Bev Mayerle
Interserve-USA – Jan Kennedy
Kingdom Connect – Ben Duffy
Neighborhood Crusades Inc.
New Horizons/Amoenitas – Scott Todd
Olney Christian School
Presby's Inspired Life (Human Good)
Presbyterian Reformed Ministries International
Rancho Del Rey
REAP Granada-Scott Esposito
Redeemed For A Cause Outreach – Sakinah Love
Save a Life – Nadia Gordynsky
Servant Partners – Dan & Denise Anderson
The Antioch Partners – Haugens
The Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota (Standing Rock)
The Philadelphia Project – Rev. Ray Garcia
The Welcome Church – Schaunel Steinnagel
United World Mission – Nick & Ginny Woodbury
World Link – Jack Nelson
Wycliffe Bible Translators – Al & Barb Shannon
Young Life (Western Philadelphia Suburbs)

Ambassador

Eli Kauffman
Alice Antonelli
Danielle Kauffman
Jennifer & Tim Roykoff
Joyce Lewis
Tom & Alyson Burnett
Kathy McLean
David Fraser
Bob Moore

Open

Julie Fernandez
Ashley Reed
Scott Todd
Linda Behmke

Open

Marilyn Reed
Jesse Kennedy
Ken & Sally Kapner
Marilyn Reed
Marilyn Reed
Ann Sattel
Suzanne Morrison

Open

Fin Kauffman
Charlie Choi
Sally Kapner
Faithe Hornung
Faithe Hornung

Open

Ashley Reed
Dave Bellamy
Jane Murray
Rob & Sandi Wray
Kim Ishmael

Open

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, May 5

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream

Monday, May 6

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, May 7

12:15 – 1:15 Staff Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, May 8

5:45 – 6:45pm Church Family Supper, Gym
7:00 – 9:00pm After the Resurrection, Pastor Debbie, Chapel

Thursday, May 9

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

Friday, May 10

10:00am – 12:00pm Ladies Bible Study, Parlor
4:00pm All-Church Retreat Begins

Saturday, May 11

All-Church Retreat Weekend!

Sunday, May 12

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor
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

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Matt Weed, Worship Tech. Coordinator

Tim Roykoff, Business Administrator

Sara Mahoney, Administrative Assistant

Hugh Barrie, Assistant Property Manager

Joyce B. Nicolai, Bookkeeper

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