



Narberth Presbyterian Church

April 14, 2024

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

All Creatures of Our God and King
Jinhee Shim, organ

arr. Johnson

Welcome

Pastor Farrar

Call to Worship

Pastor Debbie

Loving God, we come to you in worship and thanksgiving.

You are greater than we can understand;

**open our eyes that we may see the wonderful truths
you have shown to us in Jesus.**

You are more loving than our hearts can respond to;

**help us to give ourselves to you in worship
so that we learn what you want us to be.**

You are wiser than we can know;

still our minds as we worship you

so that we can understand the things you are saying to us.

Loving God, in Jesus you chose to come to the world in humility.

You chose the path the world saw as foolish.

You used what the world considered weak.

We worship and adore you. Amen.

*Hymn #9

Sing Praise to the Father

To God Be the Glory

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 58:6-11

Emmy Davis

*Prayer of Confession

When we come into the holy presence of God, our own humanity is laid bare.

When we stand in the living presence of truth, our own falsehood is revealed.

People of God, let us acknowledge who we are and ask our ever-present God to forgive us. Amen.

*Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him. —Psalm 103:8-13, NRSV

A Word of Welcome

Rev. Danny Awad

Baraka Presbyterian Church in the Holy Land, Bethlehem, West Bank

***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**

King of My Heart

Resurrecting

Behold

NPC Worship Band

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Tree Song

arr. Sterling

Kids Praise Choir

***Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

Children & Youth dismissed to Sunday School

Prayers of the People

Pastor Farrar

Scripture Reading

Genesis 2:8-10; Matthew 26:36-43

Pastor Farrar

Message

A Tale of Three Gardens

Pastor Farrar

***Hymn #198**

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

Margaret

Announcements

Pastor Farrar

Benediction

Pastor Farrar

Postlude

Jubilation

Payne

Jinhee Shim, organ

Prayer Ministry

Jay Field

Explorers' Class. The explorers' class that was scheduled to start today following the Worship Service will be postponed until the fall. If you have questions or interest in attending an Explorers' Class in the future, be in touch with one of the pastors or contact Sara in the Church Office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Sermon Series! This Sunday we start a new series of messages entitled 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.

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| 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 |



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!

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.

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 are willing to read a verse or two in your language of birth, 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!

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.

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 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 (christianguneapig@icloud.com) for more information.

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: Quilts for Comfort Every other Thursday morning, a group of women gather in the NPC Parlor to craft quilts for people undergoing chemotherapy. The quilters, some seasoned, some beginners, all work with care and a lot of goodwill, so that each quilt will provide not only physical warmth, but a reminder that there are others who know and care, and are praying for them. Please join in those prayers for comfort, encouragement, and health – for those who receive the quilts, and for those who make them. If you would like to know more, please contact Teri Weed, or the Church Office.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

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 April 17th and 24th. Please note that children will enjoy an ice-cream party on the 24th to celebrate their great singing this year! Join us in the choir room from 7:00pm – 8:00pm.

Wall of Love - If you would like a picture or to keep any of the special notes from our children please take those this Sunday, April 14th. We will be making room this week for something new.

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.

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

Handprint Sunday – TODAY during Sunday School time we will come together for a time of devotion, adding our handprints to the wall in the Youth Room, and food! See you soon!

Youth Sunday School – All Youth (6th – 12th grade) are encouraged to attend Sunday School. Youth are dismissed to the Youth Room from the sanctuary. We will be starting a series going through Spiritual Disciplines! Hope to see you there!

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 – 8:00 pm in the Youth Room. We will be studying the Book of Acts.

Teen Girls & Guys – We will meet again on May 5th! See you there!

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.

This 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!

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!

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.

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, April 14

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

Monday, April 15

6:00 – 7:00pm Preschool Book Fair, Gym
6:15 – 7:15pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
6:30 – 8:00pm GriefShare, Parlor
7:00pm Adult Discipleship Meeting, Chapel
8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Pastor's Office

Tuesday, April 16

12:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor
6:00 – 7:00pm Preschool Book Fair, Gym
7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, April 17

5:45 – 6:45pm Church Family Supper, Gym
7:00 – 8:00pm Special Presentation, Danny Awad, Gym
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: ilmpsvch910@gmail.com

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Thursday, April 18

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 19

1:30pm Ladies Bible Study, Parlor
Heritage Presbitary Gathering, Gap, PA

Saturday, April 20

Heritage Presbitary Gathering, Gap, PA

Sunday, April 21

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

Jesus Christ, Minister

Farrar Griggs, Pastor

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Danielle Kauffman, Intergenerational Ministry

Claire Woods, Director of Youth Ministry

Jinhee Shim, Organist

Sarah Comstock, Worship Band Leader

Linda Pilacik, Minister of Music

Matt Weed, Worship Tech. Coordinator

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