



Narberth Presbyterian Church

February 19, 2023

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude *Voluntary in E Minor* Stanley
Jinhee Shim, Organist

Welcome and Family News Pastor Debbie

Call to Worship 2 Corinthians 3:17,18 Vera Comstock

Hymn #72 *To God Be the Glory*

Prayer of Invocation Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading Philippians 3:7-14 Jay Field

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, with the Apostle Paul we confess that we want to know you. Yet we often lack the discipline and the motivation to pursue you. We are easily distracted from the things that matter most. When we experience the disappointment of a Super Bowl loss, we are reminded that you are the supreme Prize. You are the deep-seated satisfaction we long for. As we prepare for the season of Lent, we dare to ask for transformation. By the Holy Spirit, please take out the heart of stone and grant to us a heart of flesh, tender and responsive to you and to others. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Silent Prayer and the Assurance of Pardon

Testimony Meg McKinley

The Greeting

Worship Song *Joy In Your Waters*
King Of Kings
NPC Worship Band

Children and Youth dismissed to Sunday School

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer Pastor Debbie

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *You Say* Daigle
Jennifer Fisher, vocals; Linda Pilacik, piano

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading Romans 12:1-3; 1 John 3:2 Pastor Debbie

Sermon How Do We Change? Pastor Steve
The Big Picture

Hymn #751

For All the Saints

Benediction

Pastor Steve

Postlude

Entrada

Torres

Jinhee Shim, Organist

Prayer Ministry

Linda DiLullo

Thank you to all who participated in last week's Souper Bowl offering. Together, we were able to raise money to help serve the homeless population in Philadelphia!

Special Disaster Relief Offering for Turkey. For the next three Sundays we will hold a special offering for the victims of the devastating earthquake in Turkey. Your gifts may be given to NPC and designated for earthquake relief. Our offering will be distributed through First Hope, a Turkish NGO established by an association of Protestant Christian churches.

Amnion Baby Bottle Fundraising Campaign Don't forget to keep filling your baby bottles with spare change, currency, or checks. You can drop them off in the church office or in the baskets in the Chapel area. As you are filling your bottles, please remember the men, women, and children that Amnion Pregnancy Centers provide help for by sharing the Gospel of Truth through counseling sessions, parenting classes, and by providing diapers, wipes, food and clothing. If you would like to know more about Amnion visit www.amnion.org or call (610) 622-9957 or (610) 444-7172.

Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, February 22nd! Join us for Ash Wednesday Service, led by Juwan and our Youth **at 7:00pm**. This is a special service which marks the beginning of Lent, a time of renewed devotion to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. The NPC Nursery will be available for infants through preschool aged children. Please note that individual programming for children, youth, and adults will not take place on this day.

There will be a grief support group on the fourth Monday of the months of January through March. This grief group will be an informal gathering to share whatever is on your heart (i.e., open discussion). Those grieving the death of a loved one or friend are welcome (former attendance of GriefShare is not required). The next session will be held on **Monday, February 27th from 6:30pm to 8:00pm** in the chapel of the church. No need to RSVP, just show up as you are able.

Save the Date: A new 6-week Explorer's Class will begin on March 19th from 11:00-12:45. Light brunch and childcare provided. There is a sign-up in the chapel.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

Books of the Bible Sunday School Curriculum! Each week children will learn a few books of the Bible along with some simple hand motions and a tune to memorize them all. *“Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.”* Proverbs 30:5

The Philadelphia Project Blitz Weekend for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders! It’s time to begin the registration process for this special weekend of service that will take place on Friday, April 28th – Sunday, April 30th. For more information, please reach out to Danielle.

Save the date: ALL Church Retreat! – “LIFE TOGETHER”! All ages are encouraged to attend the NPC All-Church Retreat taking place in Sandy Cove, MD on May 12th, 13th, and 14th! We belong together and we need each other so join us for an amazing adventure away building our lives with each other and with Jesus! Please reach out to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) with questions or to register!

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

Teen Girls’ Ministry for 6th – 12th grade! We will not meet on Sunday, February 19th, but we look forward to a special service project taking place on Sunday, February 26th as we cook meals for families and young adults impacted by the foster system. Look for a Sign Up Genius soon! If you have questions, please reach out to Lisa Hoffman (Lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net) or Danielle Kauffman (dkauffman@narberthpres.org).

The Philadelphia Project Blitz Weekend! Save the date for April 21st – 23rd as all 6th – 12th graders are invited to The Philadelphia Project Blitz Weekend. Courtney Zellers from TPP will join us on Sunday, March 12th to give a presentation on TPP in the Youth Room during Sunday School. Please RSVP for the Blitz weekend to Juwan (jwilliams@narberthpres.org). Male and female chaperones are needed as well. Please reach out if interested!

Middle School Youth Group! Middle School Youth Group meets each Wednesday evening from 7:00pm – 8:00pm in the Youth Room. Each week offers games, lessons, and fun! All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are encouraged to attend and bring a friend!

High School Youth Group! Each Sunday, all 9th – 12th graders are encouraged to come enjoy time together from 7:00pm – 8:00pm in the Youth Room. Join us for a time of community, theology, and an opportunity to know, live, and share your faith.

Confirmation Classes – Are you interested in joining NPC? Would you like to learn more about what we believe and where the foundational practices of church originate? Well, we are inviting all youth (6th – 12th grade) to confirmation class. Our classes will begin **Sunday February 26th** and will take place during Sunday School time. If families would like to participate in this journey reach out to Juwan via email or text.

CLASSES

Mens' Breakfast! Saturday, **February 25 from 7:30am-9:00am** there will be a breakfast and fellowship gathering for men in the Parlor. It will include a word from scripture, great food and fellowship, and a discussion of future plans.

11:15am Sunday Class: Join us for a thought-provoking look at the **book of Daniel**, with stories about people living out their faith while under cultural pressure, and stories of amazing visions, miracles, and prophecy. This 12-week class will have some teaching but mostly engaging discussion. We will meet in the Parlor and have a Zoom option for those who can't be there in person. Led by Mark Wenger and Charlie Hurst. Please contact Mark at markfwenger@yahoo.com for the Zoom link.

Wednesday Class: *The New Testament in Its World* 37 weeks in length, this video-based study will look at the entire New Testament. Each week, we will travel from the twenty-first century to the era of Jesus and the first Christians, where we will learn about how the message of the Gospel impacted them and their world. All are welcome to the Chapel, from 7-8pm each Wednesday. Only the Bible is needed. All the reading is found in its pages. Following each video there will be a time of interactive conversation based on what we have just seen/heard. If you would like to understand the NT at a deeper level, here is one opportunity to do that For more information, please e-mail or call Debbie Watson (dwatson@narberthpres.org – 610-664-4880 ext.114).

Wednesday nights at 7:00: "Pastor Steve's All-Time Favorites." Steve will share some of his favorite sermons, books, and readings over the last 40 years. There is no homework, and each class stands by itself, so please come as you are able. Right now, we are focusing on Pastor Steve's #1 favorite Christian book, *The Song Of Ascents*, the spiritual autobiography of E. Stanley Jones.

"Book of the Month" – Monday nights at 7:30pm. As Pastor Steve comes into the homestretch of ministry at NPC, one of his endeavors this winter and spring is to lead a "Book of the Month" study. The first book for 2023 is entitled: **"Getting To Know God's Voice: A 31-Day Interactive Journey"** by Jenny Randle. The theme of this practical study is to "discover the Holy Spirit in your everyday life." Brief daily readings are required as well as attendance in a 5-week class. Short and sweet and strong! The book study will run from **January 30th to February 27th 7:30 – 8:45pm.**

Day Retreat of Solitude in Community Once again will host a day of silence and solitude on **Wednesday March 22nd from 9:30am – 2:30pm at the Saint Raphaela Retreat House.** The non-refundable fee of \$35 is due on March 8th to secure your spot. Sign up in the chapel or contact Linda DiLullo at ldilullo3@gmail.com or 610-453-3420 for scholarship aid and questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Music Ministry: CHOIR Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! You may have this opportunity at choir rehearsal which meets in the **Choir Room at 11:00am or directly following the worship service.** There is always room for more voices!

Windsor Bells: The Windsor Bells are seeking more hands to chime in and ring for the Glory of God! Please do not let inexperience stop you from joining the fun of bell choir. If you are interested, add your name to the sign-up sheet located in the chapel or reach out to Linda Pilacik. **We will rehearse on Monday evenings at 6:15pm.**

Spiritual Formation Workshops for Women - 2 Corinthians 3:18 says, “And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.” What does Christlikeness look like? How are we to live into being his image-bearers in the unique way he has created us? What gets in the way of our transformation into Christ likeness? In this series of four in-person workshops, we will take a look together at the garden of our soul - its design, its seeds, and its weeds. This Intergenerational Women’s Workshop will be led by Clara Louie and will take place at NPC on **Sundays, March 12, 19, 26 and April 2 from 4:00pm - 5:15pm.** Participants are required to have taken the online WEPSS test (\$15) before they start the series. Please RSVP to Danielle Kauffman (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) if you plan to attend.

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

NPC Christian Preschool registration is now open for the 2023-2024 school year. Our preschool offers two-day, three-day, and five-day options for children aged 18 months to pre-kindergarten. The school day runs from 9am-12pm from mid-September to early-June. We also offer afternoon programming (12-3pm) through Lunch Bunch for preschoolers and Kindergarten Enrichment for morning kindergarteners, and we have a wonderful six-week summer camp that runs from June 27 – August 3, 2023. To receive more information as well as the link to register, please reach out to director Virginia Davis at preschool@narberthpres.org or 610-664-8890.

PRAYER INFORMATION

Missions Prayer Focus: DiscipleMakers, Penn State-Main Campus – Dan and Rebecca Hall DiscipleMakers focuses on reaching college students not only because they need to experience the life-changing good news of Jesus Christ, but also because college students are strategically positioned to make the largest impact in the world and the next generation for Christ. While Dan normally ministers to college students at Penn State University, he is currently on a working sabbatical for the next several months serving the media and recruiting needs for DiscipleMakers at their headquarters in State College, PA.

Notes From Justice and Mercy: Since February is Black History month, let's take the opportunity to look for ways to encourage the Black community. Maybe it could be watching a documentary on Black achievements, reading a book by a Black author, or dining at a Black-owned restaurant. Please pray for NPC's Racial Reconciliation Committee as they work toward racial justice.

Neighborhood Crusades likes to give out **hygiene kits** to the homeless people they evangelize. Please donate personal size toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, soap, wash clothes, razors, deodorant, shampoo, or quart-size Ziplock bags. Place them in the box under the bulletin board right outside the sanctuary doors on the Windsor side of the building. Contact Marilyn Reed if you have any questions. 215-776-3598 Thank you!

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, February 19

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream
11:00am Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
11:15 Sunday School, the book of Daniel, Parlor
7:00 – 8:00pm High School Youth Group

Monday, February 20

6:15 – 7:15 Bell Choir Rehearsal, Chapel
7:30 – 8:45 Book Study: Getting to Know God's Voice, Pastor Steve, Parlor
President's Day – Church office closed

Tuesday, February 21

7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, February 22

7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service
Regular programming to resume next week, 3/1

Thursday, February 23

4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor

Friday, February 24

11:00am Women's Bible Study (In-person)
6:30 – 9:00 Alpha Marriage Course

Saturday, February 25

Sunday, February 26

8:15am Sunday School (Parlor)
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream
11:00am Choir Rehearsal
11:15am Sunday School Class, the book of Daniel, Parlor
7:00 – 8:00pm High School Youth Group

Each Week

Christian Pre-School – 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: jlmpsych910@gmail.com

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