



# Narberth Presbyterian Church

March 26, 2023

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

*My Lord, What a Morning*  
Jinhee Shim, Organist

*Haan*

Welcome and Family News

Pastor Steve

Call to Worship

Romans 15:5-7

Vivien Comstock

Hymn #558

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

*Beecher*

Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading

Luke 18:9-14

Erika Knight

**Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, we thank you for the eyes of Jesus, who sees us not only as we are, but as we can become by your grace. We confess that we have not looked at our neighbor in the same way. We are quick to judge, and slow to examine ourselves. Please forgive us through the cross. Help us to extend your grace to others, and to embody the change you want to bring to this world. "Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me. Mold me. Fill me and use me." To the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

**Silent Prayer and the Assurance of Pardon**

**Sacrament of Baptism**

**Alexander Selden Knight**  
Son of Patrick and Sara Knight

**The Greeting**

**Worship Song**

*Hosanna (Praise is Rising)*  
*Abide*  
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**

*Psalm of Praise*  
Tom & Ruth Ellen Patterson, vocals, Jinhee Shim, piano

*Darst*

**Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

Scripture Reading	Matthew 7:1-5, Galatians 6:1,2	Pastor Debbie
Sermon	Overcoming A Critical Spirit	Pastor Steve
Hymn #437	<i>Help Us Accept Each Other</i> (To the tune of "The Church's One Foundation")	Aurelia
Benediction		Pastor Steve
Postlude	<i>Prelude and Fugue in G Major</i> Jinhee Shim, Organist	Bach
Prayer Ministry		Clara Louie

**The Alter Flowers** this week are dedicated to the Glory of God and in honor of Alexander Knight by his Grandma & Grandpa Burik.

**A new Explorers' Class** for newcomers to NPC began last **Sunday from 11:00-12:45**. The class will run for 6 weeks, through Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> (no class on Easter Sunday). Light brunch and childcare are provided. **There is still time to join this Sunday!**

**There will be a grief support group on the fourth Monday** of the month, continuing through August. 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 in GriefShare is not required). The next session will be held on **Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm to 8:00pm** in the Parlor. No need to RSVP, just show up as you are able.

**Children's Book Fair at NPC Christian Preschool on Monday, March 27 and Tuesday, March 28.** Our preschool is partnering with Children's Book World for a book fair, and church families are invited to stop by the gym on **Monday, March 27 between 6pm and 7:30; Tuesday, March 28 between 8:15 and 9:15AM; or Tuesday, March 28 between 6 and 7:30 pm.** Cash or check will be accepted, and books for sale will be children's books for preschool-aged kids up to early elementary school. Please reach out to Virginia Davis at [preschool@narberthpres.org](mailto:preschool@narberthpres.org) with any questions.

## EASTER FLOWERS 2023

On **Easter morning, April 9<sup>th</sup>**, our sanctuary will again be filled with the beauty and fragrance of lovely spring flowers. If you wish to dedicate a plant as a memorial to loved ones or simply to express your joy in God's love, please fill out the form below. After the worship service on Easter, if you are able, please sign up to deliver a plant or two to members of our church family who are unable to worship with us here or take one home to enjoy.

You do not need to donate a plant in order to deliver one.

Please consider being the bearer of Easter greetings and love from our congregation to someone who otherwise might be alone on that day. See below for further details.

If you want to donate a memorial plant for Easter, please make your check in the amount of \$12.00 payable to **Narberth Presbyterian Church** and mark it "Easter Plant." You may call the office with the information, put it in the offering plate, or mail it to be received in the church office by **Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to give a plant as a memorial:

"Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print name clearly)

by:

or

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to give a plant to express my joy for God's continuing love and grace.

**WE NEED YOU** to help deliver these plants and the warm greetings of the congregation after the 9:30am Easter service. If you are willing to help, please indicate below:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and phone number



## 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

**Children’s Lenten Offering!** Throughout Lent the Sunday School children will be collecting a special offering to benefit The Philadelphia Project. TPP is a well-loved mission of NPC and next month our children and youth will be attending a weekend of service with them. We have a goal of \$300 and if we can meet it – we will enjoy an ice-cream party! All are invited to participate!

**Holy Week Passport & Pizza!** Join us this Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> as children will prepare their hearts for Holy Week. We will spend time in God’s Word, enjoy fun crafts, and eat pizza! Everyone will leave with their very own Holy Week Passport too. We will meet from 6:45pm – 8:00pm. **Please RSVP to Danielle** (dkauffman@narberthpres.org).

**VBC 2023! Stellar – Shine Jesus’ Light!** This summer NPC will launch kids on a cosmic quest where they’ll have a blast shining Jesus’ light to the world. “Stellar” rockets kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that’s light years of faith-building fun! VBC will take place **Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup> through Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>** and it’s best for rising kindergarten through rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders (2023-2024 school year). **Student and Volunteer registration will begin Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.**

## INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY: YOUTH

**Teen Girls’ Ministry for 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade!** This Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> we will be making sandwiches for The Parkway Ministry. We will also enjoy lunch and continue our study of “**Truthfilled**”. Our time will conclude at 12:30pm at the McGrew’s home. If you have questions, please reach out to Lisa Hoffman (Lisa.hoffman1@verizon.net) or Danielle Kauffman (dkauffman@narberthpres.org). All are welcome – join us when you can!

**The Philadelphia Project Blitz Weekend!** Save the date for April 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> as all 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to The Philadelphia Project Blitz Weekend. Please RSVP for the Blitz weekend to Juwan (jwilliams@narberthpres.org) by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Male and female chaperones are welcome 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.

**High School Youth Group!** Each Sunday, all 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders are encouraged to come enjoy time together from 7:00pm – 8:00pm in the Youth Room.

**Confirmation Classes** are being held in the Youth Room each Sunday.

## CLASSES

**8:15am Sunday Class** – Please join us – live in the NPC Parlor, or via Zoom, Meeting ID: 950 1380 3349; Passcode:291970 – for a time of conversation focused on the scriptures for the day's worship service. All are welcome!

**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 Copy Room 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](mailto:markfwenger@yahoo.com) for the Zoom link.

The **ALPHA Marriage Course** provides couples tools to build and strengthen a vibrant relationship over time. On 7 **Friday evening (6:30-9pm)**, beginning on **April 21st through June 2nd**, couples enjoy dinner at a table for two, watch a brief video presentation by Nicky and Sila Lee, and talk with each other about important issues that can get swept under the carpet in the rush of daily life. This is **not** a large group activity; you and your spouse work only with each other. The cost for 7 weeks of dinner and the course materials is \$110 per couple. It's a bargain! Whether you have been married a short time, or for many years, this is a great investment in your relationship! Contact Debbie ([dwatson@narberthpres.org](mailto:dwatson@narberthpres.org) or 610-664-4880 ext.114) to sign up and check it out at: <https://alphausa.org/the-marriage-course/>.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

***The New Testament in Its World*** 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. **This week, the subject is the resurrection of Jesus.** All are welcome to the Chapel, from 7-8pm each Wednesday. Only the Bible is needed; 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 an opportunity to do that. For more info, please contact Debbie Watson ([dwatson@narberthpres.org](mailto:dwatson@narberthpres.org) – 610-664-4880 ext.114).

**"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. This Wednesday, we will listen to a powerful message on the gift of forgiveness: **"Empathetic Repentance"** by Larry Christenson.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Music Ministry: CHOIR** Please join us for choir rehearsal which meets in the **Choir Room at 11:00am or directly following the worship service.** We are always looking for more voices! **BELL CHOIR:** 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 reach out to Linda Pilacik. **We rehearse on Monday evenings at 6:15pm.**

**ALL-Church Retreat! – “LIFE TOGETHER”!** All ages are encouraged to attend the NPC All-Church Retreat taking place in **Sandy Cove, MD on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup>!** 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! We are excited to announce our All-Church Retreat Speaker, Christopher DiVietro, Senior Pastor at Park Road Presbyterian Church. Please use the link in the newsletter to hear more from Pastor Chris about our special weekend together! There is also a link to register directly from the NPC Newsletter. Please reach out to Sara in the church office for assistance (610-664-4880) or Danielle with questions about the retreat.

**Flower Dedication:** Each week beautiful flowers grace the altar of the church. They remind us of the Lord's goodness and are a way to honor Him. You may provide one week's flowers with a donation of \$25. Flowers may be given in memory/honor of someone or simply to God's glory; your dedication will be acknowledged in the weekly bulletin. If you would like to dedicate flowers, please call Sara in the church office: 610-664-4880.

**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, [jlmpsy91@gmail.com](mailto:jlmpsy91@gmail.com)

**Notes From Justice and Mercy:** Please pray for the Parkway Ministry. First, there was one and now we have over 25 volunteers; we could use more so that the workload remains doable. Each week we provide lunches for 90 friends and often clothing and grocery items as well. Many of the drivers have developed relationships that are true friendships in the love of Christ. Jennifer Bonovitz has been growing this ministry for nearly 20 years. She and Marilyn Reed would like to retire soon so new leadership is needed. Please contact Marilyn (215-776-3598 [alsomarilynreed@gmail.com](mailto:alsomarilynreed@gmail.com)) if you'd like to talk about preparing lunches, driving, or leading.

# Holy Week and Easter Services

## **Sunday, April 2, Palm Sunday**

9:30am Worship Service

*Family Worship and Communion – Children and youth remain in sanctuary; NPC Nursery is available as usual in RM 107*

*Confirmation Class will meet as usual in the Youth room during the service*

## **Wednesday, April 5**

7:00pm Hymn Sing

A time of singing, scripture, and meditation as we celebrate the life changing power of the cross. All are encouraged to join us in the sanctuary.

## **Thursday, April 6, Maundy Thursday**

7:30pm Communion and Tenebrae Service

A quiet service of gathering darkness as we mark the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples. The choir will sing, and communion will be served. The service ends in darkness and silence.

*Childcare is provided for infants through kindergarten.*

## **Friday, April 7, Good Friday**

12:00 noon Good Friday Service

We will gather to celebrate our unity in Christ and remember his death on the cross.

*Children's Worship Bags will be available*

## **Sunday, April 9, EASTER Morning**

8:00am Sunrise Service (weather permitting, held in the courtyard on Windsor Ave., otherwise, in the Parlor)

8:30am Easter Breakfast in the Gym

9:30am Worship Service

A joyful celebration of the Risen Christ in word, music, prayer and song.

He Is Risen! He Is Risen, Indeed!

*Children and Youth dismissed to Sunday School as usual; NPC nursery available*



# 2023 CHURCH OFFICERS

## THE SESSION with Current Ministry Connections

Pastor Steve Weed – Moderator

### Class of 2023

\*Jo-Anne Kaplan – Clerk of Session, Children’s Ministry

\*Sue Wenger – Adult Discipleship, Co-Chair of PNC

Brint Nicolai – Chair of Worship Committee

Jie Cai Finance – Committee

### Class of 2024

\*Linda DiLullo - Prayer

\*Pam Fleming – Children’s Ministry

\*Clara Louie – Spiritual Formation

Jim Hornung – Property, Safety and Security

### Class of 2025

Linda Behmke – Chair of Personnel

\*Jack Comstock – Personnel, Co-Chair of PNC

\*Jan Kennedy – Liaison to Youth

Nina O’Connor – Safety and Security

## THE BOARD OF DEACONS with Current Ministry Connections

### Class of 2023

Gaby Anik – Treasurer, Deacons’ Assistance Fund

Gwen Blessing – Homebound Communications

\*Godfrey Louie – Moderator, Deacons’ Assistance Fund

Gerri Wismer – Bereavement Care/GriefShare

### Class of 2024

Ray Bellamy – Transportation

Katie Kennedy – Deacons’ Assistance Fund, College Age Communications

\*Dee Knight – Ushering

Donald Vangore – Ushering

### Class of 2025

\*Mike Boccasini – Clerk, Youth Ministry

Ann Sattel – Missions

Rashmi Vyas – College Age Communications

\* Sandi Wray – Deacons’ Pantry/Meal Train, Visitation

\* serving second term

## 2023 MISSIONARY CAUSES

### Mission

4D Ministries – Hank Paulson  
 Amnion Pregnancy Center  
 Cephas Tushima  
 Child Evangelism Fellowship, Inc. – N. Ireland  
 Chosen People Ministries– Paul Cruz  
 Cornerstone Christian Academy  
 CRU City – Brindleys (Philadelphia Gospel Movement)  
 CRU International–Leah Darwin  
 Development Associates International  
 DiscipleMakers – Rebecca and Dan Hall  
 ECO Church Planting and Global Missions Funds  
 Esperanza Health Center  
 Fellowship of Christian Athletes – Kasey Dougherty  
 For Richmond – Matt & Anna Shenk (formerly CRU)  
 Greater Europe Mission- Liz Loeffler  
 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  
 Servant Partners – Dan & Denise Anderson  
 The Antioch Partners-Haugens  
 The Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota (Standing Rock)  
 The Philadelphia Project  
 The Welcome Church – Schaunel Steinnagel  
 United World Mission – Nick & Ginny Woodbury  
 World Link  
 Wycliffe Bible Translators – Al & Barb Shannon  
 Young Life (Western Philadelphia Suburbs)

### Ambassador

Helga Sauter  
 Alice Antonelli  
 Scott Todd  
 Danielle Kauffman  
 Jennifer & Tim Roykoff  
 Joyce Lewis  
 Tom & Alyson Burnett  
 Kathy McLean  
**Open**  
 Bob Moore  
**Open**  
**Open**  
 Ashley Reed  
**Open**  
 Helga Sauter  
 Linda Behmke  
**Open**  
 Marilyn Reed  
 Jesse Kennedy  
 Ken & Sally Kapner  
 Helga Sauter/M. Reed  
 Marilyn Reed  
 Ann Sattel  
 Suzanne Morrison  
**Open**  
 Ann Sattel  
 Charlie Choi  
 Sally Kapner  
 Faithe Hornung  
**Open**  
 Ashley Reed  
 Dave Bellamy  
 Jane Murray  
 Helga Sauter  
 Rob & Sandi Wray  
 Kim Ishmael  
 Barb Montgomery

**Please reach out to Faithe Hornung and the Missions Committee if you are interested in becoming an ambassador for any of the open Missionary Causes.**

## PRAYER INFORMATION

**Missions Prayer Focus:** Scott Todd works with international mission agencies, global health & Christian non-profit development organizations providing technical assistance and training for local partners in developing countries and urban communities. The Amoenitas Project assists local, regional and global initiatives to strengthen capacity by helping mission partners use and apply geospatial technologies to analyze and strengthen their operational programs and environmental systems. The training and tools provided help them to measure, collect, interpret, manage, plan, design, implement, and report information about their ministry programs. Help from Amoenitas also guides them to identify key data variables that guide decision-making about their own needs, assets and resource constraints more effectively. Through this work Amoenitas helps faith-based organizations, communities, and donors make more informed decisions about project and program effectiveness. The results and outcomes reflect more strategic mission planning and God-honoring ministry policy that promotes more sustainably balanced mission project management, planning, monitoring and evaluation – all of which bring blessings to Christian partners and greater glory to God.

# BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

## **Sunday, March 26**

### *Fifth Sunday in Lent*

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor  
8:30 – 9:15 Prayer Meeting, Pastor Steve's Office  
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream  
11:00am Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room  
11:00 – 12:45 Explorers' Class, Parlor  
11:15 Sunday School, Book of Daniel, Copy Room  
4:00 – 5:15pm Spiritual Formation Workshop, Parlor  
7:00 – 8:00pm High School Youth Group

## **Monday, March 27**

6:15 – 7:15pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
6:30 – 8:00pm Grief Support Group, Parlor

## **Tuesday, March 28**

7:00pm Missions Meeting, Parlor

## **Wednesday, March 29**

5:45 – 6:45pm Church family supper in the gym  
6:45 – 8:00pm Children's class (K-5th) with Danielle  
7:00 – 8:00pm MS Youth Group with Juwan  
7:00 – 8:00pm Video Series: "The New Testament in Its World", Pastor Debbie, Chapel  
7:00 – 8:00pm "Pastor Steve's All-Time Favorites" – A Special Message on Forgiveness: "Empathetic Repentance"

## **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

## **Thursday, March 30**

4:00pm Kickball with the Pastor

## **Friday, March 31**

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

## **Saturday, April 1**

## **Sunday, April 2**

### *Palm Sunday*

8:15am Sunday School (Parlor)  
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream  
11:00am Choir Rehearsal  
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## **Narberth Presbyterian Church**

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### **Office hours:**

**Mon-Thurs. 9:00am to 4:00pm**

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Stephen N. Weed, Pastor

Deborah Watson, Associate Pastor

Danielle Kauffman, Intergenerational Ministry

Juwan Williams, Intergenerational Ministry

Jinhee Shim, Organist

Colin & Sarah Comstock, Worship Band Ldrs

Linda Pilacik, Director of Music

Matt Weed, Worship Tech. Coordinator

Tim Roykoff, Business Administrator

Sara Mahoney, Administrative Assistant

Hugh Barrie, Assistant Property Manager

Joyce B. Nicolai, Bookkeeper

Ruth Ellen Patterson, Financial Secretary

Isabel Lally, Pastoral Visitor

Virginia Davis, Dir. of Pre-School

Chris Marinelli, Weekday Custodian

Michael Ochal, Weekend Custodian