

April 2, 2023

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude *Toccata and Fugue in D Minor, BWV 565* *Bach*
Jinhee Shim, Organist

Welcome and Family News Pastor Steve

Call to Worship Psalm 118:25-29 Isabel Lally

Hymn #204 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* *Theodulph*

Prayer of Invocation Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading Luke 19:37-44 Rob Wray

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we praise you for Jesus Christ, the humble king. You could have overpowered us with your might, instead you called to us with your mercy. Still, we have resisted your grace. Every day you invite us, but we have neglected to respond. Our hosannas quickly fade, and we go back to the pursuit of our own kingdom. Please forgive us. Thank you for your tears on our behalf, and your sacrificial death in our place. This holy week, may your humble love capture our hearts anew. For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Silent Prayer and the Assurance of Pardon

Apostles' Creed

The Greeting

Worship Song *Living Hope*
Linda Pilacik, piano, Jinhee Shim, organ

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer Pastor Debbie

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Impromptu in A flat Major, Op. 90, No. 4* *Schubert*
David Cai, piano

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Books of the Bible *Danielle and the Children*
Followed by the Congregation

Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 5:14-6:2 Pastor Debbie

Sermon Grace Happens At The Cross Pastor Steve

Hymn *O How He Loves You and Me*

Invitation To Communion

Danielle Kauffman

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up 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, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe. At your word the earth was made and spun on its course among the planets. Your hand formed us from the dust of the earth and set us among all your creatures to love and serve you.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, whom you sent to save us. He came with healing in his touch, and was wounded for our sins. He came with mercy in his voice, and was mocked as one despised. He came with peace in his heart, and met with violence and death.

By your power he broke free from the prison of the tomb, the one who was dead now lives. The one who humbled himself is raised to rule over all creation, the Lamb upon the Throne. The one ascended on high is with us always, as he promised.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ.

Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again. Amen.

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Pastor Debbie

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor Debbie

Hymn #229

Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

Benediction

Pastor Steve

Postlude

Fanfare and Processional

Wagner

Jinhee Shim, Organist

Prayer Ministry

Linda Behmke

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

5:45 – 6:40 Church family supper in the Chapel

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, indoors)

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

EASTER FLOWERS 2023

On **Easter morning, April 9th**, 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 6th**.

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

Family Worship is TODAY, Sunday, April 2nd! Children (K-5th) will meet Miss Danielle in the gym prior to service so we can review the 66 Books of the Bible! We will sit together for worship service too. The NPC Nursery is available for infants through preschool aged children as usual.

Easter Sunday and Children! Yes, we do have Sunday School on Easter Sunday (April 9th). Children will hear the Easter Story and enjoy a **Veggie Tales** True Meaning of Easter. All are welcome!

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.

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 19th through Friday, June 23rd**, and it's best for rising kindergarten through rising 5th graders (2023-2024 school year). **Student and Volunteer registration will begin Sunday, April 9th.**

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY: YOUTH

Teen Girls' Ministry for 6th – 12th grade! This Sunday, April 2nd we will 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! Last call to register for this special weekend of service (April 21st – 23rd). Please **RSVP for the Blitz weekend to Juwan (jwilliams@narberthpres.org) by April 3rd.** Male and female chaperones are welcome as well; reach out if interested!

Middle School Youth Group! Please note there is **no MS Youth Group on Wednesday, April 5th.** Instead, all are encouraged to join us in the Hymn Sing taking place at NPC. MS Youth Group will resume Wednesday, April 12th.

High School Youth Group! Join us at TOP GOLF (2140 Byberry Rd, Philadelphia, Pa 19116) this **Sunday, April 2nd from (7-8pm)!** This is a fun way to kick off spring break. Please reach out to Juwan (jwilliams@narberthpres.org) with any questions. **Also please note HS Youth group will not take place on Easter Sunday (April 9th).** We will resume on Sunday, April 16th.

Confirmation Class Meets Sunday, April 2nd! All confirmands should come directly to the Youth Room.

CLASSES

Next Men's Breakfast and Fellowship – Saturday, April 29th at 7:30am.

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 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 or 610-664-4880 ext.114) to sign up and check it out at: <https://alphausa.org/the-marriage-course/>.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

Note: Regular Wednesday Night Programming will resume on Wednesday April 12th.

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. 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 – 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Crying Room at NPC The presence of children is a gift to the church, and children are always welcome in our services. Please know the Parlor is available to parents of young children who are in need of a place for a crying or restless child during service. The Parlor is also set up so parents can view service while caring for their young child. We invite you to make use of this room, located off the Windsor Ave doors when needed, so that all who are in attendance can pray and worship. Thank you for your consideration in helping to make our time together as a church family a holy experience.

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! If you are interested reach out to Linda Pilacik. **We rehearse on Monday evenings at 6:15pm.**

Last call to Register for the 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! 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 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

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, April 24th from 6:30pm to 8:00pm** in the Chapel. No need to RSVP, just show up as you are able.

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: 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! <https://reapgranada.org/>

Notes From Justice and Mercy: Please pray for our ministry of Loving our Neighbors. We are in the process of evaluating our practices so that we are best honoring God, encouraging our neighbors, and sharing our wealth with those who have less. We want to have a good plan for a sustainable ministry that builds relationships and ministers to people's deepest needs. As Jennifer and Marilyn move toward retirement over the next year, new leadership is needed. Please pray and consider how you might be part of this rewarding ministry.

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, April 2

Palm Sunday

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
7:00 – 8:00pm High School Youth Group @ Top Golf

Monday, April 3

6:15 – 7:15pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Tuesday, April 4

Wednesday, April 5

5:45 – 6:40pm Church family supper in the Chapel
7:00 Hymn Sing, Sanctuary

Thursday, April 6

Maundy Thursday

7:30 Communion and Tenebrae Service

Friday, April 7

Good Friday

12:00 Good Friday **Worship Service**

Saturday, April 8

Sunday, April 9

Easter

8:00 Sunrise Service, Courtyard
8:30 Easter Breakfast, Gym
8:30 – 9:15 Prayer Meeting, Pastor Steve's Office
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream

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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