



Narberth Presbyterian Church

August 20, 2023

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Jinhee Shim, organ

arr. Payne

Welcome and Family News

Pastor Debbie

Call to Worship

Psalm 16:8-11

Rawson Kennedy

Hymn #263

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

Hyfrydol

Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading

Exodus 4:1-5,17-20

Psalm 78:70-72; Ecclesiastes 9:10

Justin Crawford

Prayer of Confession

Dear Lord and Master, how is it we go so wrong in viewing our lives and others? Our values are faulty and out of kilter. Our sense of identity is caught in the whirlwind of competition and comparison. We do not see others with the compassionate and loving eyes of Jesus. Give us a new set of eyes, to see ourselves as we truly are in all our gifts and gaps. Help, Lord, we are in deep trouble. In Jesus name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The Greeting

Worship Song

Good God
There is One Gospel
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

Come Dine with Me
Peter Phillips, Vocals, Jonathan Rogers, Piano

Arico

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading	1 Peter 4:10-11 James 1:16-17; Matthew 10:42	Pastor Debbie
Sermon	The Squeegie and the Spirit	Dr. David Fraser
Hymn #568	<i>Take My Life</i>	<i>Hendon</i>
Benediction		Dr. David Fraser
Postlude	<i>Toccata Concertato No.1 (Azmon)</i> Jinhee Shim, organ	<i>Ashdown</i>
Prayer Ministry		Linda DiLullo

You Can Help Make the Grass Grow Part of our summer maintenance is preparing the Courtyard for the preschool's return in September. To address bare patches in the Courtyard, where there is dirt instead of grass, new sod has been planted where needed most. Here's where you get to help; it needs time to root and grow to stay lush and green. **We are asking everyone to stay out of the courtyard until mid-September when we plan to reopen it.**

GriefShare The journey of grief is a painful process; you do not need to walk it alone. We would encourage you to come to the video and support group called GriefShare (<https://www.griefshare.org>). The sessions specifically address topics and issues for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. GriefShare meets weekly, the content is Christ-centered and biblical, and the sessions will be led by Alice Antonelli and Gerri Wismer. You will find this to be a place where you can be around people who understand the pain of your loss. The first GriefShare session will meet on **Monday, September 18th from 6:30 – 8pm in the Chapel**, and continue into December (note that you can join at any time). It is important to register on the GriefShare website. Please feel free to email Alice Antonelli (arichardson1@gmail.com) or Gerri Wismer (geewis46@gmail.com) for more information about the group.

THE SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

At our best, Elders and Deacons seek by the grace of God to be examples of Jesus Christ and models of the quality-of-life which God desires for the whole church. It is a great privilege and responsibility – we welcome your prayers!

Elders

As there were in Old Testament times elders for the government of the people, so the New Testament Church provided persons with particular gifts to share in governing and ministry. Elders should be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the church and in the world.

It is the duty of elders, individually and jointly, to strengthen and nurture the faith and life of the congregation committed to their charge. Together with the pastor, they should encourage the people in the worship of God, equip and renew them for their tasks in the church and for their mission in the world, visit and comfort and care for the people, with special attention to the poor, the sick, the lonely and those who are oppressed. They should inform the pastor and the session of those persons and structures that may need special attention. They should assist in worship. They should cultivate their ability to teach the Bible and may be authorized to supply places that are without the regular ministry of the Word and Sacrament. Those duties that all Christians are bound to perform by the law of love are especially incumbent upon elders because of their calling to office and are to be fulfilled by them as official responsibilities. (Excerpts from the *Book of Order* (2009/11))

Deacons

The office of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, of exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this office.

It is the duty of deacons, first of all, to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress both within and beyond the community of faith. They shall assume such other duties as may be delegated to them from time to time by the session, such as leading the people in worship through prayers of intercession, reading the Scriptures, presenting the gifts of the people, and assisting with the Lord's Supper. (Excerpts from the *Book of Order* (2009/11))

The Nominating Committee is receiving recommendations for the offices of Elder and Deacon to begin in January 2024. It is not necessary to obtain the permission of the person you are suggesting. It is preferable for the Nominating Committee to make the initial contact should this person be nominated.

In light of the description above, if you have individuals to suggest for **Elder**, please write them down below. Please describe briefly why you believe the individual would be suitable for this office.

For the office of Elder:

Name: _____

Reason for recommendation: _____

Name: _____

Reason for recommendation: _____

Name: _____

Reason for recommendation: _____

(Further names may be suggested on a separate paper.)

In light of the description above, if you have individuals to suggest for **Deacon**, please write them down below. Please describe briefly why you believe the individual would be suitable for this office.

For the office of Deacon:

Name: _____

Reason for recommendation: _____

Name: _____

Reason for recommendation: _____

Name: _____

Reason for recommendation: _____

(Further names may be suggested on a separate paper.)

Please put this form in the collection plate or drop off in the church office.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

Bible and Bingo – Join us in Sunday School this August for a summer favorite! Bible stories and Bingo with PRIZES!

Let's Play Wiffle Ball! Thursday, August 24th – Join some of NPC's favorite high school baseball players in Narberth Park for a fun game of Wiffle Ball! The first pitch happens at 6:30pm! Please RSVP to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org). All ages welcome!

Kickoff Sunday is Sunday, September 10th – We welcome a new church program year with the blessing of children and teachers, kickoff a new Sunday School year, and enjoy the Volunteer Fair with light refreshments directly following worship in the gym. All are welcome!

The Philadelphia Project Blitz Weekend for 3rd, 4th, 5th grade – Save the date for November 3rd, 4th, and 5th as children serve with TPP! Please reach out to Danielle with any questions.

Save the Date for the 2024 All-Church Retreat! Get out your calendar and mark the dates for the All-Church Retreat taking place on Friday, May 10th through Sunday, May 12th in beautiful Sandy Cove, MD. Many more details soon.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

Youth Group Updates: Our next Middle School YG will be Wednesday August 23rd, from 7:00 – 8:00pm


Our next High School YG will be Sunday, August 27th, from 7:00 – 8:00pm.

Open Recreation in the Gym! All youth (6th – 12th grade) are invited to join Pastor Steve and Juwan on Friday, August 25th from 7:00 – 8:00pm for fun and fellowship.

CLASSES

8:15am Sunday Class – Please join us – live 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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

Lights, Camera, Action!  On Wednesday nights in August, we'll be enjoying the cool of the Chapel and a movie! All are welcome at 7:00pm. There is no charge, and the films are each about 2 hours in length. We will be watching the following films:

- 🕒 August 2nd – Just Mercy
- 🕒 August 9th – Show Me the Father
- 🕒 August 16th – Overcomer
- 🕒 August 23rd – Jesus Revolution

Wednesday Nights are Movie Nights in August! Join us in the Chapel at 7:00pm this week (August 23rd) for the movie ***Jesus Revolution***.

Jesus Revolution tells the story of a young Greg Laurie (Joel Courtney) being raised by his struggling mother, Charlene (Kimberly Williams-Paisley) in the 1970s. Laurie and a sea of young people descend on sunny Southern California to redefine truth through all means of liberation. Inadvertently, Laurie meets Lonnie Frisbee (Jonathan Roumie), a charismatic hippie-street-preacher, and Pastor Chuck Smith (Kelsey Grammer) who have thrown open the doors of Smith's languishing church to a stream of wandering youth. What unfolds becomes the greatest spiritual awakening in American history. Rock and roll, newfound love, and a twist of faith lead to a JESUS REVOLUTION that turns one counterculture movement into a revival that changes the world.

—Lionsgate

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Room For Restless Children The presence of children is a gift to the church, and children are always welcome in our services. The Parlor is available to parents of young children who need a place for a crying or restless child during service. The Parlor is set up so parents can view the service while caring for their 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's 2023-2024 season: We are seeking singers, bell ringers, musicians of all instruments, ages, and ability levels to participate in our Music Ministry programs. We have an exciting year of musical selections and performances planned and we want **YOU** to be a part of it! Rehearsals will begin in September on Monday nights for Bell Choir and on Thursday nights for the Sanctuary Choir. If you are interested, have questions, or want to offer your musical talents in other ways, be in touch with our Minister of Music, Linda Pilacik (lindapilacik@gmail.com, (610) 585-3339).

Volunteer Fair! Save the date for Sunday, September 10th for the NPC Volunteer Fair. Learn more about the many ministry areas of NPC and discover ways you can get involved and strengthen our community! The Volunteer Fair will take place directly following service in the gym and FOOD is provided. Please contact Sara Mahoney in the church office if you have any questions.

Sr. Adult "Slideshows" are back! After a multi-year hiatus, Sr. Slideshows in the Parlor are back! While these have, traditionally, been for people aged 60 and above, we welcome *everyone* (of any age) to these gatherings, which are interesting, informative, FREE, and offer a great opportunity to meet and get to know your NPC "neighbors" in-person! We also have snacks! Our gatherings happen on Friday afternoons, at 1:30.


- September 15th Iceland (Diane Chen)
- October 20th Oberammergau (Nancy Davis & Nancy Wolfe)
- November 17th Paris (2022/23) & Cambridge 2023 (Debbie Watson & Diane Chen)
- December 1st Israel (Diane Chen)
- December 15th Sr. Christmas Carol Sing & Tea (Save the date)

Upcoming Men's Retreat The NPC Men's Ministry is organizing a Men's Retreat in Lake Champion, NY from September 21st – 24th. For more information and registration details, visit the NPC website or contact Justin Crawford (me@JustinCrawford.com / 646-588-9042).

Save The Dates! Times of retreat bring perspective to the mind while strengthening and nourishing the soul. Extended time alone with God often goes by the wayside unless we set aside time on our packed schedules for it. **Road To Emmaus day retreat** is an intentional way to cultivate rest and solitude in the midst of our constant responsibilities of work, ministry, and people. Save these dates now: **October 2 (Monday), January 20 (Saturday), and April 11 (Thursday)**, and let's practice the forced rhythms of grace together. Registration details to come. Contact person: Clara Louie (claralouie@yahoo.com)

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Notes From Justice and Mercy: Did you know that human trafficking is a \$150 billion a year industry? More people are trapped in slavery today than at any other time in human history, including when slavery was legal. Millions of these slaves are children. (From the movie, **Sound of Freedom**) One of our mission causes is **Redeemed For A Cause**. Their mission is to serve trafficking victims in Philadelphia, acting as a catalyst to help them realize their intrinsic worth and true potential. RFAC has provided thousands of care packages and meals, along with hundreds of trainings/workshops, and has served several thousand women and teens. RFAC acts through a street outreach team, and a drop-in center, providing basic needs, life skills workshops, health education and screenings and groups. Want to know more? You can pray, go see the movie **Sound of Freedom**, share what you have learned, and/or come out and help in RFAC's office. Please contact Sally Kapner or Debbie Watson to get involved. Why? God's children are not for sale.

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.

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

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, 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

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please pray for patience and discernment for the PNC and for times of rest. Please also pray for the person that God is calling to be our next Senior Pastor.

Pray for Pastor Steve, for energy, wisdom, and grace to prepare for retirement and to bless NPC.

Missions: Wycliffe Bible Translators (Al & Barb Shannon)

Now retired, Al and Barb Shannon served with Wycliffe in Peru, and were instrumental in bringing audio Bibles to the people there. 50 years ago, they were involved in starting a bilingual school and an agricultural project. 8 years ago, at the opening of a Quechua Bible Institute, Al was overjoyed to find that one of the institute's leaders had been the first believer in that area. Many years before, they had worked together in his village, where most of the people now are Christians!

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, August 20

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor
8:30 – 9:15 Prayer Meeting, Pastor Steve’s Office
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream

Monday, August 21

7:00pm PNC Meeting, Parlor

Tuesday, August 22

12:00-1:00pm Staff Enrichment, Parlor

Wednesday, August 23

7:00pm Movie Night in the Chapel, **Jesus Revolution**
7:00 – 8:00pm Middle School Youth Group, Youth Room

Thursday, August 24

Kickball with the Pastor resumes in September

Friday, August 25

7:00 – 8:00pm Youth Open Recreation, Gym

Saturday, August 26

Sunday, August 27

8:15am Sunday School (Parlor)
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream
7:00 – 8:00pm High School Youth Group, Youth Room

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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Colin & Sarah Comstock, Worship Band Ldrs
Linda Pilacik, Minister of Music
Matt Weed, Worship Tech. Coordinator
Tim Roykoff, Business Administrator
Sara Mahoney, Administrative Assistant
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