



Narberth Presbyterian Church

January 7, 2024

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

January 7, 2024

Prelude

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
Jinhee Shim, organist

Bach

Welcome

Pastor Farrar

Choral Introit

Come, Share the Lord
NPC Choir, Linda Pilacik, director

Divernon

Call to Worship

Isabel Lally

This is the time for worship and praise!

This is a day for song and celebration!

God calls us away from our toil.

God invites us to share our life and times.

God wills our happiness and enjoyment of life.

God gives us each important work to do.

God wants our work to give us pleasure.

Our witness to God's glory brings fulfillment.

Let us celebrate the past and anticipate the future.

Let us rejoice that God is present with us now.

There is a season for every matter under heaven.

This is a time to heal and build up.

*Hymn #185

We Three Kings of Orient Are

Kings of Orient

Scripture Reading

Romans 12:5

Mickey Doherty

*Prayer of Confession

Linda Behmke, Elder

Amazing God, as we ponder your vast creation, we are awed by what we see and all we cannot see. We have been so busy that we have forgotten how small and insignificant we are amid the far reaches of time and space. Yet you honor and value us as if each of us were your crowning achievement. You care for us as if we were of highest worth. Father, reorder our priorities so we can begin to live up to your high expectations. Forgive our faltering ways. Embrace us in your tender mercy. We long to be made new. Amen

***Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon**

What has been is now wiped away. Today begins a new year in which God offers new life. God intends for you to inherit the kingdom prepared for those who embrace all God's children in their concern. God crowns you with glory and honor and entrusts all you touch to your care. In communion with God, you will find pleasure in the tasks you are given to do. Amen.

***The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***The Peace**

As God has given us peace through Christ, let us pass the peace to one another. The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

***Worship Song**

*That Where I Am
Let Us Be Known By Our Love*
NPC Worship Band

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

O When the Saints Go Marching In
NPC Bell Choir, Linda Pilacik, director

arr. Bisbee

***Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:37-47

Pastor Farrar

Sermon

Islands in a Common Sea

Pastor Farrar

Hymn #782

Come, Share the Lord

Divernon

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God, the Lord's table.

Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast which he has prepared.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them 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, O holy God, creator and ruler of the universe. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in your image and called us to love and serve you.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Born in humility, he came to rule over all. Helpless as an infant, he showed the power of your love. Poor in things of the world, he brought the wealth of your grace. Rejected by many, he welcomed all who sought him.

In his death and resurrection, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made us people of hope.

You are holy, O God of majesty,

Blessed is Jesus Christ, your son, our Lord.

Born as king in David's line, he lived with the lowly, and cared for the least of your children.

From the grave you raised him to your right hand where he rules again from heaven.

**We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection.
we await his coming in glory.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place.

Send us out as the body of Christ in the world.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all glory and honor are yours, eternal God,

now and forever. Amen

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer after Communion

Heavenly Father, as we remember your death, and proclaim your resurrection, help to seek our true calling as God's people; to embrace your creation; to love our neighbor and in all things, to be your faithful disciples. Amen

*Hymn #181

As with Gladness Men of Old

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Announcements

Pastor Farrar

Benediction

Pastor Farrar

Postlude

In Thee is Gladness

Bach

Jinhee Shim, organist

Prayer Ministry

Linda Behmke

Women's Breakfast Join us this Saturday, January 13th for a women's breakfast in the Parlor at 8:30am with a special guest testimony from Cindy Griggs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good Neighbors For some of our neighbors, 2023 has been a very hard year. Across the street on Hampden Ave there was a fatal house fire in April that caused extensive damage. Workers are now beginning to rehabilitate the damaged home. Please join in supporting their difficult work by respecting the cones they have placed in front of the home, when parking to worship at Narberth Presbyterian Church. In this small act, we can show our solidarity with our neighbors and help them to get these needed and extensive repairs done as quickly as possible.

Road to Emmaus Day Retreat: Start the year 2024 with an extended quiet reflection and prayer time, with the option of exploring the Paschal rhythm of death, burial, and resurrection in our life through guided spiritual practices. Join us for a day of solitude in community on **Saturday January 27, 9:30am – 2:30pm**, at the Gallaghers' idyllic barn in Devon, PA. Sign-up with Clara Louie (claralouie@yahoo.com) now. Registration fee is \$25. It is a bring-your-own-lunch event.

Notes From Justice and Mercy NPC's Orphan Care ministry continues to support foster families and youth aging out of foster care through our partnership with Well Rooted. Found Wandering chose Well Rooted as their mission cause for this year's Christmas benefit concert, and the congregation greatly blessed Well Rooted with our enthusiastic giving. Currently, we are looking to support Well Rooted's Personal Growth Experiences initiative. Growing up without the stability of a family, many foster kids lose out on the fun experiences we so often take for granted. Well Rooted gives former foster youth in their program a chance to experience concerts, sporting events, and other activities they've never had a chance to enjoy. If you would like to donate tickets to an event or donate your time to teach a young adult a new skill (art, music, etc.) please contact Sarah Todd at sarah@wellrootedpa.org. We'd also like to support the young adults served by Well Rooted through financial coaching and job search assistance. If you have experience in these areas, please reach out to Valerie Foley at valerie@vfoley.com.

Dr. Janet Moore is a licensed psychologist with over 30 years of therapeutic expertise. 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

PRAYER INFORMATION

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

Missions: Amnion Crisis Pregnancy Center, located in Drexel Hill and Norristown, offers counseling to those who have undergone an abortion, whether recently or long ago, and provides support to those who make the decision to place their child for adoption, or to parent their babies. Pray for those who provide the counseling, that they will be both kind and competent in their interactions with those who seek their help. Pray also for the clients to be encouraged and drawn to the Lord as he comes to them through the ministry of Amnion staff and volunteers.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

Sunday, January 7th is Family Worship - This Sunday all children and youth (K-12th) are encouraged to worship in the sanctuary and participate in Communion. Children are very welcome to sit with Miss Danielle in the first two pews. Worship bags will be available and the NPC Nursery is open for younger children as always.

Kids Praise – Children (PreK-5th grade) are encouraged to join us each Wednesday in January for a time of music fun! Thank you to Linda Pilacik for leading this energetic time! We meet in the choir room from 7:00pm-8:00pm.

Monday, January 15th join us for MLK Day 2024! All 2nd – 5th graders are invited to serve with The Philadelphia Project. This is a FREE event! Our workday will be 9:00am – 2:30pm. Please contact Danielle if your child is interested! Space is limited.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

Sunday, January 7th is Family Worship – This Sunday all children and youth (K-12th) are encouraged to worship in the sanctuary and participate in Communion. Youth Sunday School (6th - 12th) will resume next Sunday, January 14th.

Teen Girls' Ministry – Girls Group will meet Sunday, January 7th directly following worship. We will meet in the gym and walk together to the McGrew's home (200 Woodside Ave). Lunch is provided and all youth girls are encouraged to attend. Parents can pick up from the McGrew's at 1:00pm. Please note, we will be meeting the first Sunday of each month moving forward.

NEW Teen Guys' Ministry – Guys Group will kick off Sunday, January 7th in the Youth Room directly following worship. Join us for lunch and a devotional. All youth guys are encouraged to attend. Parents can pick up at 12:45pm. Please note, we will meet the first Sunday of each month.

High School Youth Group – All 9th – 12th graders are invited to Youth Group at NPC from 7:00 – 8:00pm each Sunday night. Pastor Farrar will be holding a special Bible Study just for our high school youth! We meet in the Youth Room.

Middle School Youth Group – All 6th – 8th graders are invited to Youth Group each Wednesday at NPC from 7:00 – 8:00pm. We meet in the Youth Room for games, devotional and fellowship.

Winter Chill Youth Retreat – Save the date for some time away with our Youth Group at the shore this winter! January 19th – 21st! For more information, please reach out to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org).

ALL-CHURCH RETREAT

Save the Date for the 2024 All-Church Retreat – NEW BEGINNINGS!

Get out your calendar and mark the dates for the All-Church Retreat:

Who: YOU! All ages are encouraged to attend this special weekend together.

What: A fun-filled retreat weekend with our church family including: adult talks, fun activities for children & youth, worship, prayer, and fellowship.

When: Friday, May 10th through Sunday, May 12th

Where: Sandy Cove Ministries Retreat Center in beautiful North East, MD

Our Guest Speaker this year will be *Rev. Jane Filkin!*

To register please contact **Danielle Kauffman** with your **\$100 deposit**. Full payment is due **April 1, 2024**. You can also leave your deposit online by choosing "2024 Spring Retreat" or by texting with the keyword "retreat".

Look for pricing sheets around the church and check back for updates!

VBC 2024 – START THE PARTY!

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. Online registration for students and volunteers begins Sunday, March 17th. Let's get this VBC party started! Please reach out to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) with any questions.



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

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

Encounters with Jesus – Join us as we look all throughout the Bible for where and how Jesus appears in surprising and even amazing ways. Imagine yourself there with him, hearing what he says and seeing what he does, right there in front of you. What do you learn about Jesus that you didn't know before, and what does that tell you about what God is really like and how to love him even more? Come have these encounters with us in a 10-week class starting January 10th in the Parlor or on Zoom if you can't attend in person. Led by Mark Wenger.

Faith Lessons in the Old Testament – In this 5-week Old Testament series, we will travel to the lands of the Bible, and learn, on-site, with Dr. Ray VanderLaan, how God guided his people to a specific place – the Promised Land – to impact the world both in ancient times and today. Everyone is welcome to join this class (in the Chapel) for any or all of the lessons, which will include a video and conversation following.

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Middle School Youth Group – All 6th – 8th graders are invited to Youth Group in the Youth Room for games, devotional and fellowship.

2023 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 (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
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
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

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
Alison Foley
Marilyn Reed
Jesse Kennedy
Ken & Sally Kapner
Marilyn Reed
Marilyn Reed
Ann Sattel
Suzanne Morrison
Open
Fin Kauffman/Ann Sattel
Charlie Choi
Sally Kapner
Faithe Hornung
Faithe Hornung
Open
Ashley Reed
Dave Bellamy
Jane Murray
Open
Rob & Sandi Wray
Kim Ishmael
Barb Montgomery

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, January 7

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream
11:30 Teen Girls, Teen Guys
7:00 – 8:00pm High School Youth Group, Youth Room

Monday, January 8

Tuesday, January 9

12:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, January 10

5:45 – 6:45pm Church Family Supper, Gym
7:00 – 8:00pm Faith Lessons in the Old Testament, Pastor Debbie, Chapel
7:00 – 8:00pm Encounters with Jesus, Mark Wenger, Parlor.
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: jilmpsy910@gmail.com

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Thursday, January 11

Friday, January 12

10:00 – 12:00pm Ladies Bible Study, Parlor

Saturday, January 13

8:30am Women's Breakfast, Parlor

Sunday, January 14

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

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Farrar Griggs, Pastor

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Danielle Kauffman, Intergenerational Ministry

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Jinhee Shim, Organist

Sarah Comstock, Worship Band Leader

Linda Pilacik, Minister 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 Preschool

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