



Narberth Presbyterian Church

March 10, 2024

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

Benedictus
Jinhee Shim, organ

Rowley

Welcome

Pastor Farrar

Call to Worship

Pastor Debbie

A new day has dawned, God's gift to us;
The fruits of the land are ours to enjoy.

**We are a new creation in Jesus Christ;
The old has passed away, the new has come.**

This is a day for forgiveness and reconciliation:
Celebrate God's love for the lost who are found.

**The glad cries of deliverance surround us;
Shouts of joy arise from our hearts.**

Let all who are faithful offer up prayers;
May all who are in Christ give thanks.

**We will be glad and join the dance of life,
With the upright of heart, we rejoice and sing.**

*Hymn #356

All Creatures of Our God and King

Scripture Reading

Psalm 37:3-7

Caitlin Henry &
Maggie Hawthorn

*Prayer of Confession

Pastor Debbie

O God, we will try not to hide from you the wrong we have done or the good we have neglected. You know our transgressions. We have claimed too lightly the label "Christian." Our rebellion can leave us hungry, alone, and friendless. We are not worthy to be called your children. We pray for your forgiveness and for a renewed sense of who you want us to be. Amen.

*Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

This is the message we have heard from God and proclaim to you, that God is light and in God there is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. —from 1 John 1:5, 7, NRSV

*The Peace

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

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Sunday, March 24th, Palm Sunday

9:30am Worship Service

Choir Cantata Presentation: *Victory!*

Sunday School for children and youth and Confirmation Class will meet as usual.

Wednesday, March 27th

5:45 – 6:45pm Church Family Supper, Gym

7:00 – 8:00pm Rediscover Jesus, Pastor Debbie, Chapel

7:00 – 8:00pm Encounters with Jesus, Mark Wenger, Parlor.

Please note: No regular programming for Children & Youth.

Thursday, March 28th, 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. Communion will be served. The service ends in darkness and silence.

Childcare is provided for infants through kindergarten.

Friday, March 29th, 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, March 31st, EASTER Morning

7:30am Sunrise Service (weather permitting, held in the courtyard on Windsor Ave., otherwise, in the Gym)

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!

Please Note: No regular Sunday school for Children & Youth. The NPC Nursery will be available for infants through Pre-K.

Children's Worship Bags will be available.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

GriefShare The journey of grief is a painful process; you do not need to walk it alone. We encourage you to come to the video and support group, GriefShare. The sessions address topics and issues for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. GriefShare meets weekly, the content is Christ-centered & biblical, and the sessions will be led by Alice Antonelli and Gerri Wismer. This is a place where you can be around people who understand the pain of your loss. GriefShare will begin on **Monday, March 18 from 6:30 – 8pm in the Chapel** and continue into June (note that you can join at any time). It is important to register on the GriefShare website. Please email Alice Antonelli (arichardson1@gmail.com) or Gerri Wismer (geewis46@gmail.com) for more information about the group.

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.

Overeaters Anonymous. This displaced group from Overbrook Presbyterian Church will be using space at NPC. This is a support group for people who are struggling with their eating and want a caring group to support them in getting their eating and weight “right.” The group meets on **Monday evenings at 8:00pm** in the Pastor's office both in person and via Zoom. New members are welcome; reach out to Eric (610-742-8196) with questions or to get the Zoom link.

Notes From Justice and Mercy The Chestnut Foundation is assisting a family with 2 young people who have Transverse Myelitis, an inflammation of the spinal cord. Shelby will be having surgery in early March to enable the muscles in her hands to relax so that they may open and then grip items. Benjamin will be having surgery to straighten his spinal cord which will, hopefully, enable him to stand up. Donna Hart has suffered from this disease as well. Donna was once dependent on a wheelchair but was miraculously healed to allow her to walk without assistance. Please pray for such a miracle for the Chestnut family. Pray that the surgeries will be successful, and God will bring about further healing. Grandmother Maryann is a primary caregiver and Donna Hart helps as well. Can you donate a few hours to be with the children so that the regular caregivers can have a break? Can you help the dad with construction work to renovate their home to better accommodate Shelby's and Benjamin's needs as they grow older? Contact Donna Hart (610-608-8728) for more information or to help.

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

Missions: Neighborhood Crusades Through their night time Anti-Violence, Anti-Drug Crusades, School of Evangelism, Homeless Outreaches and Gospel Tract Distributions, Daniel Sawyer leads a team of volunteers who seek to reach the unsaved with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, train Christians to effectively evangelize, and help strengthen and encourage troubled youths. Please pray for **Daniel and Esther Sawyer**, who lead the ministry, and those to whom they offer the good news of God's love in Jesus, for many good connections to be made – between people, and with the Lord!

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

EASTER FLOWERS 2023

On **Easter morning, March 31st**, 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 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, March 28th**.

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

ART-RAGE-OUS Sunday School - Our inner artist is coming out this Easter! During Sunday School our kids will have a chance to unleash the artist inside of them by using all kinds of super fun art to tell the Easter story and to picture the outrageous love that Jesus has for us. See you in Sunday School!

TODAY is Girl Scout Sunday – Our NPC Girl Scouts will host the Fellowship Table following service. This is a great time to sample your favorite Girl Scout cookie! God bless our Girls Scouts.

Children's Lenten Offering – Beginning Sunday, February 18th children are encouraged to bring in personal care items to support The Parkway Ministry. Please send in full-size: bars of soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, washcloth, ChapStick, large Ziplock bags. Also please pray for our Friends on the Parkway.

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

VBC 2024 – START THE PARTY!

Save the Date for VBC! 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.

Youth Volunteers needed for VBC 2024 – Mark your calendar for Vacation Bible Camp the week of Monday, June 17th – Friday, June 21st! Rising 6th graders through adults are encouraged to volunteer! Online Registration begins March 17th for students and volunteers! Please reach out to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) with questions.



INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

Youth Sunday School – All Youth (6th – 12th grade) are encouraged to attend Sunday School. Youth are dismissed to the Youth Room from the sanctuary. Hope to see you there!

Confirmation Class – Our class will meet this Sunday, March 10th in the outer youth room. Confirmands are dismissed from the sanctuary at the front-part of worship.

High School Youth Group – HS Youth Group is set to meet Sunday, March 10th in the Youth Room from 7:00 – 8:00pm.

Middle School Youth Group – MS Youth Groups meets each Wednesday from 7:00 – 8:00pm in the Youth Room. We will begin a Bible study on the book of Acts.

Teen Girls and Teen Guys - Our next meeting is set for Sunday, April 7th. Details soon!

The Philadelphia Project – Summer of Service Retreat for Youth - All 6th through 12th graders are encouraged to attend a meaningful week of service with The Philadelphia Project! Mark your calendar for July 21st – 27th. Please reach out to Claire Woods (cwoods@narberthpres.org) or Dave Bellamy (dbellamy@narberthpres.org) to RSVP or for more information.

ALL CHURCH RETREAT – NEW BEGINNINGS



We are FULLY BOOKED!

Our retreat is fully booked! God is good! Looking forward to this beautiful time together!

Come away with the Lord and the community of NPC for a weekend of refreshment, fellowship, and fun. Meet new friends, enjoy the beauty of God's creation, and rest in the Lord's presence. We'll spend time in Scripture as we consider the significance of change and what it looks like to navigate through times of transition—in our own lives and in our life together. There will be time for recreation, worship, personal reflection, and fun for all ages. This retreat can be tailored to be what you need. All are welcome! Come as you are. There is something for everyone, no matter what season of life you are in.

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

Wednesday Night Study for Lent! *Rediscover Jesus*, by Matthew Kelly. This book is divided into 40 daily readings of a page or two, a Bible verse, a question to ask, a thought to ponder, and a sentence prayer. Kelly prompts us to get to know Jesus in a deeply personal way: As the carpenter from Nazareth, the itinerant preacher, the Son of God, the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords, the Lamb of God, the new Adam, the Messiah, the Alpha and the Omega, the Chosen One, the Light of the World, the God-Man who wants good things for us more than we want them for ourselves, the healer of our souls. You can order the book on-line or pick up a copy here at church (\$10 suggested donation).

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 in the Parlor or on Zoom. Led by Mark Wenger.

Kids Praise – Children (PreK-5th grade) are encouraged to join us for a time of music fun! Thank you to Linda Pilacik for leading this energetic time!

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

COMMUNICATING BY EMAIL WITH CHURCH STAFF

Staff have reported more malware and other email abnormalities lately. To help members and friends communicate safely with church staff, please observe the following guidelines:

Legitimate Group Emails from NPC (The newsletter, invites to Wednesday night programs, etc will come from “Church Community Builder <notifications@ccbchurch.com>”; on behalf of; Narberth Presbyterian narberthpres@ccbchurch.com).

Legitimate emails from staff to members and friends will come from the staff person’s Narberth Presbyterian Email address, which ends in “@narberthpres.org”.

Illegitimate emails that are sent from a different email address (example, narberthpastor@yahoo.com), even if they list a correct name, are fake and should be deleted without responding or clicking in any links they may have.

Staff will not ask members and friends to buy gift cards, do a wire transfer, log in to a special secret account, etc. These are Phishing emails attempting to obtain your personal or financial information. Do not respond or click on these links.

Any church staff member will be happy to receive a phone call from anyone that has a question about the legitimacy of an email they have received from that staff member. One can also always call the church office at 610-664-4880 with questions. Please see this week’s church newsletter (sent on Friday, March 8th) for a slightly longer version of this message with more detail, if helpful.



BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, March 10

4th Sunday in Lent

8:30 – 9:15 Daylight Savings Breakfast, Gym
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream
Youth Confirmation Class during Sunday School
7:00 – 8:00pm Youth Group, Youth Room

Monday, March 11

6:15 – 7:15pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:00pm PNC Meeting, Parlor
8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Pastor's Office

Tuesday, March 12

12:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, March 13

5:45 – 6:45pm Church Family Supper, Gym
7:00 – 8:00pm Rediscover Jesus, 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: jlmpsych910@gmail.com

Thursday, March 14

6:30 – 8:00pm Choir Practice, Choir Room
7:00 – 8:15pm Women's Bible Study, Parlor
7:00 – 8:15pm Men's Bible Study, Pastor's Office

Friday, March 15

1:30pm Ladies Bible Study, Parlor

Saturday, March 16

8:30 – 9:30am Kids' Basketball, Gym

Sunday, March 17

5th Sunday in Lent

Preschool Sunday

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

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