



Narberth Presbyterian Church

May 12, 2024

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

Aria con Variazioni
Jinhee Shim, organ

Martini

Welcome

Pastor Debbie

Call to Worship **An Act of Praise** (*Responsive Reading*)

We have gathered in the name of the Lord. What is your Response?

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Why do you give this time to the Lord?

Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; give thanks to him and praise his name.

What is the basis for this outpouring of praise?

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

*Hymn #699

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Christ Church

Prayer of Welcome

Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 2:1-7

Julia Furlong

*Prayer of Confession

Diane Chen

Merciful God, we forget that you are good; we forget that you love us, and we forget that we belong to you. When we forget you, Lord, we forget each other. Forgive us and remind us of these truths, so we trust you completely, and love others deeply, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

*Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

*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.

Hymn #574

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

Canonbury

Pastoral Prayer

Diane Chen

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

This Little Light of Mine

arr. Hayes

Jinhee Shim, piano

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

2 Thessalonians 2:7,8;

Philippians 1:4-9; Ephesians 4:11-15; Colossians 1:9-14

Message

What Does “Mother” Mean? Mother Is a Verb!

Pastor Debbie

*Hymn #651

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

Maryton

Benediction

Pastor Debbie

Postlude

Jinhee Shim, organ

Prayer Ministry

Diane Chen



Please pray for our annual **All-Church Retreat** and all of those in attendance this weekend.

Slideshow Join us on Friday, May 17th at 1:30pm in the Parlor, for a slide show of Diane Chen’s trip to Japan in March! Refreshments will be served.

Pentecost Readers: Pentecost Sunday is on **May 19th**, and we would like to have the scripture for the day read in as many languages as possible, to highlight that aspect of our varied congregation. If you speak another language and are willing to read a verse or two in that language, we would be thrilled! Please be in touch with Pastor Debbie, if you would like to be placed on the Pentecost Readers list, or just to find out a little bit more!

Postcard Penpal is Back – This summer get to know a church member better through our Postcard Penpal Program. This is an easy way to stay connected this summer with another church friend. Children, youth, adults or entire families can sign up! Your first few postcards and stamps will be provided. Sign up by emailing Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) by June 1st.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good Grief Burger Fellowship will take place on **Wednesday, May 22nd at 5:30pm** in the gym. This is a time to celebrate our loved ones who have passed on before us through pictures and fun, happy memories. All are welcome no matter when your loved one(s) passed. Reach out to either Alice Antonelli (arichardson1@gmail.com) or Dee Knight (deedleskni9@gmail.com) with questions or to register.

Save the Date for the All Church Picnic - Sunday, July 14th at Springton Reservoir Picnic Pavilion - 1071 Media Line Rd, Newtown Square, PA. Time TBA.

Notes From Justice and Mercy: Sakinah Love, the founder and CEO of *Redeemed for a Cause* completed her doctorate and was given the Iconic Philly Woman Award for her contributions in making a difference in her community. As part of the mission of Redeemed for a Cause (RFAC), Sakinah goes into schools to reach out and provide education and workshops on sexual assault and trafficking. Sally Kapner often procures donations of toiletries for the women who are or have experienced human trafficking. These items work toward making these girls and women start to feel valuable and worth loving again. RFAC spends a significant amount of time working with young women who are in danger of becoming trafficked as well as those who have been trafficked to help them see themselves as God sees them. This is the best antidote to being trafficked. We are currently planning another time to visit and put together more care packages toward the end of May. Please pray that the girls and women will receive God's word and His love. Contact Sally (sally.kapner@eastern.edu) if you are interested in participating or have questions about the work of RFAC.

Dr. Janet Moore is a licensed psychologist with over 30 years of therapeutic expertise. With an understanding of spirituality and faith in clients' lives, she is able to provide spiritually integrated psychotherapy. Contact Dr. Moore at 610-664-4880 Ext 121, or 484-686-6630, jlmpsych910@gmail.com.

VBC 2024 – START THE PARTY!

Registration ENDS Sunday, June 2nd!

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). **Registration is OPEN!** See the Friday Newsletter for registration links or 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! **Registration is now OPEN!** See the Friday Newsletter for registration links or reach out to Danielle with questions.



PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

Missions: Interserve (Jan Kennedy), an international, interdenominational Christian organization, began in 1852, to care for the poor and marginalized in South Asia, living among them, learning their languages and adapting to their cultures. Then and now, the goal is for all people to encounter Jesus and experience the life that he wants for them by experiencing the difference that the presence of the Lord makes in Christians' lives. Please pray for the safety and witness of InterServe partners serving in Central and South Asia.

The Baby Bottle "Make a Change for life" Drive is coming to a conclusion. If you still have baby bottles at home, please fill them up with loose change, dollars, or checks, and bring them in and drop them in the dedicated Amnion box in the chapel area. Thank you so much for your generosity!

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

Bible Baseball – One of the best things about Spring/Summer is baseball! Join us beginning Sunday, May 26th as we yell “Play ball” and dive into some intriguing Bible questions that each team will answer before they go to bat! Adults and Youth are welcome to join us, as this is a great opportunity to serve in NPC’s Children’s Ministry and have fun! If interested please reach out to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org). *Please note: we will not use a real baseball.*

The NPC Nursery's Tree Series – Our youngest and most adorable members (infants-PreK) meet each Sunday in room 107 with Miss Sharon and a wonderful volunteer team. Over the next few Sundays they will also enjoy a Tree Series using some beautiful books such as Under the Sycamore Tree, Don't Forget to Remember, and The Tale of Three Trees. Each book has a special way about teaching children biblical lessons. If you are interested in learning more, please reach out to Danielle.

Moving Up Sunday is June 2nd – Mark your calendar for Sunday, June 2nd as we present Bibles to our current 1st graders, promote our 5th graders to Youth Ministry, and celebrate our graduating seniors. Please note that food and fellowship will be enjoyed following service in the gym. All are welcome to attend.

Save the Date for the All Church Picnic – Sunday, July 14th at Springton Reservoir Picnic Pavilion – 1071 Media Line Rd, Newtown Square, PA. Food, Fun, and Fellowship! Time TBA.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

Moving Up Sunday – Join us Sunday, June 2nd as we celebrate our incoming 6th graders and graduating seniors. There will be refreshments in the gym following service.

Youth Sunday School – All Youth (6th – 12th grade) are encouraged to attend Sunday School. Youth are dismissed to the Youth Room from the sanctuary. We will continue our series going through Spiritual Disciplines! Hope to see you there!

Teen Girls & Teen Guys – We will meet for one last time before summer begins! All incoming 6th grade students are encouraged to join us. Each group will have an event on Sunday, June 9th following service.

Middle School Youth Group – MS Youth Groups meets each Wednesday from 7:00 – 8:00pm in the Youth Room. We are studying the Book of Acts. MSYG will end on May 29th for the summer.

High School Youth Group – HS Youth Group will have an event at the end of this month! Stay tuned for details!

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.

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 are led by Alice Antonelli and Gerri Wismer. This is a place to be around people who understand the pain of your loss. GriefShare meets each **Monday evening from 6:30 – 8:00pm in the Chapel** and will 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.

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

Overeaters Anonymous. 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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

Wednesday Night Dinners: Everyone is welcome to enjoy the food and friendship around the tables.

Join us for dinner this week at 5:45pm in the Gym, followed by slides and stories from **Diane Chen's recent trip to Turkey and Greece**, also in the Gym, at 7:00pm.

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, May 12

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor

9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream

Monday, May 13

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

6:30 – 8:00pm GriefShare, Chapel

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Pastor's Office

Tuesday, May 14

12:15 – 1:15 Staff Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, May 15

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

7:00 – 8:00pm Slideshow, Diane Chen, Gym

Thursday, May 16

6:30 – 8:00pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

7:00 – 8:15pm Women's Bible Study, Parlor

7:00 – 8:15pm Men's Bible Study, Pastor's Office

Friday, May 17

1:30pm Slide Show, Parlor

Saturday, May 18

Sunday, May 19

Day of Pentecost

Confirmation Sunday

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor

9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream

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: ilmpsy910@gmail.com

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