

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

May 19, 2024

Prelude

Precious Memories
Linda Pilacik, piano

Wright

Welcome

Pastor Farrar

Call to Worship

James Chung

The day of Pentecost has come, and we are together.
Will the works of God be known among us today?

We live in the valley of dry bones.

Around and within us is emptiness.

God comes to us as a gentle breath or a violent wind.

Catch your breath, God's breath, and live.

There are stirrings deep within that give us hope.

There is a Spirit linking us to one another.

The fires of love dispel life's shadows.

God's Spirit comes to give us new life.

Surely God is in this place!

May the glory of God be known among us today. Amen

***Hymn #295**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Trentham

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Pentecost Readers

(see p. 3)

Pastor Nominating Committee Update

Jack Comstock

Profession of Faith & Reception of Confirmation Class

Claire Woods,

James Sen Chung

Director of Youth Ministry

John Charles Kovolski

***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.

Worship Songs

Sing With All Your Heart

Great Are You Lord

He Will Hold Me Fast

NPC Worship Band

Children & Youth Dismissed to Sunday School

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Debbie

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Great Is the Lord*
NPC Bell Choir, Linda Pilcik, director

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading Exodus 19:17-19; Matthew 3:10-12 Pastor Farrar
Acts 2:1-4,42-47

Message Fire In the Hole Pastor Farrar

*Hymn #290 *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart* Morecambe

Benediction Pastor Farrar

Postlude *O Happy Day* *Rimbault*
Linda Pilcik, piano

Prayer Ministry Mark Wenger

Confirmation Class

James Sen Chung is the son of Jennifer and John Chung of Havertown. James is in 9th grade at Haverford High School.

John Charles Kovolski is the son of Barbara and Chris Kovolski of Havertown. Jack is in 10th grade at Haverford High School.

NPC Pentecost Readers, Acts 2:1-21

Verse	Language	Reader	Verse	Language	Reader
2:1	Greek	Julie Todd	2:13	Cantonese	Diane Chen
2:2	Dutch	Ilonka Comstock	2:14	Afrikaans	Shiang Ju Steenhoff
2:3	Telugu	Donald Vangore	2:15	Ga (Ghana)	Dinah Adjaye
2:4	French	Michael Steenhoff	2:16	German	Marilyn Reed
2:5	Hindi	Rashmi Vyas	2:17	Italian	James Hoffman
2:6	Tamil	Lalitha Naveen	2:18	Amharic	Seble Zein
2:7,8	Mandarin	Chang Liu	2:19,20	Korean	Juen Kim
2:9,10	Russian	Lana Boyd	2:21	Hebrew	Ken Kapner
2:11,12	Finnish	Jyrki Matilla			

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! The picnic begins at 12:30pm! Hamburgers, Veggie Burgers, Hot dogs, and drinks will be provided! RSVP's are encouraged! (dkauffman@narberthpres.org)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Nominating Committee Update: We reviewed three candidates in the past month. One candidate went through two interviews, answered six theological questions, and completed a ProScan which is a survey that examines a candidate's behavioral traits to determine under what circumstances they work effectively and how they react under stress. The results of the candidate's ProScan were compared to our church's JobScan, and we decided to not move forward with this candidate. A second candidate did well enough in the first Zoom interview to be asked to answer the six theological questions and is currently at that step in the process. A third candidate, presented by Shepherd Staff, was deemed not to be a good fit and rejected. In addition, the PNC has proactively reached out to a few pastors that are known to us to inquire about their interest. All have shared that they are happy with their current positions and don't feel called to apply at this time. Please continue to pray for the PNC and the person that God is calling to be our next Senior Pastor.

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.

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).

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 OPEN for participants and volunteers! See the Friday Newsletter for registration links or reach out to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) with any questions.



PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

Missions: Antioch Partners- George & Jeanne Haugen For those called to long-term, cross-cultural engagement, special training and support structures are necessary. The **Antioch Partners** work alongside local Presbyterian churches in the US to help people get from where they are now, to where God is calling them, and, once in that place of service, not merely to survive, but to thrive. Please pray for George and Jeanne, as they serve local churches in the assessment, training, sending, and support of those called to long-term, cross-cultural engagement.

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, jlmpsy910@gmail.com.

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.* **Everyone is encouraged to wear red, white, and blue or Phillies gear on Sunday, May 26th!**

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.

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.

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INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

Confirmation Sunday is TODAY! Help us celebrate our new confirmands James Chung & Jack Kovolski!

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.

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 school year.

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!

Summer is almost here! Stay tuned for everything summer!

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.

Good Grief Burger Fellowship: 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. This event will take place at **5:30 in the Gym**.

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, May 19

Day of Pentecost

Confirmation Sunday

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor

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

Monday, May 20

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

6:30 – 8:00pm GriefShare, Chapel

7:00 – 9:00pm PNC Meeting, Parlor

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Pastor's Office

Tuesday, May 21

12:15 – 1:15 Staff Meeting, Parlor

7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, May 22

5:30pm GoodGrief Burger Fellowship, Gym

Thursday, May 23

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 24

Saturday, May 25

Sunday, May 26

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: ilmpsy210@gmail.com

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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

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