



# Narberth Presbyterian Church

July 28, 2024

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

*In Christ Alone*  
Jinhee Shim, organ

*arr. Payne*

Welcome

Pastor Debbie

Call to Worship

Responsive Reading

Rawson Kennedy

Every day I will bless you, my God and King,  
I will praise your name forever and ever.

**Great are you Lord, and greatly to be praised.**

One generation shall commend your works to another,  
and shall declare your mighty acts.

**We will speak of your awesome deeds,  
and I will declare your greatness.**

You, Lord, are gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**You are good to all,  
and your mercy extends to all you have made.**

All your works shall give thanks to you, Lord,  
and all your people will bless you!

**We will speak of your glory, and tell of your power to all people!**

\*Hymn #29

*O Worship the King*

*Lyons*

Scripture Reading

John 8:31-33, 42-43, 46,47; Mark 9:2-7

James Chung

Prayer of Confession

Clara Louie

God our Creator and Redeemer, in love, you tell us the truth of who you are, and who we are. Forgive us for not listening to you, and for forgetting what you tell us. Tell us again, or for the first time, until we listen to you, believe you, and live into our truest selves before you, and with each other. May our lives always reflect your heart, as we recognize and honor your image in and your love for, all people, we pray, in the name of Jesus, who is your Way, your Truth, your Life – for us and all people, amen.

**Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon**

*The Lord is merciful; his forgiveness is complete!*

*The Lord is good; his purposes for you are, too!*

*The Lord is faithful; he will make us faithful, too!*

*Hear the good news – in Jesus, the faithful one, we see and receive God's forgiveness, ready to live like Jesus, faithful to God, and good to all. Amen!*

**\*The Peace**

Since we have peace with God through the Lord Jesus, let's share that peace with each other: The peace of the Lord be with you!

**And also with you.**

**Worship Songs**

*Praise the Lord Ye Heavens  
Good Good Father  
Nothing I Hold On To*  
NPC Worship Band

*Children & Youth dismissed to Sunday School*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Pastor Debbie**

**Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

*Air*

*Bach*

Emil Pilacik, trumpet, Jinhee Shim, organ

**Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

**Scripture Reading**

**Mark 9:30-41**

**Julia Furlong**

**Message**

**Who Do You Think You Are?**

**Pastor Debbie**

**\*Hymn #700**

*We Are God's People*

*Symphony*

**Benediction**

**Pastor Debbie**

**Postlude**

*Allegro from Concerto in B Minor*  
Jinhee Shim, organ

*Walther*

**Prayer Ministry**

**Linda DiLullo**

**School Supply Drive** – Ann Sadel is collecting new school supplies for one of our Mission Causes, **Olney Christian School**. Please place donations in the marked collection boxes around the church/chapel. For a full list of needed supplies, see the Friday newsletter or reach out to Ann (aks314@hotmail.com).

**Red Cross Blood drive:** NPC will be hosting a blood drive in the gym on Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup> from 2:00 – 7:00pm. Please sign up to donate blood. Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: NarberthPresby to schedule an appointment.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recent Session Actions: The Session met July 16<sup>th</sup> and the following actions were approved:

- Ian Kauffman's mission trip with Missionary Athletes International (MAI) to Columbia, South America was unanimously approved and endorsed.
- To table until the next meeting a proposal from Pastor Griggs to restructure the session under six committees as follows: Mission, Ministry, Discipleship, Fellowship, Worship and Administration. This is modeled after the purposes suggested by Rick Warren in his book *The Purpose Driven Church*.
- By common consent, approved the appointment by Pastor Griggs of a temporary executive committee to meet with him on call to pre-vet certain issues approaching the session.
- Next Deacons meeting: September 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Next Session Meeting: August 20<sup>th</sup>.

**All-Church Retreat! Save the Date for Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 2025!**

Mark your calendar now.

**Turkey Study Tour** Debbie Watson and Diane Chen have arranged with Tutku Educational Travel to lead a group from Narberth Presbyterian Church and Palmer Theological Seminary on a 13-day study tour to Turkey from December 28, 2025 to January 9, 2026. Stops include Istanbul, Cappadocia, Perga, Antalya, as well as the cities of the seven churches in Revelation. Registration will begin in the fall. Please contact Diane ([dianegchen@gmail.com](mailto:dianegchen@gmail.com)) for a trip brochure or to express an interest in joining the tour. Space is limited.

**Notes From Justice and Mercy:** Ones Tuhenya was the first recipient of NPC's Special Award through the Lower Merion Township Scholarship Fund for the school year 2023-2024. He had an excellent year at Montgomery County Community College. This summer finds Ones taking an online course, working as a tennis coach and playing tennis. He hopes to transfer this fall to a local 4-year university. Ones recently said, "I remember 10 years ago I didn't see myself going to college because none of my family members ever completed four years. I am the first generation to ever attend college, I am genuinely grateful for this opportunity. All thanks to you guys for making my dream come true." We will continue to offer this Award to Ones through his fourth year of college. Please remember to keep praying for him, for his studies and for his relationship with God. Contact Marilyn Reed ([alsomarilynreed@gmail.com](mailto:alsomarilynreed@gmail.com)) with any questions.

## PRAYER INFORMATION

### Please Remember in Prayer

**Missions: Esperanza Health Center** seeks to provide high-quality, affordable health care in Jesus' name, and are committed to the promotion of their community's health and well-being. Please pray for those who seek care, and for the staff, as daily, in Jesus' name, they do the following:

- **Provide holistic care** for our patients—care that looks at the needs of the whole person, including physical, social, emotional and spiritual well-being.
- **Ensure that care is available and affordable to all**, without regard for economic or social status or ability to pay.
- As a Patient-Centered Medical Home, **develop partnerships with each of our patients** to pursue total health.
- Work together with the Church and local organizations to **bring healing and wholeness to our North Philadelphia community**

## INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

**Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> – Sunday School Kickball!** Join us for some kickball fun in Sunday School. There will be crafts for those who wish to cheer. Sneakers are best this week!

**Fruit of the Spirit!** – Join us in Sunday School as we focus on trusting in God and filling our mind and heart with God's Word! Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control. The Fruit of the Spirit is not a Coconut!

**All-Church Retreat! Save the Date for Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025!** More details soon!

**VBC 2025! Yes, Save the Dates Now!** – Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup> through Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am until 11:30am. Theme to be revealed!!

## INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

**Youth Sunday School** – We are starting a new series! Join us in the Youth Room for "Great Cloud of Witnesses". Hear stories about faith and how it relates to life! All Youth (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>) are encouraged to attend Sunday School. Youth are dismissed to the Youth Room from the sanctuary.

**Youth Sunday School is changing!** Beginning on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> grade will be dismissed for Sunday School. Our 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders will stay in service, with the opportunity to join a small group immediately following service. We hope that this shift challenges our students in new and impactful ways. If you have any questions please talk to Claire Woods ([cwoods@narberthpres.org](mailto:cwoods@narberthpres.org).)

**Youth Pool Party!** Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>! Youth and their families are invited to come together for an end-of-summer pool party celebration! Let Claire know if you are planning to attend or have 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.

**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

**Picnic in the Chapel!** Join us this Wednesday at 6:00pm for an indoor picnic. We will enjoy food (vegetarian too!) and fellowship in the comfort of A/C and no bugs! All are welcome!

**Stay Tuned!** Look for information about **Wednesday Night Movie Nights** in August!

# BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

## *Sunday, July 28*

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor

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

## *Monday, July 29*

7:00pm PNC Meeting, Parlor

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Pastor's Office

## *Tuesday, July 30*

## *Wednesday, July 31*

6:00pm Indoor Picnic, Chapel

## *Thursday, August 1*

2:00 – 7:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive, Gym

## *Friday, August 2*

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

## *Saturday, August 3*

## *Sunday, August 4*

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](mailto:ilmpsy910@gmail.com)

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