

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

April 20, 2025

Prelude

Carillon de Westminster
Jinhee Shim, organist

Vierne

Welcome

Pastor Mark

Call to Worship

Matthew 28:6

Hudson & Duke Martin

Hymn #234

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

Opening Prayer

Pastor Mark

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:1-8

Ian Kauffman

Prayer of Confession

Ann Saddle

Father, we confess that we find ourselves so caught up with the cares of this world, with work, with family, and with many other good activities, that our pace of life too often excludes a place for reflection on the truths of your Word, truths that give life to our souls. On this Resurrection Sunday, help us to rest, reflect, and be renewed as we meditate on the resurrection of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

Thank you, Father, that Christ's resurrection demonstrates that out of love for me, he endured for me the penalty my sin demands, so that by simple faith in his finished work, I may enjoy a living, loving relationship with you, now and for all eternity.

The Peace

Worship Songs

Easter Song
Son of Heaven
What A Beautiful Name
NPC Worship Band

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

We Celebrate the Morning
NPC Choir, Linda Pilacik, director

Smart/Lopez

Emil Pilacik, trumpet, Judd Peskin, trumpet, Andrew Hutton, trombone

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading John 19:38 – 20:10 Pastor Mark

Message Finding Christ's Resurrection's Power Pastor Mark

Hymn #254 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven* *Ode to Joy*

Benediction Pastor Mark

Postlude *Toccata from Symphony No. 5* *Widor*
Jinhee Shim, organ

Prayer Ministry Diane Chen

Where Friends Gather - 2025 All-Church Retreat! Our 3rd annual retreat is taking place May 2nd, 3rd, 4th in beautiful Sandy Cove, MD! Please keep our retreat in your prayers.

Prayer Vigil for Immigrants & Refugees. Let's respond to God's words to love the foreigners living among us (Lev. 19:33-34; Deut. 10:19) by gathering to intercede for them on **Sunday 4/27, 2:00 – 4:00pm**. Reflective prayer stations open at 2:00pm, followed by prayer service from 2:30 – 3:30pm, and an optional conversation time from 3:30 – 4:00pm. Invite your friends and neighbors. Please email claralouie@yahoo.com for more information.



EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS



In Loving Memory Of:

Robert & Charlotte Gunter

Jones & Agnes Gunter

Leonard Gluck, Jack Nelson, &

Yvonne Gunter

Kizzie Vance

My Bill

Julie Raezer

Our Parents, Mary & Yesu Das,

Rachel & David Vangore

My Dad, Richard

By:

Paul Rabe & Cheryl Gunter

Gerri Wismer

Jane DiLella

Donald & Marjery S. Vangore

Diane Chen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Explorers' Class – Are you interested in becoming a member of NPC, learning more about our church, or about faith? Please consider being a part of our New Explorers' Class. Dates and Time TBD. To sign up or for more information please contact Sara Mahoney in the church office.

All Church Picnic - Please save the date for NPC's All-Church Picnic taking place Sunday, June 1st! More details soon.

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. This is a place where you can be surrounded by people who understand the pain of your loss. GriefShare meets on **Mondays from 6:30 – 8:00pm** in the Parlor into June (note that you can join at any time). Contact Alice Antonelli (arichardson1@gmail.com) or Gerri Wismer (geewis46@gmail.com) for more information about the group.

Amnion Pregnancy Care Medical Center's Annual 5K Run/Walk for Life is a family-friendly event providing the opportunity for runners and walkers of all ages to support Amnion by obtaining sponsors and walking or running the 5K course at Ridley Creek State Park (Pavilion 11) on Saturday April 26th at 9:00am. Following the run/walk participants can enjoy lunch, activities and the Awards Ceremony. If you are interested, please contact Alice Antonelli or Allison Foley for more information.

ADULT WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

Women at the Well: For centuries, women met daily at neighborhood wells to draw water for their families, meeting a significant physical need. But these wells were also gathering spaces, providing much-needed community and relationship. Join us for scripture, a time of sharing, and prayer led by Lisa Hoffman. This is open to all women as a safe space to gather and encourage one another. It allows us to experience the God who invites us into a process of spiritual transformation. Reach out to Lisa Hoffman or Danielle Kauffman with any questions.

Introduction to Biblical Interpretation: Who wrote the Bible -- human beings or God? Does the Bible contain errors? Who decided to include only these 66 books? What went on between ancient oral traditions and our modern-day Bible? Why are there many versions and translations? How do we bridge the historical, cultural, and linguistic gap between us and the world of the text? Who determines the meaning of the text -- the author or the reader? How about the role of the Holy Spirit? Considering these questions will help us respect the complexity of the Bible, follow sound interpretive guidelines, and deepen our desire to read God's word with curiosity, discernment, and reverence. This class is primarily taught via Zoom, with a viewing option set up at church. Please email Diane (dianegchen@gmail.com) for the Zoom link and/or recording for each class.

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

Missions: Esperanza Health Center seeks to provide high-quality, affordable health care in Jesus' name. Staff 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 patients – looking at the needs of the whole person: physical, social, emotional and spiritual well-being.
- **Ensure available, affordable care to all**, no matter one's economic/social status or ability to pay
- As a Patient-Centered Medical Home, **work over time with each patient** 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

Easter Sunday - Children (K – 5th) are encouraged to worship with their church family on this very special day. The NPC Nursery is available in RM 107 for young children as usual and Children's Worship Bags are available at both entrances to the sanctuary.

Children's Lenten Offering – This year the children's Lenten Offering will support Well Rooted! We are collecting non-perishable food items. You can put your donation in the bin near the NPC Nursery or the bin on the stage. Our offering will conclude on Sunday, April 27th.

Lunches for the Parkway Ministry – On Sunday, April 27th our Sunday School children will be making lunches for our friends on the Parkway. Parents, please check your email for a SignUp Genius with donations that are needed. Thank you for being a blessing to others!

Kids Praise! Children's Wednesday Night Program – PreK through 5th grade are invited for music fun! We meet in the choir room from 7:00 – 8:00pm. ***Kids Praise will conclude on Wednesday, April 30th with a special party!***

Save the Date for Moving Up Sunday - On Sunday, June 1st, rising second graders will receive new Bibles, we will recognize our current fifth grade students, and we will celebrate our high school seniors at the front-part of worship. Mark your calendar and stay tuned for more details.

LIVE IT OUT! VBC 2025! – Mark your calendar for these dates: ***Tuesday, June 17th (3:00 – 5:00pm) through Friday, June 20th (9:00 – 11:30am on Wed, Thurs, Fri) for NPC's VBC!*** This summer children will experience camp excitement with Bible-based learning that will inspire them to follow Jesus! VBC is best for those age 4 (by June 1) through rising 5th graders (2025-2026 school year). Students & Volunteers can register online at the church website today!

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

Middle School Youth Group will come to an end on April 30th. Join us on Wednesday, April 30th for the final MSYG of the school year. We will meet in the youth room and walk to Jenni's to enjoy ice cream together!

Confirmation Sunday – **Sunday, May 18th** Join us in helping to celebrate our students as they complete confirmation class and are welcomed into membership at NPC!

Youth VBC Volunteers – Rising 6th – 12th graders (2025 – 2026 school year) are encouraged to volunteer for VBC! Online Registration opens on March 24th. You can find the link on the church website or look for an email from Danielle. We hope to see you there!

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, April 20 Easter Sunday

7:30am Sunrise Service, Courtyard

8:30am Easter Breakfast, Gym

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

Monday April 21

Church Holiday – Office Closed

Julie Raezer's Memorial Service:

10:00am Visitation

11:00am Service followed by a reception in the Gym

6:30 – 8:00pm GriefShare, Parlor

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Chapel

Tuesday, April 22

12:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor

7:00pm Missions Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, April 23

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

7:00 – 8:00pm Introduction to Biblical

Interpretation, Zoom/Parlor

7:00 – 8:00pm Women at the Well, Chapel

7:00 – 8:00pm Kids Praise, Choir Room

7:00 – 8:00pm MSYG, Youth Room 7:00 – 8:00pm

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

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