



Narberth Presbyterian Church

April 27, 2025

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* *arr. Bish*
Jinhee Shim, organ

Welcome & Announcements Pastor Debbie

Call to Worship **Habakkuk 2:20** Claire Woods

Opening Prayer Pastor Mark

Hymn #115 *Fairest Lord Jesus* *Crusader's Hymn*

Scripture Reading **Philippians 1:1-11** Alexa & Will Higgins

Prayer of Confession Mark Wenger

Father, we confess today that of the many disciplines of the Christian life, the one we struggle with consistently is prayer. Like the disciples in Gethsemane, we find it hard to pray for even short periods. We want so much to enjoy fellowship with you in prayer, but for some reason it is hard. This morning, we ask you to help us grow in our enjoyment of our living relationship with you through prayer. Amen.

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

Thank you, Father, you have heard our prayers, you are always listening when we pray, and you love when your children come to you in prayer, whatever the cry of our heart may be. May we grow to love the privilege of prayerful communion with you in as much as you love hearing from us, whether we are near or far from you in our lives. Amen.

The Peace

Worship Songs *Joy In Your Waters*
Resurrecting
The Greatest Commandment
NPC Worship Band

Children & Youth (6th – 9th grade) dismissed to Sunday School

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Debbie

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *My King Forever* *Baldwin*

Jennifer Fisher, vocals, Jamie Gaffga, electric guitar, David Baker, acoustic guitar

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication Pastor Mark

Scripture Reading	Philippians 1:9-11	Pastor Mark
Message	My Prayer for You	Pastor Mark
Hymn #568	<i>Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated</i>	<i>Hendon</i>
Benediction		Pastor Mark
Postlude	<i>Prelude and Fugue in F Major</i> Jinhee Shim, organ	<i>Bach</i>
Prayer Ministry		Susan Chen-Costantino

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 **TODAY from 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.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Justice & Mercy Fundraiser: Here's a chance to make a difference in a young person's life. The Hunting Park Christian Academy is having a fundraiser on Wednesday, April 30th. Hunting Park is one of the poorest neighborhoods in the city. Contact Ken or Edna Eng (k_eng@msn.com) for more information. Thank you for your support!

Men's & Women's Bible Studies: Join us for an eight-week Bible study on the "I AM" statements in the Gospel of John! Discover the profound truths and promises of Jesus as He reveals His divine identity through these powerful declarations. Whether you're new to Bible study or a seasoned participant, this series will deepen your understanding of Christ's mission and love. All are welcome!

When: Thursdays **starting March 20th**, from 7:00 – 8:15pm (excluding Easter week)

Where: Men's Bible Study – Copy Room; Women's Bible Study – Church Parlor

For More Information: Men's Bible Study – contact Ken Eng (K_Eng@msn.com) or Tim Neilsen (mytn1122@gmail.com); Women's Bible Study – contact Lalitha Naveen (lnaveen@temple.edu)

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 specifically 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). It is important to register on the GriefShare website & there is a \$20 registration fee to participate. Contact Alice Antonelli (arichardson1@gmail.com) or Gerri Wismer (gewis46@gmail.com) for more information about the group

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

Missions: The Welcome Church, in Philadelphia, is a church without walls. Pastors Violet Little (a Lutheran) and Schaunel Steinnagel (a Presbyterian) lead the congregation and volunteer clergy, as together they proclaim the hope and love of our gracious God to all people, and especially those experiencing homelessness in the city. Please pray for this congregation to grow strong in the blessing of God, as they seek to share that blessing on the streets and in the parks of Philadelphia in these challenging days of violence and uncertainty.

Notes from Justice and Mercy: Incredible things are happening for the dozens of teens enrolled in SAT Prep classes with Ken Eng and his ministry partners. Underserved students from South Philly, Center City, and Ardmore are not only receiving the academic support they need at no cost, but they are also discovering their true worth. Being a child of God is far more important and enduring than any test score, prestigious college, or high-paying job. New classes will begin in September in the Northeast and downtown. ESL classes are really seeing God at work, too. Please pray that all the instructors and tutors will shine with Christ's love. Contact Ken Eng (k_eng@msn.com) to learn about becoming a tutor.

Parkway Ministry: Jennifer Bonovitz is working at full steam again, loving our neighbors and regularly checking the blue bins outside the Windsor doors. The needs are great. All donations of canned goods, pasta, and toilet paper are greatly appreciated!

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

Children's Lenten Offering – Sunday, April 27th is the last day to donate non-perishable food items for Well-Rooted. Please leave your donation in the bin on the stage (gym). Thank you!

Lunches for the Parkway Ministry – On Sunday, April 27th our Sunday School children will be making lunches for our friends on the Parkway. Thank you for being a blessing to others!

Kids Praise! Children's Wednesday Night Program – Wednesday, April 30th is the final class for the program year. We will celebrate with an ice-cream party in the Choir Room from 7:00 – 8:00pm.

Bible Buddy – Children's Ministries is launching a summer Bible reading program called "Bible Buddy". The goal is to encourage our youngest to foster a love for God's Word. During Sunday School everyone will be adopting a stuffed animal of their choice, naming it, and receiving a summer reading plan. More details and date(s) coming soon!

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 and 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!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING

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. We will meet for 6 weeks. 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.

Kids Praise! Children (PreK – 5th grade) are encouraged to join the party in the Choir Room. Together we sing, dance, learn a lot about music, and HAVE FUN! We hope to see you there! Please reach out to Danielle with any questions.

Middle School Youth Group: Calling all 6th-8th grade students to join us for an hour of games, bible study, and memorable time together! Invite a friend to join you for a night of fun!

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, April 27

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream
2:00 – 4:00pm Prayer Vigil for Immigrants & Refugees

Monday, April 28

6:30 – 8:00pm GriefShare, Parlor
8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Chapel

Tuesday, April 29

12:15 – 1:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, April 30

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: jlmpsyich910@gmail.com

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Thursday, May 1

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

Friday, May 2

10:00am – 12:00pm Ladies Bible Study, Parlor
4:00pm All-Church Retreat Begins

Saturday, May 3

All-Church Retreat Weekend

Sunday, May 4

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream.
12:00pm All-Church Retreat Ends

Jesus Christ, Minister
Mark Gende, Senior Pastor
Deborah Watson, Associate Pastor
Danielle Kauffman, Intergenerational Ministry
Claire Woods, Director of Youth Ministry
Sharon Shallow, Nursery Coordinator
Jinhee Shim, Organist
Sarah Comstock, Worship Band Leader
Linda Pilacik, Minister of Music
Matt Weed, Worship Tech. Coordinator
Tim Roykouff, Business Administrator
Sara Mahoney, Administrative Assistant
Hugh Barrie, Assistant Property Manager
Joyce B. Nicolai, Bookkeeper
Ruth Ellen Patterson, Financial Secretary
Isabel Lally, Pastoral Visitor
Virginia Davis, Director of Preschool
Chris Marinelli, Weekday Custodian
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