



# Narberth Presbyterian Church

May 25, 2025

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

*Toccata in D Minor "Dorian"*

*Bach*

Jinhee Shim, organ

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Debbie

Call to Worship

Psalm 73:25-28

David Cai

Opening Prayer

Pastor Mark

Hymn #419

*God of Our Fathers*

*National Hymn*

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:12-18

Ruth Ellen Patterson

Prayer of Confession

Danielle Kauffman

Father, we confess that too often we have put the burden for getting along with others on them without examining our own shortcomings in our relationships. We also confess that we are fearful of giving up our sense of control in relationships. Please give us courage and grace to do what you ask to make our relationships as whole and wonderful as possible.

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

*Thank you, Lord, that in our relationships we can know your grace and strength empowering us to work out our own salvation, for it is You who works in us to accomplish Your good pleasure as we interact with those whom you have brought us into relationships.*

The Peace

Worship Songs

*I Will Call Upon the Lord*

*Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me*

*Never See the End*

NPC Worship Band

*Children & Youth dismissed to Sunday School*

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*It Was Finished Upon That Cross*

*arr. McDonald*

Linda Pilacik, vocals, Jinhee Shim, piano

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading	Philippians 2:12-13	Pastor Mark
Message	How to Get Along with People (Part 3)	Pastor Mark
Hymn #586	<i>Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord</i>	<i>Camacha</i>
Benediction		Pastor Mark
Postlude	<i>March</i> Jinhee Shim, organ	<i>Hill</i>
Prayer Ministry		Isabel Lally

**Prayer Gathering:** We invite you to come and receive prayer on Wednesday May 28<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 8:30pm. in the Chapel. We will seek God together through a time of prayer for emotional, physical, spiritual health and wholeness and whatever is on your heart.

**All-Church Picnic is Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>** – Join us beginning at 1:00pm for our annual All-Church Picnic at Springton Reservoir Picnic Pavilion (1071 Media Line Road, Newtown Square). All are welcome! RSVP to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) by May 27<sup>th</sup>. Food, Fellowship, and Fun Games - Cornhole Tournament and Hula Hoop Contest with PRIZES!

## 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.

**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 has begun. Please contact Diane (dianegchen@gmail.com) for a trip brochure or to express an interest in joining the tour. Space is limited.

**Men's & Women's Bible Studies:** Join us for an eight-week Bible study on the "I AM" statements in the Gospel of John! 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, from 7:00 – 8:15pm

**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 Neilson (mytn1122@gmail.com); Women's Bible Study – contact Lalitha Naveen (lnaveen@temple.edu)

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING

Wednesday night dinners ended on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Diane Chen's class will continue into June. Stay tuned for exciting options in July and August!

**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 taught via Zoom, with a viewing option set up in the Parlor. Email Diane (dianegchen@gmail.com) for the Zoom link and/or recording for each class.

## PRAYER INFORMATION

### Please Remember in Prayer

**Missions: Fellowship of Christian Athletes- Dougherty** Please pray for Kasey, as she leads the Philly chapter of FCA, and all the staff, who long to see the world transformed by Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes; to lead every coach and athlete into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and His church, and pray that their relationships will demonstrate steadfast commitment to Jesus Christ and His Word through Integrity, Serving, Teamwork and Excellence.

**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

**We Go Together! *How to be a Good Friend*** – Join us in Sunday School as we shine our light for Jesus and learn about being a friend like Him.

**Moving Up Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup>** - Our 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. Please reach out to Danielle if you cannot attend.

**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. ***Adoption Day is Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>!***

**LIVE IT OUT! VBC 2025!** – Mark your calendar for these dates: ***Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> (3:00 – 5:00pm) through Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> (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 5<sup>th</sup> graders (2025-2026 school year). Students and Volunteers can register online at the church website today!

## INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

**High School Sunday School Relaunch** – All 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders are encouraged to attend Sunday School. We meet in the Youth Room and are dismissed following worship songs. All are welcome!

**Service Opportunity with The Welcome Church TODAY!** On Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> we will be making snack bags during Sunday school to take to Center City! Following service, we will head to Logan Circle for a time of worship & service for our homeless neighbors in the city! We will leave at 12:00pm and return to NPC by 4:30pm. Hope to see you there!

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

# 2025 CHURCH OFFICERS

## THE SESSION

Mark Gende – Moderator

### Class of 2025

Linda Behmke  
\*Jack Comstock  
\*Jan Kennedy  
Simon Hauger

### Class of 2026

\*Jie Cai  
Diane Chen  
\*Brint Nicolai  
Mark Wenger

### Class of 2027

Susan Costantino  
\*Jay Field  
\*Jim Hornung  
Katie Kennedy

## THE BOARD OF DEACONS

### Class of 2025

Karen Pappas  
Ann Sattel  
Rashmi Vyas  
\*Sandi Wray

### Class of 2026

Lorraine Hoffner  
Chang Liu  
Rick Plummer  
\*Gerri Wismer

### Class of 2027

\*Ray Bellamy  
Kevin Cope  
Suzanne Morrison  
\*Donald Vangore

\* serving second term

# BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

## **Sunday, May 25**

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor

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

12:00 Youth Service Opportunity @ The Welcome Church

## **Monday, May 26**

*Memorial Day*

Holiday – Church Office Closed

6:30 – 8:00pm GriefShare, Parlor

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Chapel

## **Tuesday, May 27**

7:00pm Missions Meeting, Parlor

## **Wednesday, May 28**

7:00 – 8:30pm Prayer Gathering, Chapel

## **Thursday, May 29**

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, Copy Room

## **Friday, May 30**

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

## **Saturday, May 31**

## **Sunday, June 1**

*Moving Up Sunday*

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor

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

1:00pm All-Church Picnic, Springton Reservoir Picnic Pavillion

## **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](mailto:jlmpsych910@gmail.com)

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Danielle Kauffman, Intergenerational Ministry

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Sharon Shallow, Nursery Coordinator

Jinhee Shim, Organist

Sarah Comstock, Worship Band Leader

Linda Pilacik, Minister of Music

Matt Weed, Worship Tech. Coordinator

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Sara Mahoney, Administrative Assistant

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Ruth Ellen Patterson, Financial Secretary

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Virginia Davis, Director of Preschool

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