



# Narberth Presbyterian Church

June 1, 2025

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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**Prelude**

*Adoro Te Devote*  
Jinhee Shim, organ

*Raffy*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Pastor Debbie**

**Call to Worship**

**Psalm 66:1-4**

**Vera Comstock**

**Opening Prayer**

**Pastor Mark**

**Hymn #60**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

*Faithfulness*

**Scripture Reading**

**Philippians 3:1-11**

**Michael Steenhoff**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Simon Hauger**

Father, we confess that too often we adopt the values of this world instead of living by your values that transcend this world. We confess we may strive for and achieve great success materially but suffer great poverty spiritually. Help us, Lord, to pursue that which has eternal value, which will enrich our souls and transcend any other accomplishment.

**Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon**

*Thank you, Lord, that in your Word you open our eyes and show us where true, eternal value is found and that, as we look to you, you will enable us to live in pursuit of that which is eternally worthy and truly valuable.*

**The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Presentation of Bibles to Rising Second Graders**

**Danielle Kauffman**

**Recognition of Rising Sixth Graders**

**Danielle Kauffman**

**Recognition of High School Graduates**

**Claire Woods**

**The Peace**

**Worship Songs**

*Sing with All Your Heart*  
*Son of Heaven*  
*Behold Him*  
NPC Worship Band

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Pastor Debbie**

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

**Offertory**

*Fantaisie-Improptu*

*Chopin*

David Cai, piano

**Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

**Scripture Reading**

**Philippians 3:7,8**

**Pastor Mark**

**Message**

**What Is Most Valuable in Life?**

**Pastor Mark**

**The Invitation to the Lord's Table**

**Danielle Kauffman**

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God, the Lord's table.

Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast which he has prepared.

**The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O holy God, creator and ruler of the universe. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in your image and called us to love and serve you.

**You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Born in humility, he came to rule over all. Helpless as an infant, he showed the power of your love. Poor in things of the world, he brought the wealth of your grace. Rejected by many, he welcomed all who sought him.**

In his death and resurrection, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made us people of hope.

You are holy, O God of majesty, Blessed is Jesus Christ, your son, our Lord.

Born as king in David's line, he lived with the lowly and cared for the least of your children.

From the grave you raised him to your right hand where he rules again from heaven.

**We remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place. Send us out as the body of Christ in the world.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, eternal God, now and forever. Amen

**Sharing the Bread and the Cup**

**Prayer after Communion**

<b>Hymn #568</b>	<i>Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated</i>	<i>Hendon</i>
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<b>Benediction Prayer</b>	<b>Pastor Mark</b>
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<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Postlude-Cantique</i>	<i>Dubois</i>
	Jinhee Shim, organ	

<b>Prayer Ministry</b>	<b>Linda Behmke</b>
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**All-Church Picnic is TODAY!** – 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! Food, Fellowship, and Fun Games – Cornhole Tournament and Hula Hoop Contest with PRIZES!

**Installation Service:** On June 22, 2025 at 3:00pm in the Sanctuary, the Heritage Presbytery of ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians, the denomination of which NPC is a member, will hold a service installing Pastor Mark as an ordained ECO minister and member of the Heritage Presbytery serving at NPC. All are invited to attend.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pentecost Readers:** Pentecost Sunday is on **June 8<sup>th</sup>**, and we would like to have the scripture for the day read in as many languages as possible, to highlight that aspect of our varied congregation. If you are willing to read a verse or two in your language of birth, we would be thrilled! Please be in touch with Pastor Debbie, if you would like to be placed on the Pentecost Readers list, or just to find out a little bit more!

**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: Worldlink (Jack Nelson)** locates, identifies, trains, and unleashes highly qualified indigenous Christians to be missionaries in their own countries. They maintain a lean staff that reflects the highest standards of ethics, financial integrity, and good stewardship, and send 100% of all donations designated for Indigenous Missionaries to those missionaries for effective outreach ministries. In addition, Worldlink maintains rigorous reporting and relational accountability with our Indigenous Missionary partners to assure the highest possible ministry impact. Please keep the indigenous and USA-based workers in your prayer for God's leading and provision in every way.

**Notes from Justice and Mercy:** Many parents facing difficult times rely on relatives and friends for support. But for some, this is not enough – or even an option. That's where **Safe Families for Children** comes in. By offering support *before* crises happen, they bring hope, stability, and the love of Christ to our communities. **The last date for the Safe Families for Children information session is Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.** This is your chance to hear directly from the host family, learn from their experiences, and ask questions. Please pray for Val Foley as she supports Safe Families for Children and other Bethany Christian Services programs.

## INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

**TODAY is Family Worship Sunday!** – Children and Youth remain in service for this special Sunday! The NPC Nursery is available for our youngest.

**TODAY is Moving Up Sunday!** – 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.

**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>!***

**VBC Training is June 12<sup>th</sup>** - All VBC Volunteers are encouraged to attend VBC training on Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 6:45pm in the church gym. We hope to see you there!

**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!

## 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!

**High School Youth @ Top Golf:** Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> meet us at Top Golf in King of Prussia! From 1:00 – 3:30pm join us to hangout, eat food, and play games! Don't forget to bring a friend and \$25! RSVP by June 13<sup>th</sup> to secure your spot! See you there!

**Middle School @ Expedition Escape:** Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup> join us at Expedition Escape in King of Prussia! We will meet in the youth room for pizza after VBC, and head to our escape room from there. We will return to the church by 3:00pm! Don't forget to bring a friend and \$25! RSVP by June 13<sup>th</sup> to secure your spot!

# BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

## **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

## **Monday, June 2**

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

6:30 – 8:00pm GriefShare, Parlor

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Chapel

## **Tuesday, June 3**

12:15 – 1:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor

7:00pm Deacons Meeting, Parlor

## **Wednesday, June 4**

7:00 – 8:00pm Introduction to Biblical

Interpretation, Zoom/Parlor

## **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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## **Thursday, June 5**

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, June 6**

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

6:00pm Preschool Graduation, Sanctuary

## **Saturday, June 7**

## **Sunday, June 8**

### *Pentecost Sunday*

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor

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

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

Larry Lubchuk, Weekend Custodian



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