



# Narberth Presbyterian Church

June 8, 2025

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

*Come, Holy Ghost, Our Soul Inspire*

Jinhee Shim, organ

*setting, Held*

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Debbie

Call to Worship

Psalm 89:1-2, 5

Caitlin Henry

Opening Prayer

Pastor Mark

Hymn #291

*Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Pentecost Readers

(see p. 3)

Prayer of Confession

Diane Chen

Father, we confess that we struggle to live up to the glorious position and privileges you have given us in Christ. Our spirits are willing, but our flesh is weak, when it comes to daily living for you. Please help us to walk worthy of the calling with which you have called us in Christ. Amen.

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

*Thank you, Lord, that if we confess our sins, including our struggles to be all you would have for us to be, that you hear our prayer, forgive us, love us, and will enable us to move onward in our walk with you. Amen.*

Presentation & Reception of Confirmands

Claire Woods

Abigail Helen Hein

Evelyn Katherine Hein

The Peace

Worship Songs

*All the People Said Amen*

*Egypt*

*The Steadfast Love*

NPC Worship Band

*Children & Youth dismissed to Sunday School*

Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Debbie
Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory	<i>Spirit Shine</i>	<i>Larson</i>
	NPC Choir, Linda Pilacik, director	
Doxology and Prayer of Dedication		
Message	Obtaining What Is Most Valuable in Life	Pastor Mark
	Sermon Scripture: Philippians 3:12-41	
Hymn #290	<i>Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart</i>	<i>Morecambe</i>
Benediction Prayer		Pastor Mark
Postlude	<i>Festival Alleluia</i>	<i>Miller</i>
	Jinhee Shim, organ	
Prayer Ministry		Diane Chen

### *Confirmands*

**Abigail Helen Hein** is the daughter of Tricia & Greg Hein of Wynnewood. Abbie is in 10<sup>th</sup> grade at Harriton High School.

**Evelyn Katherine Hein** is the daughter of Tricia & Greg Hein of Wynnewood. Evelyn is in 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Welsh Valley Middle School.

NPC Pentecost Readers, Acts 2:1-21					
Verse	Language	Reader	Verse	Language	Reader
2:1	Greek	Julie Todd	2:12	Ukrainian	Anastasiia Huzanov
2:2	Dutch	Ilonka Comstock	2:13	Russian	Lana Boyd
2:3	Telugu	Donald Vangore	2:14	Afrikaans	Shiang Ju Steenhoff
2:4	Spanish	Sophia Howells	2:15	Setswana	Harriet O’Katch
2:5	Hindi	Rashmi Vyas	2:16	Maltese	Cheryl Gunter
2:6	Tamil	Lalitha Naveen	2:17	French	Debbie Watson
2:7,8	Mandarin	Chang Liu	2:18	Amharic	Seble Zein
2:9,10	Cantonese	Diane Chen	2:19,20	Zulu	Andrew Steenhoff
2:11	Finnish	Jyrki Matilla	2:21	Hebrew	Ken Kapner

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Board Game Nights at NPC** – Mark your calendar and get your “game” face on! Join us for fun, fellowship and board games on **Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30pm!** Bring a snack to share and your favorite board game. Children are welcome but must remain in the Parlor for games. Please reach out to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) with any questions.

**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.

**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: Parkway Ministry (Ilonka Comstock)** Each Sunday, teams of 2 or more NPC people head into the City to bring lunch and Christian friendship to some of the many people living without benefit of housing. For many years, this ministry also has offered seasonally appropriate clothing, along with the lunches. Please prayerfully consider getting involved in this amazing opportunity to bless our neighbors in Philadelphia. Lunch makers, and friendly delivery people are all needed. See Ilonka for details!

**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

**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 TODAY!***

**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!

**VBC Preview is June 15<sup>th</sup>** – Come get a taste of VBC during Sunday School. Bible, Crafts, Games and everyone leaves with a S'More to Go!

**LIVE IT OUT! VBC 2025!** – Please be in prayer for our week of VBC! *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).*

**Parkway Ministry Service Project is June 29<sup>th</sup>** – Join us in Sunday School as we make sandwiches, pack cookies, and make a special craft for our Friends on the Parkway. We will end our time with a game of kickball!

## INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

**High School Sunday School** – HS Sunday School is back and we are diving deep into why we believe and how our faith makes sense in the world we live in. All 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome! Breakfast treats provided.

**Middle School Sunday School** will be spending the month of June in the action-packed book of Acts starting this Sunday! Can't wait to see you there!

**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!

# 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, June 8**

### *Pentecost Sunday*

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor

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

## **Monday, June 9**

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

6:30 – 8:00pm GriefShare, Parlor

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Chapel

## **Tuesday, June 10**

12:15 – 1:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor

## **Wednesday, June 11**

7:00 – 8:00pm Introduction to Biblical

Interpretation, Zoom/Parlor

7:00 – 8:00pm Personal Finance, Copy Room

## **Thursday, June 12**

6:00 – 6:45 VBC Volunteer Training, Gym

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 13**

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

## **Saturday, June 14**

## **Sunday, June 15**

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: [jlmpsych910@gmail.com](mailto:jlmpsych910@gmail.com)

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## **Church Staff**

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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