



# Narberth Presbyterian Church

July 6, 2025

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

arr. Payne

Jinhee Shim, organist

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Mark

Call to Worship

Psalm 98:1-3

Nicole & Ava Bley

Opening Prayer

Pastor Mark

Hymn #336

*God Is My Great Desire*

Leoni

Scripture Reading

Psalm 2:1-12

Ann Sattel

Prayer of Confession

Jay Field

Father, we confess we worry far too much about world affairs, over which we have no control, when the Bible teaches us that you have sovereign authority over all world leaders and events. We confess we sometimes let these worries upset our daily living, our relationships, and even our service to You. Amen.

**Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon**

*Thank you, Father, that you are the sovereign Lord over all nations; that you will accomplish your will on the earth; that you will accomplish your will in your way and in your time, even though your working is not clear to us and is mysterious to us. Thank you that we can trust in you for all things. Amen.*

**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.

**The Peace**

Worship Songs

*Power in the Blood*

*10,000 Reasons*

*I Love You Lord and I Lift My Voice*

NPC Worship Band

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Pastor Mark**

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

**Offertory**

***The Love of God***

***Lehman***

Linda Pilacik & Jinhee Shim, piano duet

**Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

**Message**

**Hope for the World**

**Pastor Mark**

Sermon Scripture: Psalm 2:1-12

**Invitation to Communion**

**Danielle Kauffman**

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

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

**The Breaking of the Bread** **Pastor Mark**

**The Communion of the People Invitation**

**Distribution of the Elements**

**Prayer after Communion**

Heavenly Father, as we remember your death, and proclaim your resurrection, help to seek our true calling as God’s people; to embrace your creation; to love our neighbor and in all things, to be your faithful disciples. Amen

**Hymn #342** *How Blest Are They Who, Fearing God* *St. Anne*

**Benediction Prayer** **Pastor Mark**

**Postlude** *God of Our Fathers* *arr. Lorenz*  
Jinhee Shim, organist

**Prayer Ministry** **Linda DiLullo**

**Missions Update:** Victoria Moshkovskiy from our Mission Cause, Save a Life Intl., made a special request last Sunday. Save a Life is currently raising \$75,000 to purchase three vans/buses that will serve as a vital lifeline for women and children living in remote villages in Ukraine where there is no access to transportation. Would NPC consider contributing financially to help us meet this \$75,000 goal—or even adopting one of the buses at a cost of \$25,000? Thank you.

**Financial Update:** Through May 2025, two patterns are clear in Narberth Presbyterian Church finances: First, church leaders and staff are doing a faithful job overall in maintaining expenses at the levels approved by Session for the 2025 budget. Expenditures are running at about 100% of the budget. Giving is running at about 70% of the 2025 plan. While this is about 4 points better than last year at this time, this still represents a shortfall of \$159,307, year-to-date. It is the sincere hope of the Finance and Stewardship Committee that by bringing the needs of the church forward, you, the church’s members and friends, will see fit to help bring giving closer to the level needed to sustain the church.

## 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, 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.

**Wednesday Nights in July: Summer Inspirations!** On July 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, & 30<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 – 8:00pm in the Chapel, we will be learning about 3 ways people are doing good in Jesus’ name in this world: internationally and locally. Please join us for what is sure to be both eye-opening and humbling, as we encounter these amazing people of faith that make a difference for the precious people of the world!

**Email Announcement: Opt In** – Soon you will receive an email asking you to "Opt In" or permanently accept emails from Narberth Presbyterian Church. Doing so will protect you from unintentionally losing emailed communications from church should you get one of those cryptic messages from your email provider asking if our messages are SPAM to you. Many friends and members accidentally hit "yes" and lose communications from NPC, sometimes without realizing this even happened. If you do nothing and do not indicate NPC emails are SPAM, you will still receive them. Opting In to NPC emails will not invite other firms or individuals to send you any extra emails. Questions? Please call the church office at 610-664-4880 for help.

**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 Bible Study:** Currently studying 1 Corinthians. Whether you're new to Bible study or a seasoned participant, this study will deepen your understanding of Christ's mission and love. All are welcome!

**When:** Thursdays, from 7:00 – 8:15pm

**Where:** Copy Room

**For More Information:** contact Ken Eng (K\_Eng@msn.com) or Tim Neilson (mytn1122@gmail.com).

**Women’s Bible Study** will resume in July; stay tuned for more details.

## PRAYER INFORMATION

**Missions: Kingdom Connect (Ben Duffy)** Please pray for these three ministries that are part of Kingdom Connect: **Shevet Achim** continues to bring children from Northern Iraq & the West Bank to Tel Aviv for heart surgeries & follow-up. Pray for the children & for this witness of the love in Christ. Studies at **Bethlehem Bible College** continue despite the ongoing conflict in the West Bank. Pray for effective training of the students for future service. Reconciliation and communication between Israelis and Palestinians are more important than ever. Pray for **Musalaha** workers to find opportunities to reconcile others.

**Notes from Justice and Mercy:** As Benjamin and Shelby Chestnut of the Chestnut Foundation age, caring for them has become more difficult. Both have transverse myelitis, a rare neurological condition. Ben has recently graduated from high school but has no plans. Shelby has no educational program or planned activities. She struggles with speech and requires complete care. Maryann Chestnut, their grandmother and most reliable caretaker, is receiving chemo for cancer. Her energy level is low, not enough to give Ben and Shelby the attention they need. Ben and Shelby live with their father, Matthew, who was once enthusiastic about caring for them but has become worn out. Please pray for the family, for stamina, for wisdom, and for God's gracious love to fill each of them. For more information, contact Donna Hart ([djmhart@gmail.com](mailto:djmhart@gmail.com)).

## INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

**TODAY is Family Worship!** – Rising Kindergarten through rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders are encouraged to worship with their church family and participate in Communion. Worship bags will be available, and the NPC Nursery is available for our youngest.

**Psalms – *The Big Book of Emotions*** – This summer our Sunday School children will study the Psalms, which contain every emotion you can imagine. This big book of poems captures all the very real parts of life. During this series, we will learn about how God made us to feel all the emotions but also gave us the ability to control them.

**The NPC Nursery Summer Curriculum** – Our youngest will also be discovering promises from the Psalms this summer! **“God You Are”** is the book we will be using to help our young children learn more about God’s character through simple prayers and scripture. If you would like a copy of the book for your young family, please reach out to Danielle.

***He Leads Me* – A Study of Psalm 23** - Dear Moms of Children’s Ministry, you are encouraged to join Danielle in a 3-week independent study of Psalm 23 through a wonderful book called “He Leads Me”. We will gather together after our study to fellowship and talk about what we discovered during our time in God’s Word. Books are \$8.00 and you should reach out to Danielle to sign up. The study begins the week of July 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Children singing at The Mansion at Rosemont** – All children are invited to sing our favorite Sunday School songs with the residents at Rosemont on Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> beginning at 2:00pm. Please RSVP to Danielle by Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Details were sent to parents through email.

## 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 July in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> John starting next Sunday! Can't wait to see you there!

**High School Youth Pool Party** - All rising 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join the Pool Party on Tuesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 8:00pm at the Gallagher’s pool. Please look for an email with all the details or reach out to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org). Hope to see you there!

# BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

**Sunday, July 6**

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

**Thursday, July 10**

7:00 – 8:15pm Men's Bible Study, Copy Room

**Monday, July 7**

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Chapel

**Friday, July 11**

10:00am – 12:00pm Ladies Bible Study, Parlor  
6:30pm Board Game Night, Chapel

**Tuesday, July 8**

12:15 – 1:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor

**Saturday, July 12**

**Wednesday, July 9**

**Sunday, July 13**

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

Explorer's Class directly following the Worship Service in the 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: [jlmpsy910@gmail.com](mailto:jlmpsy910@gmail.com)

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Matt Weed, Worship Tech. Coordinator

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