



# Narberth Presbyterian Church

August 3, 2025

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

*Sarabande*

*Handel*

Clyde McAllister, guest organist

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Debbie

Call to Worship

Psalm 106:1-3,46

Rawson Kennedy

Opening Prayer

Pastor Mark

Hymn #26

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

*Andrews*

Scripture Reading

Psalm 119:1-16

Justin Crawford

Prayer of Confession

Linda Behmke

Father, we pray with the Psalmist, "Oh, that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!" We confess that we struggle to obey your Word. We admit that we often fail to do what we know from Scripture pleases you. Quietly now we confess our struggles to you. Amen.

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

*"Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes; and I will keep it to the end." "Give me understanding that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart." Amen.*

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.

The Peace

Worship Songs

I Will Call Upon the Lord

*Abide*

*I Need Thee Every Hour*

NPC Worship Band

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**Pastor Debbie**

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

**Offertory**

***Simple Gifts***

***American Tune***

Pam Fleming, violin, Linda Pilacik, piano

**Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

**Message**

**Meeting Jesus in The Great Psalm**

**Pastor Mark**

Sermon Scripture: Psalm 119:1-16

**Communion Litany**

**Pastor Debbie**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up 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, eternal God, our creator. You have given us life and a second birth by your Spirit. Once we were no people, but now we are your people.

**You claimed Israel as your chosen nation and raised up the church as a witness to the resurrection, breathing into it your life and power. Young and old, from all around the world you gathered us. When we go astray, you call us back, forgive us, and welcome us home. Always, your love has been steadfast.**

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. With love for you, and compassion for all, Jesus healed and taught, challenged, and comforted, welcomed and saved. He formed a community, promised to be with his disciples, wherever two or three were gathered, and sent them on his mission of hope and healing in the world.

**Jesus entrusted his life to you God, and went freely to his death, so the world might be set free from suffering and sin. You raised Jesus from death, and by faith, you raise us to live a new life with him. In the power of the Holy Spirit, you send us out to make disciples as he commanded.**

Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again.**

**Amen.**

**Sharing of the Bread and the Cup**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Hymn #263**

*Alleluia, Sing to Jesus*

*Hyfrydol*

**Benediction Prayer**

**Pastor Mark**

**Postlude**

*Radiance*

*Larkin*

Clyde McAllister, guest organist

**Prayer Ministry**

**Linda Behmke**

**A Special Thanks** to Clyde McAllister, our guest organist, filling in while Jinhee is on vacation.

**Olney Christian School – School Supply Drive:** We will be collecting new school supplies to support the children at the Olney Christian School (NPC Mission Cause). Items can be left in the boxes labeled at each entrance of the church through Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Ann Saddel (aks314@hotmail.com) with any questions.

**Olney Christian School Wish List**

Packs of pencils

Large erasers

Kid scissors

Glue sticks

24-count boxes of crayons

Packs of colored pencils

Dry-erase markers, thick or thin

Folders

Composition books

Boxes of tissues

Clorox or Lysol wipes

Packs of color markers

Highlighters

Spiral bound notebooks with perforated pages

Packs of watercolor paints with brush

Rulers

Packs of loose lined papers

2" and 1" thick binders

Pencil sharpeners

## 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, August 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday, September 12<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.

**NPC's Volunteer Fair** – Mark your calendar for NPC's 4<sup>th</sup> annual Volunteer fair taking place on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> in the gym. Come out to see all the many Ministry Areas of NPC and find out how you can get involved! Snacks and Drinks provided! Please contact Sara Mahoney (smahoney@narberthpres.org) for more information.

**August Films for Wednesday Nights!** The next 3 Wednesdays, from 7:00 – 9:00pm in the Chapel, we will enjoy snacks, cool drinks, and movies that will get us thinking: life's dangers, toils and snares, and what it means to be part of the church, the Body of Christ in this time. There is no charge, and everyone is invited!

**8/6 *Translated*:** An old man is about to be executed in ancient Rome but is "translated" in time to contemporary Rome, Oregon. He is now homeless, and a young truck driver picks him up. He claims to be the Apostle Paul. If you have a lively imagination and enjoy thinking about what it would be like to have a conversation with a biblical character, this film might be for you!

**8/13 *Noble*:** The film portrays Christina Noble's challenging childhood in Ireland, marked by poverty, abuse, and institutionalization, and her journey to Vietnam where she established the Christina Noble Children's Foundation. A truly inspiring story that continues to unfold today!

**8/20 *All Saints*:** Pastor Michael Spurlock, is sent to close a struggling church, All Saints Episcopal, in Smyrna, Tennessee. God had other plans for the church, involving Burmese refugees who arrive seeking help, and together they transform the church property into a farm to both sustain the community and save the church.

**Women's & Men's Bible Study:** 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 on Thursdays from 7:00 – 8:15pm!

**Where:** Women – Parlor; Men – Copy Room

**For More Information:** Women Contact Lalitha Naveen (lnaveen100@gmail.com); Men contact Ken Eng (K\_Eng@msn.com) or Tim Neilson (mytn1122@gmail.com).

**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. 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).

## PRAYER INFORMATION

### Please Remember in Prayer

**Missions: United World Mission/Christ for Miami** – Nick & Ginny Woodbury moved to Florida in 1987, where Nick joined the Christ for Miami team to serve as director, working very closely with key pastors and churches throughout Greater Miami in the areas of unity, prayer, and evangelism around the theme of City-Reaching. CFM is an active participant in the Greater Miami Hispanic Ministerial Association. Please pray for health, strength, wisdom and favor, for Nick and Ginny, and for all the pastors with whom they work.

## INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

**TODAY is Family Worship Sunday** – Rising Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to worship with their church family and participate in Communion. Worship Bags will be available at both entrances, and the NPC Nursery is available for our youngest.

**Bible & Bingo** – Join us in Sunday School this August for a favorite Bible story and a game of Bingo! And prizes! The fun begins Sunday, August 10<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.

**Pencil-Palooza** – All families are encouraged to attend a fun event with a point on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> directly following worship in the gym. Journey to pencil-themed stations, collect Pencil Prayer Prompts, enjoy food and have fun! Please RSVP to Danielle ([dkauffman@narberthpres.org](mailto:dkauffman@narberthpres.org)) by August 25<sup>th</sup>. You won't want to miss it!

**Blessing of Students and Educators** - On Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> we will bless all students and educators at the front-part of worship. This is a very meaningful time as we begin a new school year and program year at NPC.

## INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

**High School Sunday School** – HS Sunday School meets each Sunday (except the first Sunday of the month) in the Youth Room. All rising 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders are encouraged to join us.

**Middle School Sunday School** will be spending the month of August in the book of Judges! Come and explore the stories of Judges from the Old Testament! See you there!

**Middle School Open Gym Night at NPC** – Come cool off in the NPC gym for open gym on **Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:00pm!** Bring a basketball and your game. Snacks and drinks provided! RSVP to Claire ([cwoods@narberthpres.org](mailto:cwoods@narberthpres.org)).

# BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

## ***Sunday, August 3***

8:15am Adult Sunday School, parlor

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

## ***Monday, August 4***

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Parlor

## ***Tuesday, August 5***

12:15 – 1:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor

## ***Wednesday, August 6***

7:00 – 8:00pm Movie Night, Chapel

## ***Thursday, August 7***

7:00 – 8:15pm Women's Bible Study, Parlor

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

## ***Friday, August 8***

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

6:30pm Board Game Night, Parlor

## ***Saturday, August 9***

## ***Sunday, August 10***

8:15am Adult 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)

## **Narberth Presbyterian Church**

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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

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

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Virginia Davis, Director of Preschool

Chris Marinelli, Weekday Custodian

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