



Narberth Presbyterian Church

August 17, 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 121:1-8

Eli Kauffman

Opening Prayer

Pastor Mark

Hymn #2

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Nicaea

Scripture Reading

Psalm 150:1-6

Josh Mehdi

Prayer of Confession

Jay Cai

Father, before a holy God my righteousness is nothing and my best efforts are less than nothing. For these reasons, as I live my life, my focus must be on you, your righteousness through Christ, and your praise. But I so often forget. And now I confess my forgetfulness, O Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

Father, thank you for the assurance that through Christ alone I am everything to you. I am the object of your redeeming love. I am your adopted child. I am showered with your mercy and grace. For these reasons, and so many more, O Lord, I praise you. Amen.

Personnel Announcement

Jan Kennedy

The Peace

Worship Songs

Who You Say I Am

No Longer Slaves

NPC Worship Band

Children & Youth dismissed to Sunday School

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Day by Day

Ahnfelt

Linda Pilacik, piano

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Message

Why Praise the Lord?
Sermon Scripture: Psalm 150:1-6

Pastor Mark

Hymn #365

Abide with Me, Fast Falls the Eventide

Eventide

Benediction Prayer

Pastor Mark

Postlude

Radiance
Clyde McAllister, guest organist

Larkin

Prayer Ministry

Linda DiLullo

NPC's Volunteer Fair – Mark your calendar for NPC's 4th annual Volunteer fair taking place on Sunday, September 14th 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.

Church Courtyard/Playground Renewal: During the month of August, the Church Courtyard and Playground will be closed. We have re-seeded grass in that area and need time for it to begin to take root before Preschool begins using it regularly in September. It is also being watered daily and will be a messy environment until watering can be cut back. Please join us in allowing this precious resource a chance to be renewed.

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, September 12th 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.

August Films for Wednesday Nights! Next Wednesday, from 7:00 – 9:00pm in the Chapel, we will enjoy snacks, cool drinks, and a movie 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!

8/20 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: The Men’s Bible Study will take a break until September. Stay tuned for details of their new study, starting in the fall. The Women’s Bible Study will continue to meet on Thursdays from 7:00 – 8:15pm in the Parlor. All are welcome!

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: Our newest Justice and Mercy Advocate is Clara Louie working in the area of safe and compassionate refugee resettlement. In April, Clara led a Prayer Vigil at NPC for refugees which was both educational and inspirational. Participants were encouraged to pray, learn and share their resources in helping those most vulnerable. Two concrete ways to be involved are to attend a weekly inter-faith prayer vigil outside Merion Friends Meeting (615 Montgomery Ave.) from 10:00 – 11:00am on Saturdays to peacefully call for humane treatment of immigrants in our country. Two NPC folks have already been attending. Another way is to help an Afghan family of 6, who have moved temporarily to Havertown. They can use support and referrals in finding jobs and rental housing. The husband served as an interpreter with the USA coalition in Afghanistan. They have three school-aged girls and a 6-month-old baby. Anyone in the congregation who would like to come around this family as a welcome and support circle, and for leads in jobs and housing would be appreciated. Contact Clara (Claralouie@yahoo.com) for more information or with resources to share.

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

Missions: Child Evangelism Fellowship: Dr. Sam Doherty is now retired, after more than 70 years of experience as a teacher and children's worker. He has written over 100 publications especially for children's workers. Sam started the ministry of CEF in his native Ireland in 1950, and after 14 years in Ireland, he became CEF Regional Director for Europe, which he led for 29 years. Sam retired from CEF in July 2007. God has uniquely blessed the ministry of Sam and his wife Sadie. Please give thanks for and pray blessing on Sam, as Sadie passed away in November 2023.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

Bible & Bingo – Join us in Sunday School this August for a favorite Bible story and a game of Bingo! And prizes!

Pencil-Palooza – All families are encouraged to attend a fun event with a point on Sunday, September 7th 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) by August 25th. You won't want to miss it!

Blessing of Students and Educators – On Sunday, September 7th 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 9th through 12th 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!

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

Kevin Cope
Suzanne Morrison
*Donald Vangore

* serving second term

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, August 17

8:15am Adult Sunday School, parlor
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream

Monday, August 18

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Parlor

Tuesday, August 19

12:15 – 1:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, August 20

7:00 – 8:00pm Movie Night, Chapel

Thursday, August 21

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

Friday, August 22

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

Saturday, August 23

Sunday, August 24

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: jlmpsy910@gmail.com

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Linda Pilacik, Minister of Music
Matt Weed, Worship Tech. Coordinator
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Sara Mahoney, Administrative Assistant
Hugh Barrie, Assistant Property Manager
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