



Narberth Presbyterian Church

August 24, 2025

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude *Great is Thy Faithfulness* arr. Payne
Jinhee Shim, organist

Welcome & Announcements Danielle Kauffman

Giving Announcement Tim Roykoff

Call to Worship 1 John 4:9-12 Ava Marbach

Hymn #612 *How Firm a Foundation* Foundation

Opening Prayer Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading Psalm 89:1-2, 5-8, 14-17a Sue Wenger

Prayer of Confession Claire Woods

Eternal God, from beginning to end, your love brings us life and is meant to inspire our lives. Forgive us for accepting your love as gift to us, but often stopping there, rather than allowing it to color our view of the world and its people. Forgive us for hoarding your love. Turn us into people whose lives are fountains, overflowing with the love of Jesus your Son, through whom you reconcile all people to you, God, to each other, and to ourselves. We pray in Jesus' strong and beautiful name, amen.

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

Scripture says that when we turn to God and confess our sins, God, who is rich in mercy, will forgive us. Hear the good news – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new! Amen!

The Peace

Worship Songs *Power in the Blood*
10,000 Reasons
I Love You Lord and I Lift My Voice
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 *Shall We Gather at the River* Lowry
Linda Pilacik & Jinhee Shim, piano

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading	2 Corinthians 5:11-21	Linda Pilacik
Message	What's Love Got to Do with It?	Pastor Debbie
Hymn #560	<i>May the Mind of Christ My Savior</i>	<i>St Leonards</i>
Benediction		Pastor Debbie
Postlude	<i>Allegro</i> Jinhee Shim, organist	<i>Handel</i>

Prayer Ministry **Linda Behmke**

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.

Nominating Committee – the 2026 Nominating Committee, co-chaired by Jan Kennedy & Jack Comstock is looking for Elder and Deacon Nominations. See p. 6 & 7 of the bulletin for more information. Fill out the form or email office@narberthpres.org to submit a nomination.

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.

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

Missions: Standing Rock, North Dakota St. James Church, in Cannon Ball, is the first place where the Episcopal Church came onto the Standing Rock Reservation in North Dakota. Through it, three other congregations were begun. For almost 116 years, this congregation has served in one of North Dakota's toughest towns, where addiction to alcohol and unemployment are both very high. Jesus and this congregation aren't going to give up, so they continue to find ways to minister to the everyday needs of the people. Please pray for the Lord's increasing blessing in, among and through the people of Cannon Ball and the Standing Rock Reservation.

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!

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.

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!

Praise Party - A NEW program year begins for Sunday School on Sunday, September 14th and we are going to celebrate with a special praise party! Music, craft, bible fun and more. Hope to see you there!

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!

Chalk the Walk – All Teen Girls (6th – 12th grade) are encouraged to help chalk the Windsor Ave sidewalk with scripture and notes of encouragement for our NPC Preschool teachers, students, and families on Sunday, September 7th following service. Please RSVP to Danielle.

THE SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

At our best, Elders and Deacons seek by the grace of God to be examples of Jesus Christ and models of the quality-of-life which God desires for the whole church. It is a great privilege and responsibility – we welcome your prayers!

Elders

As there were in Old Testament times elders for the government of the people, so the New Testament Church provided persons with particular gifts to share in governing and ministry. Elders should be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the church and in the world.

It is the duty of elders, individually and jointly, to strengthen and nurture the faith and life of the congregation committed to their charge. Together with the pastor, they should encourage the people in the worship of God, equip and renew them for their tasks in the church and for their mission in the world, visit and comfort and care for the people, with special attention to the poor, the sick, the lonely and those who are oppressed. They should inform the pastor and the session of those persons and structures that may need special attention. They should assist in worship. They should cultivate their ability to teach the Bible and may be authorized to supply places that are without the regular ministry of the Word and Sacrament. Those duties that all Christians are bound to perform by the law of love are especially incumbent upon elders because of their calling to office and are to be fulfilled by them as official responsibilities. (Excerpts from the *Book of Order* (2009/11))

Deacons

The office of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, of exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this office.

It is the duty of deacons, first of all, to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress both within and beyond the community of faith. They shall assume such other duties as may be delegated to them from time to time by the session, such as leading the people in worship through prayers of intercession, reading the Scriptures, presenting the gifts of the people, and assisting with the Lord's Supper. (Excerpts from the *Book of Order* (2009/11))

The Nominating Committee is receiving recommendations for the offices of Elder and Deacon to begin in January 2026. It is not necessary to obtain the permission of the person you are suggesting. It is preferable for the Nominating Committee to make the initial contact should this person be nominated.

In light of the description above, if you have individuals to suggest for **Elder**, please write them down below. Please describe briefly why you believe the individual would be suitable for this office.

For the office of Elder:

Name: _____

Reason for recommendation: _____

Name: _____

Reason for recommendation: _____

Name: _____

Reason for recommendation: _____

(Further names may be suggested on a separate paper.)

In light of the description above, if you have individuals to suggest for **Deacon**, please write them down below. Please describe briefly why you believe the individual would be suitable for this office.

For the office of Deacon:

Name: _____

Reason for recommendation: _____

Name: _____

Reason for recommendation: _____

Name: _____

Reason for recommendation: _____

(Further names may be suggested on a separate paper.)

Please put this form in the collection plate or drop off in the church office.

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, August 24

8:15am Adult Sunday School, parlor

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

Monday, August 25

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Parlor

Tuesday, August 26

12:15 – 1:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, August 27

Thursday, August 28

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

Friday, August 29

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

Saturday, August 30

Sunday, August 31

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

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Church Staff

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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

Isabel Lally, Pastoral Visitor

Virginia Davis, Director of Preschool

Chris Marinelli, Weekday Custodian

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