



Narberth Presbyterian Church

September 7, 2025

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude *Prelude in C Minor from Sonata No. 3* Guilmant
Jinhee Shim, organist

Welcome & Announcements Pastor Debbie

Call to Worship Deuteronomy 32:1-4 Alexa, Will, & Parker Higgins

Opening Prayer Pastor Mark

Hymn #16 *Give to Our God Immortal Praise* Duke Street

Scripture Reading John 17:1-4 Jim Hoffman

Prayer of Confession Jay Field

Father, we affirm "the chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy him forever." Yet we confess that in the busyness of daily life we too often forget these goals. Please help us to seek your glory in all we do and to seek your pleasure in our ways. Amen.

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

Father, thank you that for those of us who are trusting in Christ alone for a personal relationship with you that nothing can separate us from your love and that you hear our confession of our sins and you are faithful and just to forgive us through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

The Peace

Worship Songs *He Has Made Me Glad*
That Where I Am
NPC Worship Band

Blessing of Children, Youth, & Teachers

Hymn #470 *Jesus Loves Me, This I Know*

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer Pastor Debbie

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Give Me Jesus* arr. Osterman
Jinhee Shim, organ

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Message What is Eternal Life? Pastor Mark
Sermon Scripture: John 17:1-4

Invitation To Communion

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 and triune God, whom we worship as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In Jesus Christ you spoke the word that brought the world into being. By the Holy Spirit you brought order out of chaos and breathed life into your creatures.

In his ministry on earth, Jesus cared for all, forgiving their failures, healing their hurts, and nurturing their faith, giving himself in utter sacrifice for those he loved. He inspired ordinary people to Spirit-filled living, and displayed in his life, death, and rising again the power of your Spirit.

Nurture us at this table, O God, that we may grow to the stature of Jesus Christ. By the Holy Spirit, help us surrender more of ourselves to you, that we might know the freedom of your will. Help us to love you above all else and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves.

Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm. Amen.

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again. Amen.**

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn #641	<i>All the Way My Savior Leads Me</i>	<i>All the Way</i>
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Benediction		Pastor Mark
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Postlude	<i>Fantasy on Walk Together, Children</i> Jinhee Shim, organist	<i>arr. Thomas</i>
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Prayer Ministry		Simon Hauger
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Game Night 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.

Women’s Breakfast – Please join us for food, fun, & fellowship in the Parlor on **September 13th**. We will continue meeting regularly on the second Saturday of the month. Hope to see you all there!

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.

The Discipleship Committee would like to identify all active small groups at NPC. If you currently facilitate or participate in a small group, please email Diane Chen (dianegchen@gmail.com) and let her know. We appreciate your response!

Nominating Committee – the 2026 Nominating Committee, co-chaired by Jan Kennedy & Jack Comstock is looking for Elder and Deacon Nominations. See p. 8 & 9 of the bulletin for more information. Fill out the form or email office@narberthpres.org to submit a nomination.

Men’s & Women’s Bible Studies: Join us for a new Bible study series on the **Book of Romans**, beginning Thursday, September 11, 2025. Together, we will explore Paul’s powerful letter to the Romans, a book that has shaped Christian faith for centuries with its deep truths about God’s grace, salvation, and the life of faith. This study is open to all, whether you’re new to Bible study or have studied Scripture for years. Martin Luther called the Book of Romans “*the soul’s daily bread*,” and said “*It can never be read or meditated too much and too well. The more thoroughly it is treated, the more precious it becomes, and the better it tastes.*” Invite a friend and be part of this journey with us! We meet on Thursdays at 7:00pm (women meet in parlor; men meet in the copy room). Questions? Contact: Ken Eng (K_Eng@msn.com); Lalitha Naveen (lnaveen@temple.edu); or Tim Neilson (mytn1122@gmail.com).

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

Missions: NPC Christian Preschool As the 2025 – 2026 school year begins, please lift up prayers of joy, gratitude, and provision, for Virginia Davis, who directs the Preschool, for the wonderful staff of teachers, aides and specialty instructors, and for the children and their families. Pray that this school year will be filled with blessings for all concerned, and that they will – individually and together – thrive!

Notes from Justice & Mercy: Ken Eng and his group of educators and tutors will be holding three courses beginning this month. An **SAT Prep series** will begin on 9/13. These free classes are hosted by City Line Church. A second **SAT Prep series** will be held at Holy Redeemer Chinese Catholic Church, starting on 9/20. The third course is an **English language class** also held at Holy Redeemer Chinese Catholic Church, starting on 9/20. Contact Ken Eng (610-241-5177 or k_eng@msn.com). for more information on any of these classes. **Please pray** for the instructors and the students. Improving skills is an important part of each class, but also important is helping each student to see their true value in Christ.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

Family Worship is September 9th – All children (K – 5th) are encouraged to worship with their church family and participate in Communion. Worship Bags will be available at both entrances of the sanctuary. The NPC Nursery is available for infants through PreK in RM 107.

Blessing of Students and Educators – TODAY! 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 – TODAY! directly following worship in the gym. Journey to pencil-themed stations, collect Pencil Prayer Prompts, enjoy food and have fun! Thank you to those who RSVP'd.

Praise Party Sunday School Kick Off – 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!

Trunk Or Treat at NPC - All children are invited to the NPC parking lot for a fun Trunk OR Treat on Friday, October 31st from 10:30 – 11:30am. Please RSVP to Danielle to join the fun OR volunteer! More details soon.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

Family Worship is September 7th - All Youth are encouraged to worship with their church family and participate in Communion.

Sunday School Kick Off for High School and Middle School – We begin a NEW program year on Sunday, September 14th with Donuts and Discipleship! MS will meet in the outer youth room and HS will meet in the main youth room.

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.

Bonfire & Phillies – All High School students are invited to watch the Phillies game and eat s'mores at the Hein home on Saturday, September 20th from 7:30 – 10:00pm. Please RSVP to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org).

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING

Regular Wednesday Night programming begins on September 17th! Join us for a church family supper starting at 5:45pm followed by the following offerings which begin at 7:00pm:

Grace in Chaos: *Biblical Hope for the Hard Days of Motherhood* – All moms, with children of any age, are encouraged to join this 8-week study led by Sarah Boccasini. This study is designed to strengthen you with a biblical, gospel centered vision of motherhood. Do you ever feel overwhelmed as a mom—struggling with anxiety, despair, or comparison? This study is for you! The study includes weekly reflections around the themes of hope, peace, anxiety, control, and comfort. This is designed to be a supportive community for moms, where we can study scripture together, pray, and equip you to teach your children about the Bible. Each week will conclude with simple take-home ideas for you to practice spiritual disciplines with your children. Please reach out to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpresbyterian.org) if you plan to join this class. There is a book that goes along with it and we are asking for \$8.00 to help offset the cost.

Hebrews Study – Pastor Mark will begin an expositional study through the New Testament book of Hebrews. The class will be fully in-person. Note taking outlines will be provided at each class. You will be challenged and blessed studying one of the Bible's greatest doctrinal and practical presentations of the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

“Grace: More Than We Deserve, Greater Than We Imagine” is a 7-week video/discussion-based study by Max Lucado, which focuses us in on how God in his grace, offers to change our hearts, our very lives. Come discover what God tells us about this grace, that is not in any way wimpy, but is a grace that emboldens and grabs us, calling us to life that is turned upside down in the best way possible! All are welcome to this study, for as few or as many of the sessions as you can attend!

Kids Praise – Music fun is back this fall! All children (PreK-5th grade) are encouraged to join us as we sing, create rhythms, play instruments and have fun! Hope to see you there!

Middle School Youth Group - All 6th, 7th and 8th graders are invited for Bible study, games and snack. Friends are welcome to attend with you!

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.

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

2025 MISSIONARY CAUSES

Mission

Amnion Pregnancy Center
 Child Evangelism Fellowship, Inc. – N. Ireland
 Chosen People Ministries– Paul Cruz
 Cornerstone Christian Academy
 CRU City – Brindleys (Unite Philly)
 CRU International–Leah Darwin
 Development Associates International
 Disciple Makers – Rebecca and Dan Hall
 ECO Church Planting and Global Missions Funds
 Esperanza Health Center
 Fellowship of Christian Athletes – Kasey Dougherty
 Global Horizons – Cephas Tushima
 Habitat for Humanity –N. Central Philadelphia
 House of His Creation
 InterAct Ministries – Dan & Bev Mayerle
 Interserve-USA – Jan Kennedy
 Kingdom Connect – Ben Duffy
 Neighborhood Crusades Inc.
 New Horizons/Amoenitas – Scott Todd
 Olney Christian School
 Presby's Inspired Life (Human Good)
 Rancho Del Rey
 REAP Granada-Scott Esposito
 Redeemed For A Cause Outreach – Sakinah Love
 Save a Life – Nadia Gordynsky
 Servant Partners – Dan & Denise Anderson
 The Antioch Partners – Haugens
 The Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota (Standing Rock)
 The Philadelphia Project – Rev. Ray Garcia
 The Welcome Church – Schaunel Steinnagel
 United World Mission – Nick & Ginny Woodbury
 World Link – Jack Nelson
 Wycliffe Bible Translators – Al & Barb Shannon
 Young Life (Western Philadelphia Suburbs)

Ambassador

Alice Antonelli
 Danielle Kauffman
 Jennifer & Tim Roykouff
 Joyce Lewis
 Tom & Alyson Burnett
 Kathy McLean
 David Fraser
 Bob Moore

Open

Julie Fernandez
 Ashley Reed
 Scott Todd
 Linda Behmke
 JoAnne Kaplan
 Marilyn Reed
 Jesse Kennedy
 Ken & Sally Kapner
 Marilyn Reed
 Marilyn Reed
 Ann Sattel

Open

Open

Charlie Choi
 Sally Kapner
 Faithe Hornung
 Faithe Hornung

Open

Ashley Reed
 Dave Bellamy
 Jane Murray
 Rob & Sandi Wray
 Kim Ishmael

Open

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, September 7

8:15am Adult Sunday School, parlor

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

Directly following the Worship Service:

Pencil Palooza, gym

Chalk the Walk, Windsor St. entrance

Monday, September 8

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Parlor

Tuesday, September 9

Wednesday, September 10

First Day of Preschool!

Thursday, September 11

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

Friday, September 12

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

Saturday, September 13

9:00am Women's Breakfast, parlor

Sunday, September 14

8:15am Adult Sunday School, Parlor

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

Directly following the Worship Service:

Volunteer Fair, gym

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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Church Staff

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Deborah Watson, Associate Pastor

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Sharon Shallow, Nursery Coordinator

Jinhee Shim, Organist

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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