

Narberth Presbyterian Church

September 21, 2025

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

Grave and Adagio from Sonata in C Minor

Mendelssohn

Jinhee Shim, organist

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Debbie

Call Worship

Tim & Natalie Henry

We are imperfect.

God is FLAWLESS.

We are in time.

God is ETERNAL.

We are vulnerable.

God is UNTHREATENED.

We see problems.

GOD HAS PLANS.

God works in and through and around and in spite of us, accomplishing his aims even as he risks everything by letting us have a part in his great enterprises.

In our weakness we come to you, Father, asking that we may see our lives, our successes and failures, our trials and triumphs, from your point of view. Amen.

Hymn #86

We Come, O Christ, to You

Darwall

Opening Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 65:17-19,25

Brint Nicolai

Luke 1:5-7,11-13,18-19

Diane Chen

Prayer of Confession

Diane Chen

Almighty God, our Creator and our Judge, You know us through and through.

Nothing about us is hidden from you. You see the ugliness of our sin, even when we try to disguise it. You see the anger we try to mask with a smile. You know the real reasons we do what we do and say what we say.

Merciful God, our Redeemer, we need your forgiveness when we settle for what “looks like” rather than what is, and we need you to grow us beyond compliance, to full surrender, and allow you to fill us – body and soul – with your Holy Spirit, and the fruit which your Spirit produces – in each of us, and in all of us together, we pray in the strong name of Jesus, your Son, and our Savior. Amen.

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

Worship Songs

How Great is Our God
How Great Thou Art
Goodness of God
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 *Where Could I Go but to the Lord* *Coates*
Dave Baker, vocals & mandolin, Dean Pappas, vocals & guitar

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading John 20:19-22 Brint Nicolai
Revelation 21:1-6a Diane Chen

Message A Reflection on This Moment Pastor Debbie

A Time for Prayer

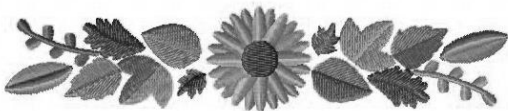
Hymn #747 *Lead On, O King Eternal* *Lancashire*

Benediction Pastor Debbie

Postlude *Fugue in C Major* *Mendelssohn*
Jinhee Shim, organist

Prayer Ministry Jay Field

Fall Day Prayer Retreat: Join us for a day of solitude in community on **Saturday October 11, 9:30am – 2:30pm.**, at the Gallaghers’ idyllic barn in Devon, PA. You will have an opportunity to spend some time on spiritual exercises which take us to the three instances where Mary of Bethany was at Jesus’ feet. Or you may spend some time at Jesus’ feet in whatever way you desire in silence. Sign up at the Adult Discipleship table at the Volunteer Fair or with Clara Louie (claralouie@yahoo.com) after that. Registration fee is \$20. It is a bring-your-own-lunch event.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

You're Invited! Join one of NPC's mission causes, Save a Life, for their 10 Years Anniversary Celebration TONIGHT! See the Weekly Newsletter or reach out to Faithe Hornung for more details.

Men's Breakfast: Join us on Saturday, September 27th for food and fellowship at 7:30am in the parlor. Hope to see you all there!

GriefShare: "The journey of grief is a painful process; you do not need to walk it alone." We encourage you to come to the video and support group called GriefShare. The sessions specifically address topics and issues for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. GriefShare meets weekly, the content is Christ-centered and biblical, and the sessions will be led by Alice Antonelli and Gerri Wismer. This is a place where you can be around people who understand the pain of your loss. The first GriefShare session will meet on **Monday, September 15th from 6:30 – 8:00pm** in the Parlor and will continue into December (note that you can join at any time). It is important to register on the GriefShare website (see link in the Friday newsletter). Reach out to Alice Antonelli (arichardson1@gmail.com) or Gerri Wismer (geewis46@gmail.com) for more information about the group.

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).

NPC's Door Access System has been replaced as a part of our Nonprofit Security Grant. All active door FOBs (the small plastic piece you hold against the FOB reader to enter the building when it is locked) must be renewed. Please bring your FOB to Tim Roykouff for this simple process. Tim will be at the side (Windsor) door on Sunday morning before and during worship and at the Safety and Security table during the Volunteer Fair that follows worship. Questions? Please call the church office at 610-664-4880 or email Tim at troykouff@narberthpres.org.

Parkway Ministry – Volunteers Needed Our Parkway Ministry goes out every Sunday to serve food, thus sharing the love of Christ with our homeless neighbors near Logan Circle. We are in need of more volunteers to help with preparing lunches, delivering food, as well as spending time with the people we serve. If you'd like to get involved or have any questions, please contact Ilonka Comstock (610-416-4096) or Jack Comstock (484-885-0789).

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

Missions: Rancho del Rey Hank & Anne Moller sold their PA home in 1954 and moved to Mexico with their 3 children. There they saw poor and homeless children living in the city trash dump. The Mollers took in “boys of the street” and in 1956 purchased a home south of Monterrey, Mexico. Soon, more than 50 boys joined their family. Their son, Daniel, continues the work of Rancho del Rey – a place where children who have been traumatized grow in safety, in an environment able to meet their physical, spiritual, social, emotional and intellectual needs, and where the boys’ parents receive training, safe haven, and support to become healthy families. Pray for the boys, their parents, & the staff to accomplish the Lord’s will for all of them.

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** began 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. **Pray** for the instructors and the students.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

Kids Praise is back – PreK through 5th grade are invited to the Choir Room each Wednesday from 7:00 – 8:00pm beginning September 17th for music fun! Join us for songs, instruments and friendship.

Prayer Warriors NEW Sunday School Curriculum – Beginning Sunday, September 21st (K – 5th) will learn to become Prayer Warriors. Children will also receive a new prayer journal that we will use during this time together.

Parkway Ministry Service Project - Our K – 5th children will make sandwiches, pack cookies and create a special craft on Sunday, October 12th for our Friends on the Parkway. Please look for a SignUp Genius to help supply items.

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

Middle School Youth Group – All 6th through 8th graders are encouraged to join us for Youth Group each Wednesday from 7:00 – 8:00pm beginning September 17th. We hope to see you there!

HS Sunday School with Jesse Byler – All 9th through 12th graders are invited to attend Sunday School on Sunday, September 21st with Young Life leader, Jesse Byler. Jesse is very excited to be with our youth and share his love for the Lord.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING

Regular Wednesday Night programming has begun! 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.

“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!

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, September 21

8:15am Adult Sunday School, parlor

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

Monday, September 22

6:30 – 8:00pm GriefShare, Parlor

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Parlor

Tuesday, September 23

7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, September 24

5:45 – 6:45pm Church Family Supper, Gym

7:00 – 8:00pm Grace in Chaos, Chapel

7:00 – 8:00pm Grace (Video Study), Gym

7:00 – 8:00pm Kids Praise, Choir Room

7:00 – 8:00pm MSYG, Youth Room

Thursday, September 25

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

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

Friday, September 26

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

Saturday, September 27

Sunday, September 28

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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