

Narberth Presbyterian Church

September 28, 2025

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

Linda Pilacik, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Debbie

Call Worship

Isaiah 40:25-31

Dan & Annarose Lacey

Hymn #8

All Glory Be to God on High

Mit Freuden Zart

Opening Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading

Psalm 40

Ian Kauffman

Prayer of Confession

Katie Kennedy

Our Father, we are often in a hurry. In our eagerness, in our fear, in our pride, and in the heat of the moment, we want to move – not wait. Help us to know when you are calling us to move – with you and for you – and when you are calling us to wait – on you, and for you – so that we do not miss you, or each other. Forgive us for when we have and give us the grace to try again – with you, and with each other. We ask in the saving name of Jesus, your Son, and the Savior of all. Amen.

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

Worship Songs

Way Maker
Great Are You Lord
Give Me Jesus
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

Grace Greater Than Our Sin
Pam Fleming, violin, Linda Pilacik, piano

arr. Zisi

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Acts 1:1-8

Alice Antonelli

Message

Wait

Pastor Debbie

Hymn #538

I Need Thee Every Hour

Need

Benediction

Pastor Debbie

Postlude

Linda Pilacik, piano

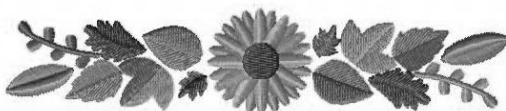
Prayer Ministry

Diane Chen

Congregational meeting Following the service, please stay for a Congregational Meeting led by Rev. Dr. Scott Vance and Rev. John Groth from our Heritage Presbytery's Ministry Partnership Team.

Special Time of Prayer – Wednesday, October 1st – All are encouraged to join us in a time of prayer together on Wednesday, October 1st beginning at 7:00pm in the Chapel. We look forward to being together and boldly laying our requests before God. **Please note regular adult programming will not take place this evening, but Kids Praise and MS Youth Group will happen as usual.**

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

Board Game Nights at NPC – Mark your calendar and get your “game” face on! Join us for fun, fellowship and board games on the 3rd Friday of each month. 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. **Next Game Night: October 17th.**

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: Olney Christian School Founded in 2011, the Mission of Olney Christian School is to provide students in the Northeastern Philadelphia area with a choice for a quality, affordable, Christ-centered education. The vision of Olney Christian School is to equip students in our Philadelphia communities for life by educating their minds, nurturing their hearts, and training their hands with practical life skills. NPC people recently helped furnish school supplies and backpacks to brighten everyone's return to school! Please pray for the school to fully staff its faculty and to flourish during this academic year.

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

Prayer Warriors NEW Sunday School Curriculum – Children will become Prayer Warriors this fall! Everyone will also receive a new prayer journal that we will use during this time together.

NPC Nursery – Our youngest are growing their faith with a new curriculum called “*Jesus - My Friend*”. Join Miss Sharon and team for Bible, Play and Music each Sunday in RM 107. The NPC Nursery is best for infants through Pre-K.

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.

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

Youth Sunday School – This Sunday, September 28th our MS and HS will combine for Sunday School. All are encouraged to join Sean McGrew in the Youth Room as we dive into Scripture together.

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

NextGen United: Regional Youth Gathering - All Youth are encouraged to attend this awesome event that is aimed at strengthening local youth ministries through collaboration, encouragement and collective worship with an “all-star” band of worship musicians from many different churches. It all takes place at Manoa Community Church (Havertown) on October 12th from 6:00 – 8:00pm. Please contact Danielle if you are interested in attending!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING

THIS WEEK! Special Time of Prayer – Wednesday, October 1st – All are encouraged to join us in a time of prayer together on Wednesday, October 1st beginning at 7:00pm in the Chapel. We look forward to being together and boldly laying our requests before God. **Please note regular adult programming will not take place this evening, but Kids Praise and MS Youth Group will happen as usual.**

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 28

8:15am Adult Sunday School, parlor

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

Directly following the Worship Service:

Congregational Meeting

Monday, September 29

6:30 – 8:00pm GriefShare, Parlor

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Parlor

Tuesday, September 30

7:00pm Missions Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, October 1

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

7:00 – 8:00pm Special Time of Prayer, Chapel

7:00 – 8:00pm Kids Praise, Choir Room

7:00 – 8:00pm MSYG, Youth Room

Thursday, October 2

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

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

Friday, October 3

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

Saturday, October 4

Sunday, October 5

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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