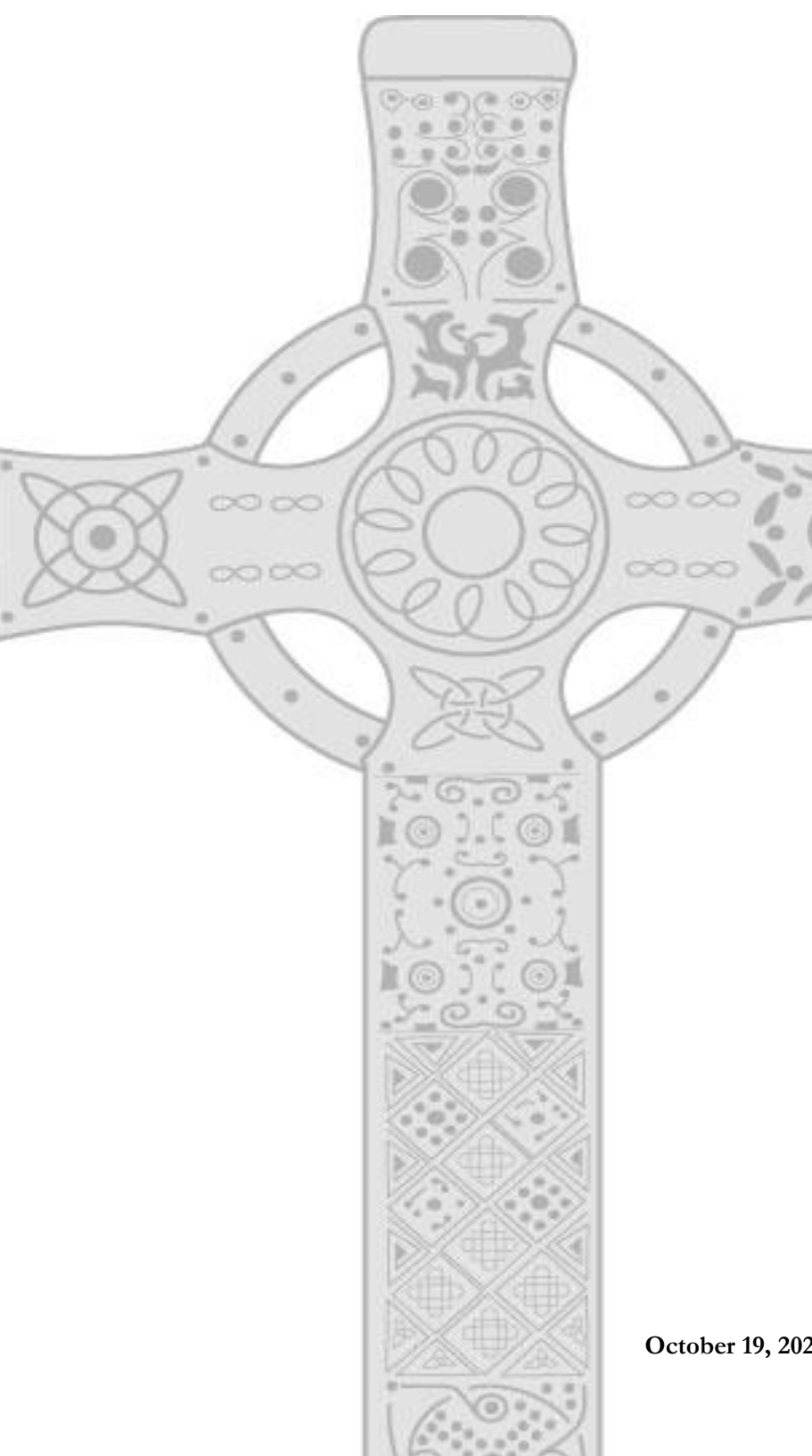




# Narberth Presbyterian Church

October 19, 2025

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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**Prelude**

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

*arr Swann*

Jinhee Shim, organist

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Pastor Debbie**

**Call Worship**

**1 Corinthians 12:12,13**

**Rawson & Hallie Kennedy**

**Hymn #3**

*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

**Opening Prayer**

**Pastor Debbie**

**Scripture Reading**

**1 Corinthians 12:4-11,14-16**

**Ann Sattel**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Ann Sattel**

God our Father, you have made us each and all, your family, in Christ, and you have made us the Body of Christ in this place. We need your forgiveness, Lord, for we have failed to walk worthily of your call to be your humble, gentle children, brothers and sisters, members of one body, eager to maintain the unity of your Spirit in the bond of peace. In your mercy, forgive us, and give us new patience, as we learn anew how to bear with one another in love. We ask in the name of Jesus, who is our Peace. Amen.

**Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon**

**The Peace**

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

**Pastor Debbie, Pam Fleming**

Abigail Marlene Bradford

Benjamin George Bradford

Parents: Paul & Andrea Bradford

**Hymn #470**

*Jesus Loves Me, This I Know (v1)*

**Worship Songs**

*Holy Forever*

*Holy Ground*

*As I Seek Your Face*

NPC Worship Band

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**Pastor Debbie**

**Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

*You Raise Me Up*

*arr. Denninger*

Jinhee Shim, organ

**Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

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|-------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Scripture Reading | 1 Corinthians 12:21,22a,24b-27               | Tom Patterson  |
| Message           | Together                                     | Pastor Debbie  |
| Hymn #689         | <i>The Church's One Foundation</i>           | <i>Aurelia</i> |
| Benediction       |                                              | Pastor Debbie  |
| Postlude          | <i>God of Grace</i><br>Jinhee Shim, organist | <i>Manz</i>    |
| Prayer Ministry   |                                              | Linda Behmke   |

## An Update from Session to Our Church Family

### Dear Church Family,

The Session met on Tuesday evening, October 14, with Rev. Scott Vance and Rev. John Groth from the Heritage Presbytery Ministry Partnership Team (MPT). Together, we discussed next steps for healing and moving forward as a congregation. We are grateful for their guidance and continued prayers as we walk through this process of restoration and renewal.

At this meeting, the Session approved two important steps:

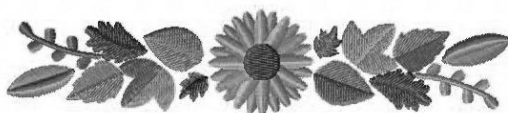
To engage **Rev. Dorington (“Dori”) Little** and **Rev. William (“Bill”) Enns** to lead an ECO Governance Seminar and provide ongoing leadership coaching for our Session. Their ministry focuses on healthy church leadership and conflict transformation, and they will begin working with us soon.

To invite **Christina Severinghaus**, a peacemaking trainer, to lead a weekend of training for our Session, staff, and congregation. This will provide tools for understanding, forgiveness, and unity in Christ.

We are hopeful that these steps will strengthen our leadership, encourage healthy communication, and help our church body grow together in grace and peace.

Please continue to pray for wisdom, humility, and the healing work of the Holy Spirit within our Session and congregation. Weekly updates will continue to be shared in the bulletin and by email to keep everyone informed. Above all, we trust that Christ is present with us — leading us forward with His peace, unity, and love.

With hope in Christ and love for you,  
*The Session of Narberth Presbyterian Church*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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 15<sup>th</sup> 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).

**Notes From Justice and Mercy:** Loving Our Neighbors comes naturally to Jennifer Bonovitz. The ministry to families in North Philly has become even more important because of cuts in food stamps and rising food prices. We are now providing food and clothing to more than 60 families and individuals. Generous donations have been a great help, but we never have enough. Donations of cereal, canned goods (tuna, chicken, vegetables, fruit, juices), toilet paper, household cleaning products and toiletries would be greatly appreciated. We can get food, toiletries, and clothing to our brothers and sisters living on the street via the Project Home outreach team. Jennifer partners with the Mitzvah Pantry to provide food to families who come from West Philadelphia. Please pray that, with colder weather approaching, there will be ample donations of food and warm clothing. Contact Jennifer if you can help with driving or large donations. You can place donations in the blue bins outside the Windsor Ave. doors. Jennifer thanks you for your ongoing support.

## PRAYER INFORMATION

### Please Remember in Prayer

**Missions: HumanGood (formerly Presby's Inspired Life)** American Baptist Homes of the West began in 1949, Southern California Presbyterian Homes began in 1955, and Presby's Inspired Life has been serving the Philadelphia area since 1955. The three combined as HumanGood, to provide affordable housing that meets the needs of low-income older adults at a time when demand far outstrips supply, and the services provided are limited in their ability to keep residents in their homes as health care needs change. Our regular giving helps to support the work of providing a place to call home for older adults who might otherwise have none, and to offer a welcome in Jesus' name. Please pray for more places of affordable housing – here in the greater Philadelphia region, and beyond, through HumandGood.

In addition to affordable housing for senior adults, HumanGood, provides Life plan communities (also known as continuing care retirement communities or CCRCs), which provide housing and health care on a continuum that changes as the needs of older adults change. Many of our NPC seniors have lived in the Rosemont Village community, and Rydal Park. Please pray for the ministry of care offered in all the HumanGood communities, that those who offer the care might be blessed in their own lives of faith and service, and those who receive the care might experience the love of God and the presence of Jesus.

## 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.

**Kids Praise is back** – PreK through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to the Choir Room each Wednesday from 7:00 – 8:00pm 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 31<sup>st</sup> from 10:30 – 11:30am. Please RSVP to Danielle if your family is planning to attend.

## INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

**Youth Sunday School** - This Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> all youth (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>) will meet in the inner youth room with Jan Kennedy. Together we will discuss the importance of community.

**Parkway Ministry Service Project** – Join us in Sunday School on **October 26<sup>th</sup>** as we make lunches for our friends on the Parkway. Please look for a SignUp Genius to help contribute items needed.

**Middle School Youth Group** – All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are encouraged to join us for Youth Group! *We will meet on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, November 5<sup>th</sup>, and November 19<sup>th</sup>* this fall. Hope to see you there!

**Mentors & Tutors Needed at Hunting Park Christian Academy** – Looking for a meaningful way to serve after school? Join our mentoring/tutoring team at Hunting Park Christian Academy! We’re seeking teens and adults who can come alongside students on weekdays from 3:30 – 5:30pm. You will help with homework, encourage good habits, and – best of all – share your special interests (art, sports, tech, music, reading and more). Your steady presence can make a real, lasting impact in a child’s life. Please contact Abby McGrew ([abby.mcgrew@gmail.com](mailto:abby.mcgrew@gmail.com)) with questions or if you’re ready to jump in!

**Young Life Fall Retreat** – Calling all high school students! Western Philadelphia Suburbs is heading to Lake Champion in Glen Spey, NY for the Fall Retreat! Many of our NPC Youth are already registered. If you want to join them, please use the link in the Friday Newsletter for more information and to register.

**Thank you to our Youth Parents** – Thank you to many of our Youth parents who helped to stock the Youth Room with snacks and drinks. What a blessing! Donations can be given to Danielle or left in the Youth Room.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING

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-5<sup>th</sup> 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 (every other Wednesday)** – All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are encouraged to join us for Youth Group! We will meet on **October 22<sup>nd</sup>**, **November 5<sup>th</sup>**, and **November 19<sup>th</sup>** this fall. Hope to see you there!

# BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

## ***Sunday, October 19***

8:15am Adult Sunday School, parlor

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

## ***Monday, October 20***

6:30 – 8:00pm GriefShare, Parlor

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Chapel

## ***Tuesday, October 21***

12:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor

7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor

## ***Wednesday, October 22***

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

7:00 – 8:00pm Grace in Chaos, Chapel

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

7:00 – 8:00pm Kids Praise, Choir Room

7:00 – 8:00pm MSYG, Youth Room

## ***Thursday, October 23***

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

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

## ***Friday, October 24***

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

## ***Saturday, October 25***

11:00am Memorial Service for Sherry Beebe

## ***Sunday, October 26***

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](mailto:jlmpsych910@gmail.com)

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Sara Mahoney, Administrative Assistant

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