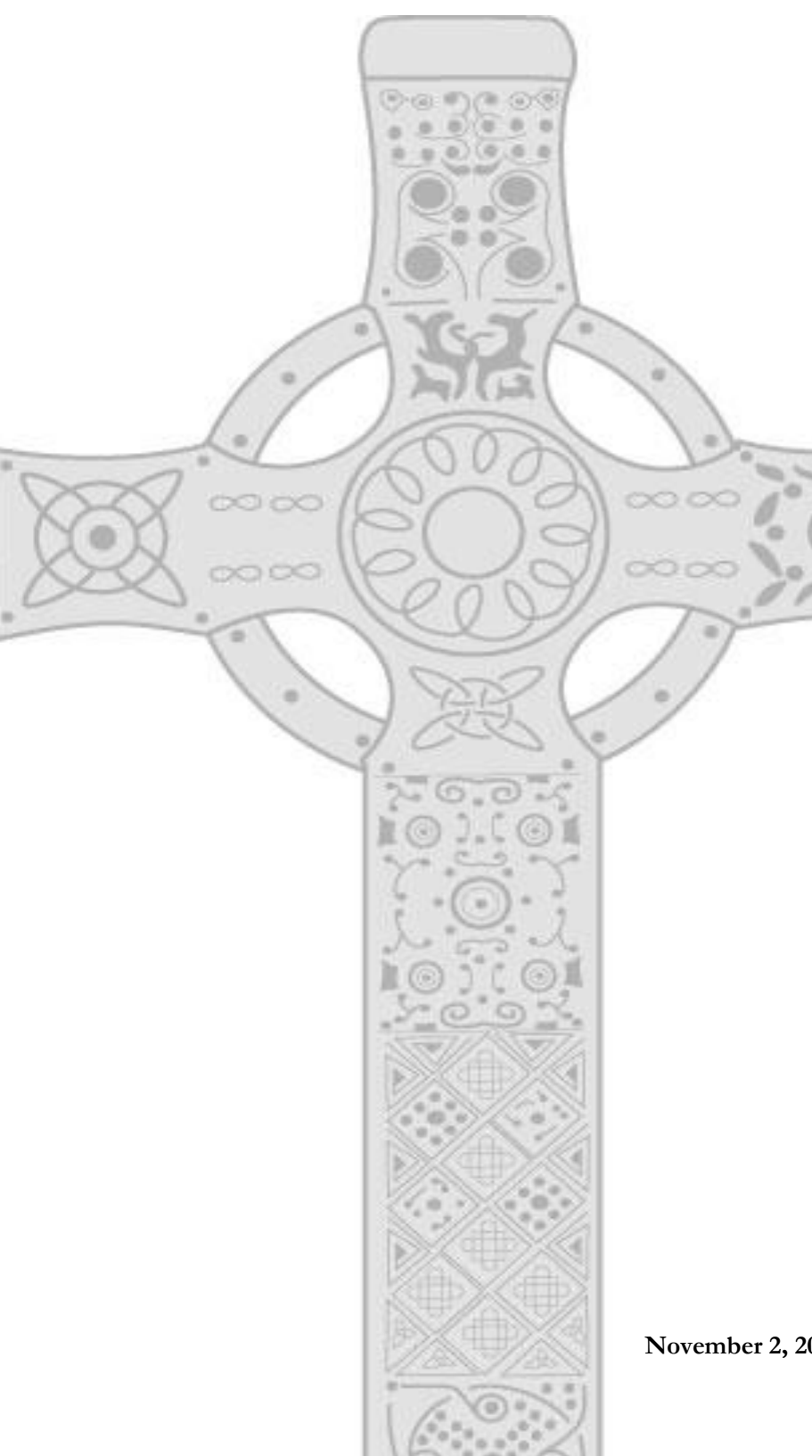




Narberth Presbyterian Church

November 2, 2025

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

Priere à Notre Dame

Boëllmann

Jinhee Shim, organist

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Debbie

Call to Worship

Jeremiah 29:11-13

The Granholm Family

Hymn #52

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Ellacombe

Opening Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading

John 18:15-27

Jamie Hawthorn

Prayer of Confession

Maria Kaminstein

God our Father of mercy and compassion, we come before you, just as we are, in brokenness and in need. We confess that we have grieved you by our attitudes and our resistance to the nudging of the Holy Spirit. Shine your light into the deep recesses of our heart, give us the courage to see our true condition and the humility to turn back to you. We gratefully accept Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross as the means of our forgiveness and a restored relationship with you. We pray in the strong name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Peace

Worship Songs

Great Are You Lord

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

He Is Lord

NPC Worship Band

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

A Place at the Table

Pappas

Dean Pappas, vocals & guitar, David Baker, guitar

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

John 21:1-19

Pastor Debbie

Message

The Crucible of Faith

Diane Chen

Hymn #208

Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed? (v1,2,3)

Martyrdom

Invitation To Communion

Danielle Kauffman

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them 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 God, creator and ruler of the universe. You fashioned this world in love and govern all the earth with grace and peace. Nations and Presidents rise and fall, but Your reign is for all time, and your mercy is without end.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Born as King in David's line, He lived with the lowly and cared for the least of Your children. His power was revealed in weakness, His majesty in mercy.

His only earthly throne was a cross on which to die. Even there His arms stretched out to embrace friends and foes in love. From the grave You raised him to Your right hand where he rules again from heaven, and commands true loyalty from peoples and nations.

Remembering Your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from Your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising. With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to You to be a living and holy sacrifice dedicated to Your service.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup		Pastor Debbie
Prayer of Thanksgiving		
Hymn #208	<i>Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed? (v4,5)</i>	<i>Martyrdom</i>
Benediction		Diane Chen
Postlude	<i>Allegro agitato in E Minor</i> Jinhee Shim, organist	<i>Callaerts</i>
Prayer Ministry		Clara Louie

TODAY! is Souper Sunday! – Warm your heart and fill your bowl! Join us in the gym for a delicious time of food and fellowship directly following worship.

An Update from Session to Our Church Family

Dear Church Family,

The Session continues to move forward in this season of transition with gratitude and hope. We have begun working with Rev. Dorington (“Dori”) Little and Rev. Bill Enns as part of the process to identify a transitional pastor for Narberth Presbyterian Church. This will take time and prayerful discernment, but we are confident that God is guiding each step, and we will move efficiently.

In the meantime, we are blessed to have Pastor Debbie leading and preaching alongside several guest preachers through the end of the year, including Rev. Dori Little, Dr. Diane Chen, Rev. Ken Green, and Pastor Steve. We are grateful for their partnership and faithful service during this time. As mentioned in last week’s update, Pastor Little and Pastor Enns will work with our Session, Deacons, and staff November 21 – 23, and plan to worship with us on Sunday, November 23. Additionally, Christina Severinghaus will lead a weekend of Peacemaking Training for the Session, Deacons, staff, and congregation on December 6 – 7. This ECO course will include both teaching sessions and group discussions.

We continue to work closely with Pastor Debbie and the church staff in overseeing the daily ministry and life of the congregation. Please continue to keep us in your prayers — that we would continue this work with energy, joy, peace, and unity in Christ.

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

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

Missions: One of our mission causes, **Cephas Tushima** (founder of HESED Academy in Nigeria) is requesting funds for this school year. While the school year is now in full swing, the Academy needs closets and bunk beds for new boarding students, as well as desks and chairs for staff. The total amount needed is just over \$3,500. Would you be interested in contributing toward these needs? You can donate using the link in the Friday Newsletter.

A recent update on HESED Academy: This summer the secondary section of HESED Academy graduated 10 students, and the primary section graduated 16. This year students' scores were very high on standardized exams, with West African exams completed in June and National exams in July. Currently, 70 students are enrolled in the primary section, 85 are enrolled in the secondary section, and 25 teachers are on staff.

Please keep Nigeria in your prayers, as it is one of the countries where Christians face severe persecution. Pray for God's protection of His people and the raising up of the next generation through ministries like HESED Academy.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

Today is Family Worship Sunday! – All children (1st – 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, as usual, for our youngest members in RM 107.

Kids Praise – PreK through 5th grade are invited to the Choir Room each Wednesday from 7:00 – 8:00pm for music fun! Join us for songs, instruments and friendship. Our Kids Praise will be singing during our Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, November 26th! You won't want to miss it!

Children's Christmas Pageant - Please save the date for our annual Children's Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 21st. The pageant will take place in the sanctuary following the message. More details soon!

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

Today is Family Worship Sunday! – Please note there is no Sunday School for Youth this Sunday. All Youth are encouraged to worship with their church family and participate in Communion.

Youth Service Opportunities at NPC - Calling all 6th – 12th graders! Come and serve at NPC! There are many areas that have great opportunities waiting for you. Greeting, Ushering, Scripture Reader, Nursery Volunteer and more! Please reach out to Danielle to get plugged in.

Middle School Youth Group – All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are encouraged to join us for Youth Group! ***We will meet on November 5th, and November 19th*** 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) with questions or if you're ready to jump in!

Thanksgiving Eve Service is Wednesday, November 26th – Join us for our annual Thanksgiving Eve Service at NPC! This year our theme is ***Seeds of Gratitude***. We will enjoy delicious “apple” treats beginning at 6:30pm before our time of worship that will begin at 7:00pm. If you would like to help serve or provide an apple treat, please reach out to Danielle Kauffman (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) or Sara Mahoney (smahoney@narberthpres.org).

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING

Join us for a church family supper starting at 5:45pm followed by the following offerings which begin at 7:00pm:

Prayer Meeting at NPC – Please join us on **Wednesday, November 5th** for a special time of prayer led by Clara Louie, Maria Kaminstein and Godfrey Louie. This intentional time of being together is for anyone whose hearts have been broken because we care about our church, and we need Jesus. We will meet in the Chapel at 7:00pm. Please note: Kids Praise, MS Youth Group, and Moms Bible Study will take place 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 (every other Wednesday) – All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are encouraged to join us for Youth Group! We will meet on **October 22nd**, **November 5th**, and **November 19th** this fall. Hope to see you there!

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, November 2

8:15am Adult Sunday School, parlor
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream
“Souper Sunday” Fellowship in the Gym directly following the Worship Service

Monday, November 3

6:30 – 8:00pm GriefShare, Parlor
8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Chapel

Tuesday, November 4

Election Day – NPC serving as a polling place
12:15pm Staff Meeting, Chapel
7:00pm Deacons Meeting, Chapel

Wednesday, November 5

5:45 – 6:45pm Church Family Supper, Gym
7:00 – 8:00pm Grace in Chaos, Parlor
7:00 – 8:00pm Prayer Meeting, Chapel
7:00 – 8:00pm Kids Praise, Choir Room
7:00 – 8:00pm MSYG, Youth Room

Thursday, November 6

7:00 – 8:15pm Women’s Bible Study, Parlor
7:00 – 8:15 pm Men’s Bible Study, Copy Room

Friday, November 7

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

Saturday, November 8

Sunday, November 9

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

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