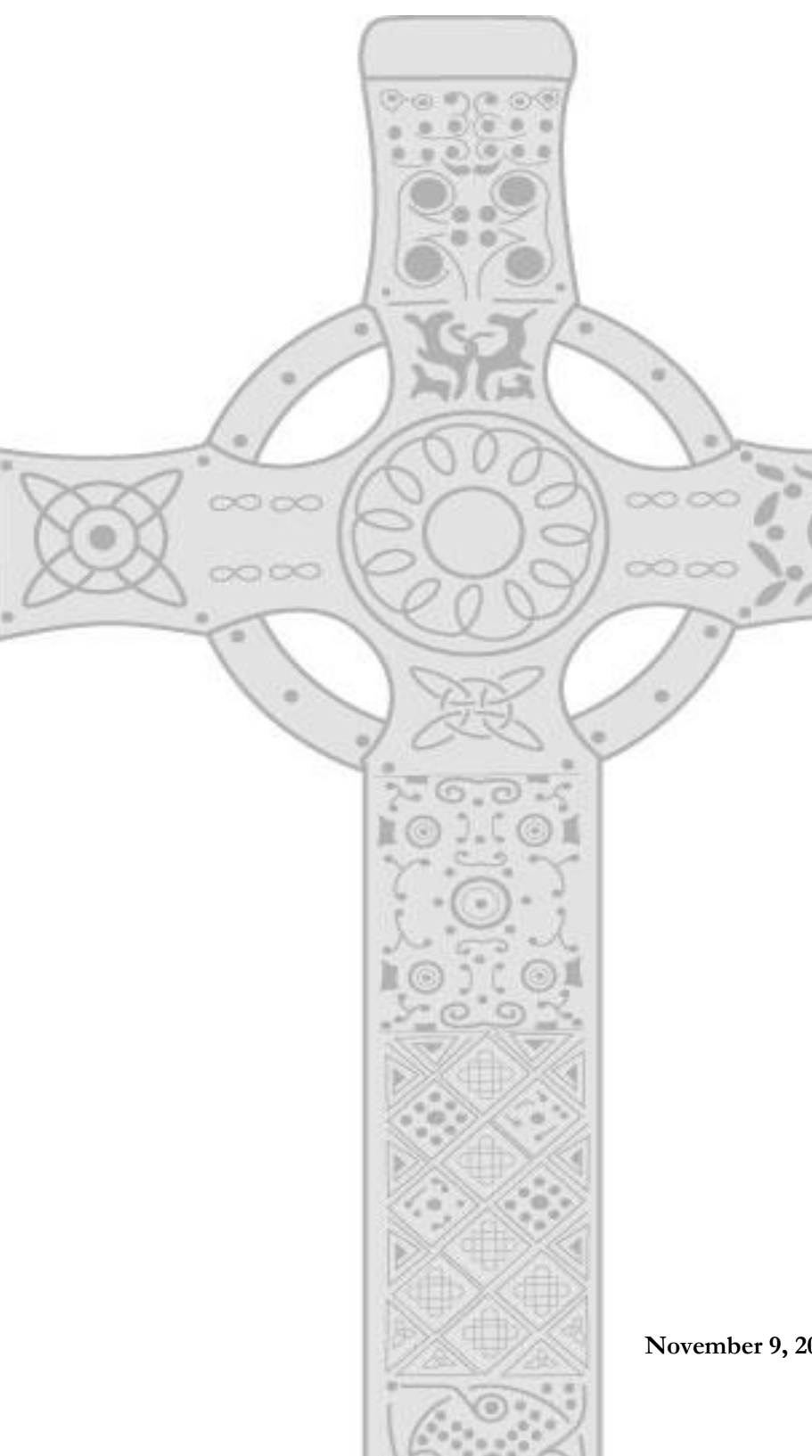




Narberth Presbyterian Church

November 9, 2025

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

God of Grace and God of Glory

arr. Costello

Jinhee Shim, organist

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Debbie

Call to Worship

Isaiah 43:1-3

Ava Marbach

Hymn #78

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

St. Anne

Opening Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading

Colossians 3:12-15

Kathy Furlong

Prayer of Confession

Susan Chen-Costantino

God of mercy, God of grace, nothing escapes your all-knowing and all-loving gaze.

We admit that we have hurt you and other people in our thoughts, words, and actions.

We know there are sins of which we are not even aware, and some we are too

hardened to acknowledge. If you kept a record of sins, Lord, who can stand? Thank

you for calling us to turn back to you, forgiving us when we do, and helping us to

grow in trust and obedience. With gratitude we pray in Jesus' powerful Name, Amen.

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

Worship Songs

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Great Are You Lord

How Great Thou Art

NPC Worship Band

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Consolation from Song without Words

Mendelssohn/arr. Caux

Pam Fleming, violin, Jinhee Shim, piano

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Philemon

Pastor Debbie

Message

Bridge Over Troubled Water

Diane Chen

Hymn #708

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Dennis

Benediction

Diane Chen

Postlude

Toccata in B Minor

Gigout

Jinhee Shim, organist

Prayer Ministry

Linda Behmke

An Update from Session to Our Church Family

Dear Church Family,

Each Sunday, we invite you to join us in person for worship and fellowship — it's a gift to be together as one body in Christ. We're grateful to Dean Pappas for last week's offertory message reminding us that we all have a place at the table. Let's continue to invest our gifts where God calls us — whether in our children's and youth ministries (as Danielle beautifully encouraged through last week's video and announcement) or in other areas of service.

We're thankful for the 30 people who joined our prayer gathering on Wednesday night, November 5th. These gatherings will continue on the first Wednesday of each month from 7:00 – 8:00pm — all are welcome!

Please also save the dates: the Peacemaking Workshop for the congregation on December 7th after church, and remember elders, deacons and staff in prayer as they walk through leadership training November 21–23.

Let's continue to lift one another in prayer as we walk together in faith, peace, and unity. We are grateful for each of you.

With hope in Christ,

The Session of Narberth Presbyterian Church

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).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Decorating the Sanctuary for Advent/Christmas We are looking for a group of volunteers to help make our Sanctuary beautiful for the holiday season. Join us on Saturday, November 29th to help hang wreaths and garlands and put up a tree. We will meet from 1:00 – 3:00pm and snacks will be provided. Look for a SignUp Genius in this Friday's Newsletter. All are welcome to come! Contact person: Michelle LaSalle Phillips (610-233-5655).

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 Dee Knight (deedleskni9@gmail.com) with any questions. **Next Game Night: November 21st.**

Opportunity to bless one of our mission causes, **Cephas Tushima** (founder of HESED Academy in Nigeria), who is requesting help because 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? For more information or to donate use the link in the Friday Newsletter.

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. This is a place where you can be around people who understand the pain of your loss. GriefShare s meets on **Monday evenings 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 Bible study series on the **Book of Romans**. 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! 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).

Justice and Mercy each year contributes to purchasing warm clothing for our friends along the Parkway. Warm hoodies and jackets range from \$30 – \$50. Boots, thick socks, gloves, etc are also needed. Would you help the 75+ people we see each week keep warm this winter? When you do your regular giving online, you will now see a fund option for Parkway Ministry. If you give by cash or check, indicate that it is for “Parkway Clothing.” Those receiving the winter clothing will be so thankful. They will ask God to bless you as we know He will. Please speak with Ilonka Comstock if you have any questions. Thank you!

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

Missions: The Chestnut Foundation Shelby and Benjamin Chestnut live with a severe form of cerebral palsy. For many years, they have been our neighbors here in Narberth. The Chestnut Foundation exists to help meet the extraordinary needs of families whose children have cerebral palsy, focusing on those with unknown causes and/or with two or more afflicted children. Please pray for the Lord to walk with and bless this family, and those like them, as daily they face tremendous demands that are physical, emotional, financial and spiritual.

Notes from Justice & Mercy: Sakinah Love is working on materials to teach hotel workers the signs of human trafficking and what to do about it. She is also working with families who are in need of basics. The current government shutdown is adding to their struggles. Sakinah's work is an important response to human trafficking. Sally Kapner is asking for donations of women's personal care items to address the ongoing need. Please contact Sally if you have items to donate. Human trafficking uses social media to enable harmful practices for our children. The Kids Online Safety Act is currently before the Senate and needs to be passed this session. You can reach out to your Senators about the need to vote for it. Learn more by looking up The National Center on Sexual Exploitation or by talking with Sally.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

Pumpkin Parables – A parable is a lot like a pumpkin seed. It starts out as just a small story but ends up with a really big important lesson! This November, 3rd - 5th graders will learn more about Jesus' parables together. See you in Sunday School.

Pumpkin Prayers – During November, our K - 2nd graders will connect with God and grow their faith during Sunday School as they continue their prayer curriculum and enjoy a fun pumpkin craft.

NPC Nursery – The NPC Nursery is available each Sunday in RM 107 for infants - PreK. Join Miss Sharon and team for an age-appropriate Bible lesson, music, craft and friendship!

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!

Gingerbread Bash – Get ready for nativity building with candy! Our annual Gingerbread Bash will take place on Wednesday, December 10th at 6:30pm in the gym. This event is best for PreK - 5th grade. Please RSVP to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) by Sunday, November 30th.

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

MS & HS Sunday School – This Sunday, November 9th all MS and HS students will meet in the inner youth room to look closely at their personal spiritual journey with Heather Gallagher. We hope to see many of you there!

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 again on November 19th.*** Hope to see you there!

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-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 for the last time this fall on **November 19th**. Hope to see you there!

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, November 9

8:15am Adult Sunday School, parlor

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

Guest Preacher: Diane Chen

Monday, November 10

6:30 – 8:00pm GriefShare, Parlor

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Chapel

Tuesday, November 11

12:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, November 12

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

7:00 – 8:00pm Grace in Chaos, Chapel

7:00 – 8:00pm Grace (video series), Parlor

7:00 – 8:00pm Kids Praise, Choir Room

Thursday, November 13

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

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

Friday, November 14

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

Saturday, November 15

Sunday, November 16

8:15am Adult Sunday School, Parlor

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

Guest Preacher: Ken Green

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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