

## LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

November 16, 2025

Prelude We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

Haan

Jinhee Shim, organist

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Debbie

Call to Worship

Psalm 117

Jack Mahoney

Praise the Lord, all you nations!

Extol Him, all you peoples!

For great is His steadfast love toward us,

And the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever!

Hymn #532

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

**Opening Prayer** 

Pastor Debbie Shiang-Ju Steenhoff

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

**Prayer of Confession** 

Clara Louie

Almighty and merciful God, you are the source of all Life, the One who sees us and knows us. Yet we try to hide from you and pretend that our sins do not matter. Convict us with your truth; soften our hearts with your love. Please forgive our self-centeredness and our hardness of heart to those who suffer. Cover us with the righteousness of Jesus Christ. We believe in you and your forgiveness; help us in our unbelief. Amen.

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

Worship Songs

Who You Say I Am Jesus Strong and Kind He Will Hold Me Fast 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

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

arr. Lasky

Emil Pilacik, trumpet, Jinhee Shim, organ

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading Mark 1:16-20, 2:13-15 Pastor Debbie

Message Who Are You Following? Rev. Dr. Ken Green

Hymn #72 To God Be the Glory

Benediction Rev. Dr. Ken Green

Postlude Grand Choeur in G Major

Jinhee Shim, organist

Prayer Ministry Diane Chen

## An Update from Session to Our Church Family

Dear Church Family,

The Session will meet this Tuesday, November 18th, and we ask for your prayers as we gather. This is the time of year when we begin looking ahead to the 2026 budget and planning for a congregational meeting in which church members will review the budget and vote to approve the incoming Elders and Deacons who were recommended by the nominating committee to serve starting in January. Please pray for wisdom, unity, and clarity as we seek God's direction for these important decisions.

We want to remind those who received an invitation to the leadership training event taking place on Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> to please RSVP and make every effort to attend. This time of learning and growth will be an important step in strengthening our leadership, and we invite the rest of the congregation to pray for a fruitful and Spiritled weekend.

We will also have a peacemaking training session available to the congregation after the service on Sunday, December 7. Both of these events will be led by professional trainers who support ECO churches around the country.

In addition, we continue to encourage everyone to consider how they might share their gifts within the life of our church. Danielle's recent message about investing in our children and youth remains an important invitation — and there are many ways, big and small, to step in and support our ministries as God leads.

Thank you for your prayers, your presence, and your faithfulness in this season.

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

## **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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month. Bring a snack to share and your favorite board game. Please reach out to Dee Knight (deedleskni9@gmail.com // 484-620-4157) with any questions. **Next Game Night: November 21**<sup>st</sup> **off-site.** 

**NPC Christmas Choir Concert** – Join us in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> for our annual Christmas Choir Concert that will take place during worship. Come and prepare your heart for Jesus as our adult choir and children's Kids Praise sing us into the season!

**Annual Meeting on Sunday, December 14**<sup>th</sup> – Save the date for our annual meeting taking place in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Childcare (up to 5<sup>th</sup> grade) will be provided. More information soon!

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.

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: Well Rooted exists to support, nurture, and empower young adults and families entering, exiting, or existing in the foster system, by walking alongside them and connecting them to the relationships and resources they need to thrive. Please pray for the kids in foster care, kids reuniting with biological families, and youth aging out of foster care who are served by Well Rooted. Some of the aged-out youth are currently struggling with housing instability and homelessness so please pray especially for those in that situation.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders will learn more about Jesus' parables together. See you in Sunday School.

**Pumpkin Prayers** – During November, our  $K - 2^{nd}$  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 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. Our Kids Praise will be singing during our Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>! 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 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the gym. This event is best for PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Please RSVP to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) by Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.

**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 16th all MS and HS students will meet in the inner youth room for Sunday School led by Jan Kennedy. We hope to see you there!

**Youth Service Opportunities at NPC** – Calling all 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 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 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 November 19<sup>th</sup> and December 3<sup>rd</sup>*.

# 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.

**Living Water** – Come to the Parlor this week to "travel" to En Gedi, near the Dead Sea. No passports needed for this Bible lesson, focused on the Psalms, Isaiah, and the Gospels. Filmed on site in Israel, "Living Water" will be sure to inform and encourage us! All are welcome!

**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 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are encouraged to join us for Youth Group! Hope to see you there!

Thanksgiving Eve Service is Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> – 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).



# **BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST**

### Sunday, November 16

8:15am Adult Sunday School, parlor

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

### Guest Preacher: Ken Green

### Monday, November 17

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

### Tuesday, November 18

12:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor 7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor

### Wednesday, November 19

 $5{:}45-6{:}45\mathrm{pm}$  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

7:00 – 8:00pm MSGY, Youth Room

### Thursday, November 20

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

#### Friday, November 21

10:00am – 12:00pm Ladies Bible Study, Parlor 6:30pm Board Game Night, Chapel 6:30 – 8:30pm Coaching for current Session with ECO, Parlor

### Saturday, November 22

9:00am – 2:00pm Leadership Coaching Sessions with ECO, Gym

### Sunday, November 23

8:15am Adult Sunday School, Parlor 9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and livestream

Guest Preacher: Dorington "Dori" Little

#### 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: ilmpsych910@gmail.com

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