



Narberth Presbyterian Church

November 23, 2025

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude *“The Peace may be Exchanged.” (from Rubrics)* *Locklair*
Jinhee Shim, organist

Welcome & Announcements Pastor Debbie

Call to Worship Colossians 3:1-4 Dan, Annarose, & Danny Lacey

Hymn #486 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* *Wellesley*

Opening Prayer Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading Colossians 3:5-11 Chris Baker

Prayer of Confession Brinton Nicolai

God of infinite mercy, we so often need your forgiveness, because we so easily hang onto our old sinful ways, rather than leave them behind. When we fall into old patterns of thinking, speaking and acting, that do not reflect your saving presence, we drive people away from you, rather than attract them to you. Forgive us and teach us to open ourselves more fully to Christ, so that as he lives in us, our lives might bear witness to his presence, provision, and peace. We pray in his saving name. Amen.

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

Worship Songs *No Longer Slaves*
 Goodness of God
 God Is So Good
NPC Worship Band

Prayer of Commissioning for Forrest & Julie Fernandez

Forrest and Julie will be going to Togo, W. Africa on a medical mission trip with World Medical Mission (through Samaritan's Purse) from December 1-19. Please pray for their safety, the work being done at the hospital, and God's outpouring of love on those working and being treated there.

Children & Youth dismissed to Sunday School

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer **Pastor Debbie**

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory **Shepherd Me, O God** **Haugen**

Pam Fleming, violin, Dean Pappas, guitar, Ruth Ellen & Tom Patterson, vocals, Linda Pilacik, piano

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading **Colossians 3:12-17** **Pastor Debbie**

Message **Time to Get Dressed** **Rev. Dr. Dorington Little**

Hymn #374 *Now Thank We All Our God*

Benediction **Rev. Dr. Dorington Little**

Postlude *"... and Thanksgiving may follow."(from Rubrics)* *Locklair*
Jinhee Shim, organist

Prayer Ministry **Clara Louie**

An Update from Session to Our Church Family

Dear Church Family,

As we enter Thanksgiving week, we give thanks for the faithfulness of our church family. Please pray for the Session, ministry leaders, and staff who participated in leadership coaching this Friday and Saturday. The congregation is invited to peacemaking training on Dec. 6th (9:00am – 12:00pm) or Dec. 7th (11:30am – 2:30pm)—both sessions offer the same content.

As the year ends, please consider giving generously to Narberth Presbyterian Church which includes the mission work we support locally and globally. Your gifts strengthen ministries of mercy, restoration, and the proclamation of the Gospel.

We hope you'll join us for our Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, beginning with apple treats at 6:30pm in the chapel and worship at 7:00pm in the sanctuary.

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

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND EVENTS

Sunday November 30 **First Sunday in Advent**

9:30am Worship Service: Join us as we light the candle of Hope.

Sunday December 7 **Second Sunday in Advent**

9:30am Worship Service: Join us as we celebrate communion & light the candle of Peace.

Guest Preacher: Erik Larsen

Monday December 8

6:30 – 8:30pm GriefShare Surviving the Holidays Event, Parlor

Wednesday, December 10

6:30pm Gingerbread Bash! This is a fun, hands-on Christmas event where we build gingerbread nativities, hear the Christmas story, and discover the life-changing gift of God's Son, Jesus. **RSVP to Danielle by December 1st.**

Thursday December 11

11:30am Christmas Luncheon & Carol Sing: All ages are welcome to join us in the Parlor for this annual event which is sure to get you in the Christmas spirit!

Sunday December 14 **Third Sunday in Advent**

9:30am Worship Service: Join us as the Choir presents an intergenerational presentation of scripture and music & we light the candle of Joy.

Thursday December 18

11:00am Pre-School Christmas Pageant, Sanctuary

Sunday December 21 **Fourth Sunday in Advent**

9:30am Worship Service: Join us as we experience the Christmas Story through the **Annual Children's Christmas Pageant** at the end of the Worship Service. We will also light the candle of Love.

Guest Preacher: Steve Weed

Wednesday, December 24 **Christmas Eve**

4:00pm Children's Candlelight Service This shorter service is designed for families with young children. Battery-operated candles will be used to conclude the service.

5:30pm Candlelight Service

8:00pm Traditional Candlelight Service (live streamed)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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).



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).

Surviving the Holidays: Celebrating the holidays can be challenging when you are coping with the loss of a loved one. If you are going through a season of grief, we invite you to our GriefShare *Surviving the Holidays* event on Monday, December 8th from 6:30 – 8:30pm in the church parlor. You do not need to be a part of the 13-week GriefShare group to attend. If you have any questions, please reach out to Gerri Wismer (geewis46@gmail.com) or Alice Antonelli (arichardson1@gmail.com).

NPC Christmas Choir Concert – Join us in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 14th 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!

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 // 484-620-4157) with any questions. **Next Game Night: December 19th.**

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.

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

Missions: Presbyterian Reformed Ministries International (PRMI), located in Black Mountain, NC, supports Christians of all denominations who are committed to Jesus Christ and to fulfilling the Great Commission. One of PRMI's ministries is Dunamis Fellowship International, which provides fellowship, accountability, and prayer connections for people who have completed some or all of the Dunamis Project: a Spiritual Fellowship of people who have been born again, are focused on the fulfillment of a common vision, committed to following Jesus Christ, and baptized with the Holy Spirit. Please pray for them as they seek to meet the challenges of working for renewal and advancing the Gospel in the world today.

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 need basics. The current government shutdown is adding to their struggles. 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 23rd MS and HS students will meet in the inner youth room for Sunday School led by Godfrey Louie. Together they will look closer at "The Prodigal Son". We hope to see 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! *Our last meeting before the Christmas Break is December 9th.*

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, November 23

8:15am Adult Sunday School, parlor
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream
Guest Preacher: Dorington “Dori” Little

Monday, November 24

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

Tuesday, November 25

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

Wednesday, November 26

7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Service
“**Seeds of Gratitude,**” Sanctuary
Come at 6:30 to enjoy desserts and fellowship
before the Service.

Thursday, November 27

Thanksgiving Day
Church Office Closed

Friday, November 28

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Saturday, November 29

1:00 – 3:00pm Decorating the Sanctuary

Sunday, November 30

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: jlmpsyach910@gmail.com

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