

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

December 21, 2025

Prelude	<i>Il Est Né Le Divine Enfant</i> Jinhee Shim, organist	<i>Dupré</i>
Welcome & Announcements		Pastor Debbie
Call to Worship	Habakkuk 3:17-19; John 16:33	Isabel Lally
Hymn #171	<i>Hark! the Herald Angels Sing</i>	<i>Mendelssohn</i>
Opening Prayer		Pastor Debbie
Lighting the Fourth Advent Candle (LOVE)		The Mahoney Family
1 John 4:7-10		John, Sara, & Jack
Declaration of Love:		
Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. Amen! <i>1 John 4:11-12</i>		
The Peace		
Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer		Pastor Debbie
Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory	<i>In The Bleak Midwinter</i> Jinhee Shim, organ	<i>Holst/Tucker</i>
Doxology and Prayer of Dedication		
Scripture Reading	Romans 4:16-21; Luke 1:34-38	Pastor Debbie
Message	A Mighty 3-Letter Word	Pastor Steve
Hymn #155	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	<i>St. Louis</i>
Children's Christmas Pageant		
Sunday School Children		
Special thank you to Gianna Sherlock for portraying baby Jesus		
Benediction		Pastor Steve

Postlude

Toccata auf O du fröhliche
Jinhee Shim, organist

Arr. Licharz

Prayer Ministry

Diane Chen

An Update from Session to Our Church Family

Dear Church Family,

The Session met Tuesday for a productive and encouraging meeting, and we are grateful for the many ways God continues to guide our church forward. We are excited to share that after careful discernment, the 2026 budget has been approved.

We are also thankful for a wonderful slate of new Elders and Deacons, who have completed training with Pastor Debbie and were examined by the Session. They are now ready to be presented to the congregation for approval at our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 11th, immediately following worship.

In addition, the Session approved moving forward with plans to hire a part-time Youth Ministry Leader and a part-time Contemporary Music Coordinator as a continued investment in the spiritual growth of our youth and the vitality of our worship life.

We are encouraged by this season of positive momentum and hopeful direction as we look ahead to 2026. Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and faithful partnership in the life of our church.

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

Christmas Eve Services at NPC: Wednesday, December 24th

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)



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

To the Glory of God & In Memory of:

Joe Antonelli, beloved husband & stepfather	Alice Antonelli, Grant & Maddy Fisher
Bill & Peggy Richardson, much loved parents/grandparents	Alice Antonelli Grant & Maddy Fisher
Sherry Beebe	The Beebe Family
Sally Beebe	The Beebe Family
My dad, Richard	Diane Chen
Our loved ones	The Cope Family
My husband, George	Carol Corner
My son-in-law, Rob Edson & brother, John Barr	Carol Coner
Our parents, John & Dorothy Barr	Carol Corner & Janet Norcini
Our son, Andrew Fleming	Pam & Fraser Fleming
My dear sister Barbara & my parents, George & Helen	Suzanne Floyd
To the Glory of God	The Henry Family
Family & Friends	Isabel Lally
Paula Budin	Larry & Gaby Lubchuk
Pete Lubchuk	Larry & Gaby Lubchuk
Husband, Tom & son, Thomas	Josephine Nangle
Betty & Roy Brinton	The Nicolai Family
Nancy & Walt Nicolai	The Nicolai Family
My Sister, Betty Brosius	Marilyn Reed
James & Caroline Watson	Debbie Watson
Joyce, Les, & Mary Hall	Debbie Watson
Warren & Jean Mills and Irv & Shirley Weed	Steve & Teri Weed
My Bill	Geri Wismer

To the Glory of God & in Honor of:

The NPC Session	Marilyn Reed
The NPC Staff	Marilyn Reed

To the glory of God with thankful joy for His continuing love and grace
The Todd Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

From Finance Committee: Giving and Expense Update:

Some of us saw the update in last week's newsletter but, with church cancelled due to heavy snow on Sunday, most did not see a post in the bulletin. That's okay, the news is even better now!

- Through the end of November 2025, giving was at \$830,000, up \$13,000 from the same point in 2024.
- In spite of last Sunday's snow, combined offerings and stock gifts of \$95,000 were received so far in December, a 2025 Year to Date total of \$925,000.
- Expenses for the year are estimated at \$1,075,000, or about \$70,000 below budget.
- With two Sundays remaining in 2025, our gap to be fully funded for the year is about \$150,000.

Thanks to God's provision, the Church Family's beautiful generosity, and Staff & Session's careful attention to sound stewardship, NPC is in a stronger financial position than last year with two Sundays remaining.

If you wish to make an additional financial gift to NPC, there is no time to have a greater impact. At the same time, while we always wish to be transparent with our congregation, these updates are never intended to cause one to give more than their means responsibly allow.

With Appreciation to All,

NPC Finance Committee: Jim Hoffman, Ruth Ellen Patterson and Tim Roykoff

Ministry jobs available at NPC: The Session and Personnel Committee are pleased to announce that we have begun to actively recruit for 2 part-time ministry positions. We are looking for a **Youth Ministry Leader** to lead Sunday morning and Wednesday evening times with our youth as well as to coordinate the Youth Ministry Committee. Additionally, we are seeking a **Contemporary Music Coordinator** to lead our worship music and coordinate special music opportunities. If you or someone you know might be interested in either of these positions, please check the church website for job descriptions and/or reach out to Linda Behmke, Personnel Committee Chair.

Notes from Justice & Mercy: What a busy month! Rather than being busy with holiday shopping, wrapping, mailing and parties, folks along the Parkway are busy finding places to stay warm, getting food, and finding clothing suitable for all the winter weather events. Ilonka Comstock and her team faithfully minister to these dear ones in all kinds of weather, but they need help! Can you make 30 sandwiches? Can you drive to the park across the street from the Franklin Institute after church on Sunday? You can choose the week you want to serve as frequently as your schedule allows. Please pray for more helpers and consider becoming one yourself!

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

Missions: NPC Staff This week, please pray for Isabel Lally (Pastoral Visitor), our Volunteer Youth Team, Danielle Kauffman (Director of Intergenerational Ministry), Virginia Davis (Director of the Christian Pre-School), and everyone who participates in these ministries to people across the age spectrum. Isabel visits, sends cards, makes phone contact, coordinates our Cream of the Crop events, and is happy to help people over and under 75, if they need a ride, a prayer, or another form of help & encouragement. Volunteers are working to build up our youth in their connection and service to the Lord, each other, and neighbors; Danielle oversees them, and continues to shepherd our children and care for their families, offering deliberately interactive occasions across the generations, aided by Sara Mahoney; and Virginia is always serving the Staff, families and students of our Pre-School with positivity, skill, and joy. This week, let's thank the Lord for all of them, and pray that they, too, will receive energy, enthusiasm, and joy, as they share God's love with people of all ages, with imagination and love.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN & YOUTH

Children's Christmas Pageant 2025 is TODAY! – This year we will enjoy “*A Nostalgic Christmas*” as we look back at our pageants from the past 7 years! Come and see how love has grown at NPC! Our pageant will take place in the sanctuary directly following the sermon. Children should go directly to the gym this Sunday. We are not dismissing from the sanctuary.

The Journey to Bethlehem – Our NPC Nursery will recreate the excitement all those years ago waiting for the promised Savior! Join us as we journey to Bethlehem and enjoy a special angel craft with Miss Sharon and team.

Pajama Sunday is Sunday, December 28th – Hey kids, wear your favorite pajamas to church on Sunday, December 28th! During Sunday School we will watch a Christmas movie and enjoy breakfast popcorn!

MLK Day of Service – We will be partnering with our NPC Preschool to bring a morning of service to our youngest. All children and parents are invited to NPC on Monday, January 19th beginning at 10:00am for a time of serving and learning about Martin Luther King, Jr. Please RSVP to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) by January 11th.

MS & HS Sunday School Sunday, December 21st – Youth are encouraged to worship with their church family today as Pastor Steve brings God's Word. Sunday School will take place next Sunday, December 28th as usual.

Middle School Bowling Party – All 6th – 8th graders are invited to join us at Wynnewood Lanes on Tuesday, December 30th from 11:00am – 12:30pm for bowling and pizza! The cost is \$10 per person – this includes pizza, drinks, and shoes! Please RSVP to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) by Sunday, December 28th.

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, December 21

Fourth Sunday in Advent

8:15am Adult Sunday School, parlor

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

Children's Christmas Pageant at the end of the
Worship Service

Guest Preacher: Steve Weed

Monday, December 22

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Chapel

Tuesday, December 23

12:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Eve

4:00pm Children's Christmas Eve Service with
Interactive Nativity

5:30pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

8:00pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Thursday, December 25

Christmas Day

Church Office Closed

Friday, December 26

Church Office Closed

Saturday, December 27

Sunday, December 28

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

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Danielle Kauffman, Intergenerational Ministry

Sharon Shallow, Nursery Coordinator

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Tim Roykoff, Business Administrator

Sara Mahoney, Administrative Assistant

Hugh Barrie, Assistant Property Manager

Joyce B. Nicolai, Bookkeeper

Ruth Ellen Patterson, Financial Secretary

Isabel Lally, Pastoral Visitor

Virginia Davis, Director of Preschool

Chris Marinelli, Weekday Custodian

Larry Lubchuk, Weekend Custodian



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