



Narberth Presbyterian Church

December 28, 2025

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

Christmas Carol Medley

Jinhee Shim, organist

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Debbie

Call to Worship

Proverbs 3:5,6

Linda Pilacik

Hymn #634

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

Opening Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 10:19-23,35-39; 11:1

Jan Kennedy

Prayer of Confession

Linda Behmke

God, we read in scripture that you are faithfully present to your people, never leaving us alone. We sing that you live in, among, and through us by your Spirit, but often we live as if you were absent. We dream of and dread the future, we plan and pursue what we and others like us think is best - as if you were not the God who dwells among us, speaks to us, and leads us in paths of righteousness. Forgive us. Remind us, at every level of our being, that you are here, you are good, you are faithful, so that we always remember you, follow you, and live lives that reflect your presence, your purpose, your power, your peace. We pray in the name of Jesus, your Son, Immanuel. Amen

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

Children & Youth dismissed to Sunday School

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Christmas Medley

Dave Baker, guitar

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 11:1,8-10; 12:1-3

Brint Nicolai

Message

2026: On the Brink? Or At the Threshold?

Pastor Debbie

Hymn #560

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

St. Leonards

Benediction

Pastor Debbie

Postlude

Joy to the World
Jinhee Shim, organist

Prayer Ministry

Clara Louie

Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 11th – Save the date for our annual meeting taking place in the sanctuary on Sunday, January 11th. Childcare (up to 5th grade) will be provided. More information soon!

Special Time of Prayer – Wednesday, January 7th – All are encouraged to join us in a time of prayer together on Wednesday, January 7th beginning at 7:00pm in the Chapel. We look forward to being together and boldly laying our requests before God. Linda DiLullo & Maria Kaminstein will be facilitating this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NPC Christmas Choir Concert – Join us in the sanctuary on Sunday, January 4th for our annual Christmas Choir Concert (rescheduled) that will take place during worship.

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: January 16th.**

Intergenerational Day of Service is January 17th – All ages are encouraged to attend our Intergenerational Day of Service with The Philadelphia Project on Saturday, January 17th from 9:00am – 3:00pm. The cost is \$35 per person and includes lunch! Please reserve your spot with Danielle soon!

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 Elders Next month we will gather for our Annual Congregational Meeting, to take stock of the past year in the life of NPC and look ahead to the next. As we consider how God in his mercy has led, protected, and generously provided for (and through) us throughout our history, including in this unexpectedly challenging year, would you please take some time each day this week to thank the Lord for his reliable mercy, grace, and provision, in and through our Elders, who are charged with the spiritual oversight and care of this congregation, then ask how you and we together might more faithfully listen for and follow God's leading, trust him more, and participate in his provision in 2026.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN & YOUTH

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! Children should be picked up from the nursery following Worship.

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 28th – All youth (6th – 12th) are encouraged to attend Sunday School in the inner youth room. This Sunday, youth will be led by Kendra Nicolai.

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.

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2025 CHURCH OFFICERS

THE SESSION

Deborah Watson – Moderator

Class of 2025

Linda Behmke

*Jack Comstock

*Jan Kennedy

Class of 2026

Diane Chen

*Brint Nicolai

Mark Wenger

Class of 2027

Susan Costantino

*Jim Hornung

Katie Kennedy

THE BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2025

Karen Pappas

Ann Sattel

Rashmi Vyas

Class of 2026

Lorraine Hoffner

Rick Plummer

*Gerri Wismer

Class of 2027

Kevin Cope

Suzanne Morrison

serving second term

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, December 28

8:15am Adult Sunday School, parlor

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

Monday, December 29

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Chapel

Tuesday, December 30

11:00am – 12:30pm Middle School Bowling Party,
Wynnewood Lanes

Wednesday, December 31

New Year's Eve

Thursday, January 1

New Year's Day

Church Office Closed

Friday, January 2

Saturday, January 3

Sunday, January 4

8:15am Adult Sunday School, Parlor

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

Intergenerational Choir Presentation during the
Worship Service

Guest Preacher: John Groth

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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Church Staff

Deborah Watson, Associate Pastor

Danielle Kauffman, Intergenerational Ministry

Sharon Shallow, Nursery Coordinator

Jinhee Shim, Organist

Matt Weed, Worship Tech. Coordinator

Tim Roykouff, 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, Weekend Custodian

Larry Lubchuk, Weekend Custodian



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