



Narberth Presbyterian Church

January 11, 2026

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

Fiat Lux

Dubois

Jinhee Shim, organist

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Debbie

Call to Worship

From Psalm 40

The Lacey Family

Happy are those who make the LORD their trust

Who do not turn to the proud,

To those who go astray after false gods.

You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;

None can compare with you.

Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear...

Then I said "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me.

I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

Let us worship the LORD our God.

Hymn #558

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Beecher

Opening Prayer

Rev. Dr. Ken Green

Scripture Reading

Matthew 18:21-34

Paul Rabe

Prayer of Confession

Ann Saddel

Lord God, Your word weighs heavy on our hearts, with our responsibility to forgive. We confess that we have not always taken on that responsibility, and that even when we have, we have done so imperfectly. Forgive us for the grudges we hold, the hurts we nurture and the bitterness that ensues. Save us from our pettiness and deliver us from judging one another without regard for our own brokenness. Help us to become agents of Your mercy and ambassadors of Your grace, for we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Pastor Debbie, Pam Fleming

Nara Steel Marks

Parents: Haesun Burris Lee & Evan Marks

The Peace

Worship Songs

No Longer Slaves
What a Beautiful Name It Is
Give Me Jesus
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

Intermezzo in A Major, op 118, no 2

Brahms

Jesse Morris, piano

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Message

Forgiveness Isn't Optional

Rev. Dr. Ken Green

Sermon Scripture: 1 Timothy 1:12-17 (Responsive)

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost.

But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life.

To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn #437

Help Us Accept Each Other

Beck

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Ken Green

Postlude

Hymn to Joy

arr. Payne

Jinhee Shim, organist

Prayer Ministry

Susan Chen-Costantino

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

Missions: Family of Restoration Ministries (Coatesville) exists to restore individual and family ties in the context of Christian family, compassion & charity. Please pray for them and those they serve in these 4 ways:

House of His Creation, a maternity housing program which includes birth-mom support,

Caring 4 Young Families, a support group for young parents, including The Parenting Journey™ classes,

The Cynthia Gibbs Foundation, a teaching program on issues related to Shaken Baby Syndrome,

Family Building Events bringing together parents & kids around purity, relationship building, & family fun.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY! NPC's Annual Meeting: Join us on January 11th directly following the worship service as we will hold our Annual Congregational Meeting. All are invited to participate, especially members. Childcare for children up to 5th grade is available.

Our meeting will include a time of memorial remembrance for members and loved ones who have entered the Church Triumphant in the last year. We will also elect new Elders and Deacons, give an overview of our mission causes, ministries and discuss the budget for 2026.

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 at 6:30pm in the Parlor. 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!

The Great Chili Challenge – On Sunday, February 1st NPC will hold The Great Chili Challenge in the gym directly following worship! Prizes for the 2 top chefs. Please reach out to Danielle or Sara Mahoney (church office) to register your chili!

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 and Mercy: Ken Eng and his associates are busy educating both returning students and new ones. Most of these classes are being held downtown, near Chinatown. There is an ongoing extension of one SAT Prep class, and a new SAT Prep class beginning on Saturday, January 10th. Other classes will be ESL, two classes for adults, and 2 classes for children. Please thank God for the opportunity to help these students gain skills that could help improve their lives and, even more important, gain an understanding of who they are in Christ. Ken is thankful for the provision of volunteer teachers, which enabled the large number of classes beginning this month. Don't hesitate to contact Ken Eng for more information or to volunteer as a teacher or tutor.

ELDER & DEACON NOMINEES

ELDERS:

Jim Hoffman While I grew up in a Christian home, going away to Messiah College and making friends who were living out their faith in a way I wasn't challenged me and sparked my faith. I've continued to grow and seek to trust Him in every part of my life. Lisa and I came to NPC in 2001, and we've been blessed to be a part of the church and serve in various ways ever since, while raising our sons here. I was not seeking to return to session after serving one term many years ago, but just over a year ago I discerned I needed to be open to serving if called. So, I'm moving forward in faith, with a focus on accountability and transparency within leadership, and to the congregation.

Clara Louie I am a beloved child of God, created through Jesus Christ. I am a sinner made alive with Christ and in Christ through his redemption work on the cross. I am God's masterpiece, created anew in Christ Jesus, so I can do the good things he planned for me to do. I have the constant companionship of the indwelling Holy Spirit, given to me as a comforter and advocate. From the first sense of a Creator God in Catholic school to the recognition of my sins and life's meaninglessness without Christ in college, from foundational discipleship in my first church to being called to seminary, from ministry burnout and to renewal in God's intimate love -- all has been God's grace! I am still weak, but his power is made perfect in weakness, and his grace is sufficient for me, as I yield to his continuous work of formation and re-formation in me. Right now, I am committed to walking with my church family at NPC, as we seek to cooperate with God's shaping and forming us as the body of Christ and to follow him faithfully through this pruning time that he may bear fruit in us and through us.

Ashley Reed I have attended Narberth Pres. For most of my life. I started serving in youth group with service trips to North Dakota. Since then, I have participated in choir and bell choir, I was a Deacon for 2 terms and am currently the church archivist. I am so honored to be nominated as Elder. This is the next chapter in how I will serve my church family. As I have grown up here, so has my desire to serve the Lord and his people.

Andrew Steenhoff I grew up in a Christian home and our family were active members of the Anglican church in South Africa. At the age of 14 years, I gave my life to Christ while attending a Christian rock concert. As a teenager I served as a youth group leader and lay minister in my home church as well as a Christian camp counsellor for Campus Crusade for Christ. Subsequently at medical school I led a men's Bible study group and co-led a campus Christian organization. I've also led home groups at various times over the last 30 years. Our family have been members of NPC for 10 years and our spiritual lives have been enriched by this Christian community. I aspire to be a servant leader with Jesus as my example (Matt 20:28) and look forward to serving the NPC body as an elder.

DEACONS:

Cheryl Gunter The Greek word “diakonos” is translated into “deacon,” or servant. The call of a deacon is thus for both the edification of the church and the edification of others on behalf of the church. The expectations for a deacon, however, are not only acts of service but also attitudes that reflect spiritual development – sincerity, self-examination, stewardship, and sacrifice, to name but a few. I am truly humbled by any opportunity to be the hands and heart of my Savior and Lord Jesus Christ in the world. I am particularly inspired by Matthew 25:35-40. While I am honored to serve in a specific role named in the Bible – deacon – my prayer is that I can share His grace and goodness with the world no matter what my role. I pray that He will use my efforts for His glory. Thanks be to God.

Faithe Arana Hornung I am from Philadelphia and am a graduate of Moore College. My husband, Jim and I have been married for 38 years. We have two adult children, a daughter in law, and a young granddaughter. I have served two terms as a Deacon and only recently stepped down as the Missions Committee Chair. I loves sewing, printing and painting and serve as the bookkeeper for Jim’s business.

Gaby Lubchuk My maternal grandmother was a beautiful woman, and as much a woman of God as one could be without really having a relationship with the Lord. My family was Catholic, and she was the one who took me to mass every Sunday. I loved it when we went to masses that were said in Latin, and I "felt" the messages even though I didn't understand the words. I believe I have always "believed." When I was about 50, I took an altar call at an Assemblies of God church, heard for the first time about having a relationship with Jesus and the Holy Spirit, and have not turned back! My faith and relationship with the Lord have deepened, and my journey - with the love and patience of my Narberth church family - although bumpy, becomes more and more focused on the eternal life.

Shiang-Ju Steenhoff Unbeknownst to me, from age 7 when my family and I moved from Taiwan to apartheid South Africa, God protected and provided for me. In times of my greatest need, Jesus was there. This manifested as meeting inspiring, devout Christians at Catholic elementary school, then later, comfort and strength in the last 3 years of high school when my parents returned back to Taiwan at the end of their diplomatic term in South Africa. I was baptized and confirmed at 17. However, it was only 10 years later in Philly, while in the midst of recovery from a perforated appendix with complications, that I truly gave my life to Him. God continues to bless me daily with His love and grace. Over the past few years, I have felt a calling to be His hands and feet. I hope to serve Him and our church family in tangible ways as a deacon.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN & YOUTH

40 Day Challenge begins Sunday, January 11th – Children’s Ministries is moving beyond the church walls! During this 6-week Sunday School series kids will grow closer to God and become better servants as they take on the 40-day challenge to: pray, read, serve, praise, give, and share!

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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.

Kids Praise – All children (PreK – 5th grade) are invited to Kids Praise each Wednesday night from 7:00 – 8:00pm in the choir room. We sing, play music games, and have a lot of fun!

Middle School & High School Sunday School – This Sunday, January 11th, Kendra Nicolai will lead our youth! We will meet in the inner youth room.

Middle School Youth Group – All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are encouraged to attend Youth Group on Wednesday, January 14th and January 28th. We meet in the inner youth room for Bible, games, and fellowship.

An Update from Session to Our Church Family

Dear Church Family,

Please keep the Session in prayer as we interview a Transitional Pastor candidate this Thursday 1/15. We encourage all members to attend the Annual Congregational Meeting TODAY, immediately following worship. We also look forward to resuming our monthly Elder, Deacon, and Staff gathering this Tuesday evening 1/13 as we continue growing together in leadership and fellowship.

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING

Regular Wednesday Night programming begins on January 14th! Join us for a church family supper starting at 5:45pm followed by the following offerings which begin at 7:00pm:

The Critical Journey: Regardless of our age and how long we have been a follower of Christ, we are on a lifelong journey of spiritual formation. But what does the terrain of that journey look like? Where are we going? Join Heather Gallagher and Clara Louie for a series of 6 sessions in reflection and communal learning on *The Critical Journey - Stages in the Life of Faith* on Wednesday from 7:00 – 8:00pm starting on January 14th. The series will conclude with an optional Saturday retreat on February 28th. Contact Clara (claralouie@yahoo.com) for more information or to sign up, so they will know how many copies of the field guides to print. Class is open to both men and women.

With God in the Desert is a study based on the 40 years God spent with his people, caring for and teaching them in the desert on their way from Egypt to the Promised Land. All are welcome to join this study, taught by Dr. Ray Vanderlaan, and filmed on site in the Negev desert.

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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 Saddel
Rashmi Vyas

Class of 2026

Lorraine Hoffner
Rick Plummer
*Gerri Wismer

Class of 2027

Kevin Cope
Suzanne Morrison

*serving second term

2025 MISSIONARY CAUSES

Mission

Amnion Pregnancy Center
Child Evangelism Fellowship, Inc. – N. Ireland
Chosen People Ministries – Paul Cruz
Cornerstone Christian Academy
CRU City – Brindleys (Unite Philly)
CRU International – Leah Darwin
Development Associates International
Disciple Makers – Rebecca and Dan Hall
ECO Church Planting and Global Missions Funds
Esperanza Health Center
Fellowship of Christian Athletes – Kasey Doughtery
Global Horizons – Cephas Tushima
Habitat for Humanity – N. Central Philadelphia
House of His Creation
InterAct Ministries – Dan & Bev Mayerle
Interserve-USA – Jan Kennedy
Kingdom Connect – Ben Duffy
Neighborhood Crusades Inc.
New Horizons/Amoenitas – Scott Todd
Olney Christian School
Presby's Inspired Life (Human Good)
Rancho Del Rey
REAP Granada – Scott Esposito
Redeemed For A Cause Outreach – Sakinah Love
Save a Life – Nadia Gordynsky
Servant Partners – Dan & Denise Anderson
The Antioch Partners – Haugens
The Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota (Standing Rock)
The Philadelphia Project – Rev. Ray Garcia
The Welcome Church – Schaunel Steinnagel
United World Mission – Nick & Ginny Woodbury
World Link – Jack Nelson
Wycliffe Bible Translators – Al & Barb Shannon
Young Life (Western Philadelphia Suburbs)

Ambassador

Alice Antonelli
Danielle Kauffman
Jennifer & Tim Roykouff
Joyce Lewis
Tom & Alyson Burnett
Kathy McLean
David Fraser
Bob Moore
Open
Julie Fernandez
Ashley Reed
Scott Todd
Linda Behmke
JoAnne Kaplan
Marilyn Reed
Jesse Kennedy
Ken & Sally Kapner
Marilyn Reed
Marilyn Reed
Ann Saddel
Open
Open
Charlie Choi
Sally Kapner
Faithe Hornung
Faithe Hornung
Open
Ashley Reed
Dave Bellamy
Jane Murray
Open
Rob & Sandi Wray
Kim Ishmael
Open

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, January 11

8:15am Adult Sunday School, parlor
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream
Congregational Meeting directly following the Worship Service in the Sanctuary
Guest Preacher: Ken Green

Monday, January 12

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Parlor

Tuesday, January 13

12:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor
7:00pm Elder/Deacon/Staff Gathering, Chapel

Wednesday, January 14

5:45 – 6:45pm Church Family Supper
7:00 – 8:00pm The Critical Journey, Chapel
7:00 – 8:00pm With God in the Desert, Parlor
7:00 – 8:00pm Kids Praise, Choir Room
7:00 – 8:00pm MSYG, Youth Room

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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Thursday, January 15

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

Friday, January 16

10:00am – 12:00pm Ladi's Bible Study, Parlor
6:30pm Game Night, Parlor

Saturday, January 17

9:00am – 3:00pm Intergenerational Day of Service with The Philadelphia Project

Sunday, January 18

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

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, Weekday Custodian
Larry Lubchuk, Weekend Custodian



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