



# Narberth Presbyterian Church

January 18, 2026

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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**Prelude**

*When Morning Gilds the Sky*

*arr. Payne*

Jinhee Shim, organist

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Pastor Debbie**

**Call to Worship**

**Psalm 103:1-6**

**Michelle, Virginia,  
& Annabelle Phillips**

Praise the Lord, oh my soul;  
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

**Praise the Lord, oh my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits—**

who forgives all your sins

and heals all your diseases,

**who redeems your life from the pit**

**and crowns you with love and compassion,**

who satisfies your desires with good things

so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**The Lord works righteousness**

**and justice for all the oppressed.**

**Praise the Lord, oh my soul!**

**Hymn #26**

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

*Lauda Anima*

**Opening Prayer**

**Pastor Debbie**

**Scripture Reading**

**Ephesians 1:3-8**

**Ian Kauffman**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Diane Chen**

God, each week we gather to worship you, but sometimes we fail to do that, as we focus on lesser things and mistake them for you. Forgive us and remind us always to live to bring you joy, until our lives, individually and together, every day of the week, become our act of worship. We ask in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.

**Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon**

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

**Pastor Debbie, Katie Kennedy**

Ella Seyler Miselis

Avaline Jane Sherlock

Hazel Grace Sherlock

Thomas Henry Sherlock

Gianna James Sherlock

Parents: Danielle & Andrew Sherlock

**The Peace**

**Worship Songs**

*Jesus on the Mainline*  
*How Great is Our God*  
*I Love You Lord and I Lift My Voice*  
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**

*People Get Ready*

*Mayfield*

David Baker, guitar, John Furlong, bass, Daniel Hawthorn, piano

**Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

**Scripture Reading**

**Ephesians 1:9-14**

**Diane Chen**

**Message**

**Worship: It Isn’t Just for Sundays!**

**Ordination & Installation of New Elders & Deacons**

**Hymn #20**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

*Ode to Joy*

**Benediction**

**Pastor Debbie**

**Postlude**

*Come, Thou Fount*  
Jinhee Shim, organist

*Osterman*

**Prayer Ministry**

**Linda Behmke**

**An Update from Session to Our Church Family**

Dear Church Family,

At last week’s Annual Meeting, the Session shared a united statement with the congregation, speaking humbly about a year of change, asking forgiveness for any hurt caused, and expressing hope for the future as we move forward together in Christ. This message reflects the theme of Sunday’s sermon, ***Forgiveness Isn’t Optional***, reminding us that forgiveness is central to the Gospel and to our life together as a church. Please continue to pray for our congregation as we walk forward in grace and unity.

With gratitude in Christ,  
*The Session of Narberth Presbyterian Church*

## PRAYER INFORMATION

### Please Remember in Prayer

**Missions: Save A Life (Nadia Gordynsky)** operates 11 centers in Ukraine, 1 in Poland, 1 in Chicago, IL, and is headquartered in Philadelphia. They emphasize crisis pregnancy support, violence & domestic abuse assistance, humanitarian aid for mothers & their children, and the education of youth about sexual integrity & the sanctity of life. Please pray for the staff, the people they help, & their neighbors, as they live in the ongoing reality of war, that they will continue to offer help in the love of Christ to all who ask.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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 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: February 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**The Great Chili Challenge** – On Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> 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 or use the SignUp Genius Link in Friday’s newsletter.

**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 10<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**NPC Christian Preschool will open registration for the 2026-2027 school year for current preschool families and church families on Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>.** Our preschool offers two-day, three-day and five-day options for children aged 21 months to pre-kindergarten. The school day runs from 9:00am – 12:00pm from mid-September to early-June, and we also offer afternoon programming (12:00 – 3:00pm) through Lunch Bunch and Pre-Kindergarten Enrichment. Registration will open at the same time for our wonderful six-week summer camp that runs from late June to late July. To receive more information as well as the link to register, please reach out to director Virginia Davis at preschool@narberthpres.org or 610-664-8890.

## INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN & YOUTH

**40 Day Challenge – New Sunday School Series** – 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!

**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 19<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00am for a time of serving and learning about Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Kids Praise** – All children (PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup>, Andrew Steenholf will lead our youth! We will meet in the inner youth room.

**Middle School Youth Group** – All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are encouraged to attend Youth Group on Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> and February 4<sup>th</sup>. We meet in the inner youth room for Bible, games, and fellowship.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING

**Regular Wednesday Night programming began on January 14<sup>th</sup>! 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 14<sup>th</sup>. The series will conclude with an optional Saturday retreat on February 28<sup>th</sup>. 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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# BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

## ***Sunday, January 18***

8:15am Adult Sunday School, parlor

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

## ***Monday, January 19***

*Birthday of MLK Jr.*

Holiday – Church Office Closed

10:00 – 11:00am MLK Day Preschool/Children's

Min Service Project, Gym

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Parlor

## ***Tuesday, January 20***

12:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor

7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor

## ***Wednesday, January 21***

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

## ***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: [jilmpsych910@gmail.com](mailto:jilmpsych910@gmail.com)

## **Narberth Presbyterian Church**

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## ***Thursday, January 22***

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

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

## ***Friday, January 23***

10:00am – 12:00pm Ladie's Bible Study, Parlor

## ***Saturday, January 24***

## ***Sunday, January 25***

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 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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