



Narberth Presbyterian Church

January 18, 2026

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

When Morning Gilds the Sky
Jinhee Shim, organist

arr. Payne

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

Osterman

Jinhee Shim, organist

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 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: February 20th.**

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 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 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.

NPC Christian Preschool will open registration for the 2026-2027 school year for current preschool families and church families on Monday, January 26th. 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 19th beginning at 10:00am for a time of serving and learning about Martin Luther King, Jr.

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 18th, Andrew Steenholz 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 28th and February 4th. We meet in the inner youth room for Bible, games, and fellowship.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING

Regular Wednesday Night programming began 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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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

Thursday, January 22

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

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

Friday, January 23

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

Tuesday, January 20

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

Saturday, January 24

Sunday, January 25

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

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: jlmpsych910@gmail.com

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