



Narberth Presbyterian Church

January 25, 2026

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

Linda Pilacik, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Debbie

Call to Worship

Ephesians 2:4-10

Alexa, Will, & Parker Higgins

Hymn

Called to Gather As God's People

Nettleton

Opening Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2:1-3,11-22

Maria Kaminstein

Prayer of Confession

Clara Louie

Loving God, you sent Jesus to embody your heart and your will. Jesus welcomed all who were willing to welcome your reign and sent them to tell everyone in the whole world about him – to welcome them, care for them, to baptize any and all who accepted this Good News, and teach them how to live as his followers, too. Forgive us, for often we want the welcome and the care the church offers, but we don't want to do the work of providing these things to others, people for whom Jesus died. Grow in us hearts like yours, dear God, until sharing Jesus, welcoming and caring for others, as you have so generously done with us, becomes how we are known as a church. We ask in the powerful name of Jesus. Amen.

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

Worship Songs

No Longer Slaves

Goodness of God

Oh Lord You're Beautiful

NPC Worship Band

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Largo from Winter

Vivaldi

Pam Fleming, violin, Linda Pilacik, piano

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 3:1-13

Diane Chen

Message

The Church: Mission Impossible?

Pastor Debbie

Hymn #710

We Are Called to Be God's People

Austrian Hymn

Benediction

Pastor Debbie

Postlude

Linda Pilacik, Piano

An Update from Session to Our Church Family

Dear Church Family,

We are deeply grateful for your faithful and generous support of Narberth Presbyterian's ministries throughout this year. Your continued commitment has been a powerful expression of care, trust, and partnership in the life of our church.

We are thankful to share that the year closed with a strong response to year-end giving. December offerings totaled \$238,000, bringing our 2025 giving total to \$1.068 million -- with nearly 22% of annual giving received in December. This generosity brought us within approximately \$7,500 to \$10,000 of fully covering our actual expenses in budgeted areas for the year, a remarkable outcome that reflects God's provision through His people.

In light of this encouraging support and in listening to the congregation at the annual meeting, the Session reviewed the 2026 budget at its meeting this week and would like to hold a **congregational meeting immediately following the service (and before the intergenerational chili event) on Sunday, 2/1, to approve a staff salary increase**. Please plan to join us for a brief 10-minute meeting before coming to the gym for food and fellowship. We are grateful for your generosity, your prayers, and your steady presence in this season. We remain grateful for God's faithfulness and hopeful as we look ahead to the year before us.

With gratitude in Christ and love for you,

The Session of Narberth Presbyterian Church

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

Missions: Redeemed for a Cause offers the love of Christ and hands-on help to trafficked women and those at risk of being trafficked in Philadelphia. If you would like to join their efforts to share the Good News of freedom in Christ, right relationship with others and self, help eradicate trafficking and the misery it produces, please pray for this ministry of hope and restoration: for Sakinah Love (Director) and the women she and the staff welcome, and consider sharing your time & goodwill at the center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Women's Fellowship Breakfast is Saturday, February 14th! This isn't just about coffee and pastries (though we'll have plenty of those!). Please join us at 10:00am as we gather as a community of women to lift each other up in love and friendship. Whether you are feeling weary, joyful, or just looking for a friend, there is a seat at the table with your name on it! And because it's Valentine's Day, we will celebrate with a *Galentine* theme! Following breakfast, anyone who would like, is welcome to help make sandwiches for the Parkway Ministry. Please reach out to Danielle Kauffman or Sara Mahoney with any questions.

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.**

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.

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!

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 25th Jan Kennedy 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, February 11th, and February 25th. We meet in the inner youth room for Bible, games, and fellowship.

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.

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.

Kids Praise – All children (PreK – 5th grade) are invited to Kids Praise where we sing, play music games, and have a lot of fun! We have begun learning our Easter songs, please join us!

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BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, January 25

9:30am Pre-recorded **Worship Service**

Monday, January 26

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Parlor

Tuesday, January 27

12:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor

7:00pm Missions Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, January 28

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

Thursday, January 29

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

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

Friday, January 30

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

Saturday, January 31

Sunday, February 1

8:15am Adult Sunday School, Parlor

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

Brief **Congregational Meeting** following the Worship Service followed by:

The Great Chili Challenge, Gym

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

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