



Narberth Presbyterian Church

February 15, 2026

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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## Prelude

*Praise to the Lord*

Jinhee Shim, organist

arr. Payne

## Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Debbie

## Call to Worship

Linda Pilacik

Be very careful, then, how you live – don't be foolish – be wise!

**Make the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.**

Don't be foolish but, learn what the Lord's will is.

**Don't get drunk on wine – that just leads to all sorts of trouble.**

No! Be filled with God's Spirit, so you can speak to one another through the words and songs the Holy Spirit inspires.

**Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord!**

And no matter what, never stop thanking God, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Come, let us worship God!**

## Hymn #86

*We Come, O Christ, to You*

Darwall

## Opening Prayer

Pastor Debbie

## Scripture Reading

Ephesians 5:21-33

Shiang-Ju Steenhoff

## Prayer of Confession

Shiang-Ju Steenhoff

Gracious God, You created us in your image, for life-giving relationships – with you, with each other, with ourselves. In scripture we hear you command us to recognize your creation, to respect all you have created, to care for all you have created – in the human realm of marriage, family, work, and church, and in the big picture of life. Forgive us, merciful God, for we have failed to take our cues consistently from you in our dealings with other people. Meet us in our relationships, whatever their context. Help us see the other as we want to be seen, help us want to treat them as we hope to be treated, and give us the humility to ask for forgiveness when we have done neither. Renew us, by the power of your Spirit, in all our relationships, we ask, in Jesus' name. Amen.

## Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

## The Peace

## Worship Songs

*Pass Me Not*

*Holy Forever*

*Is He Worthy*

NPC Worship Band

*Children & Youth dismissed to Sunday School*

<b>Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer</b>		<b>Pastor Debbie</b>
<b>Passing of Friendship Pads &amp; Presentation of Tithes and Offerings</b>		
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>Sweet, Sweet Spirit</i>	<i>arr. Hayes</i>
<i>Jinhee Shim, piano</i>		
<b>Doxology and Prayer of Dedication</b>		
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	<b>Ephesians 6:1-9</b>	<b>Mark Wenger &amp; Kathy Furlong</b>
<b>Message</b>	<b>Can You Relate?</b>	<b>Pastor Debbie</b>
<b>Hymn #704</b>	<i>As Sons of the Day and Daughters of Light</i>	
<b>Benediction</b>		<b>Pastor Debbie</b>
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Processional in C</i>	<i>Helman</i>
<i>Jinhee Shim, organist</i>		
<b>Prayer Ministry</b>		<b>Jan Kennedy</b>

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

Dear Church Family,

We continue our conversations with our transitional pastor candidate, and we covet the prayers of the congregation for wisdom, discernment, timing and provision. If you have any questions about our search for a pastor, or life in general at NPC, feel free to reach out to an Elder at any time.

With gratitude in Christ,

*The Session of Narberth Presbyterian Church*

**The Finance & Stewardship Committee** again expresses its thanks for your generous giving at the end of 2025 which allowed us to come within \$10,000 of our spending in budgeted areas for the year. We are aiming to increase and improve our communication to the congregation this year. Due in part to the impact of weather, giving for 2026 has gotten off to a slower start than normal, with a total January giving in the range of \$35,000. Our updated annual budget of \$1.14 million translates to about \$95,000 of budgeted spending each month. Accordingly, we wanted to remind you of alternative ways to give when you may be unable to physically make it to NPC:

- **Online Giving:** [www.narberthpres.org/give](http://www.narberthpres.org/give) is our secure online giving platform and is available 24x7 to accept both one-time and recurring gifts.
- **Text Giving:** Send a text from your cell phone to 833-279-6202 with the amount you wish to give; watch for prompts on how to confirm and designate your gift.
- **Check in the Mail:** Let the US Post Office deliver your gift for you.

## PRAYER INFORMATION

### Please Remember in Prayer

**Missions: Leah Darwin (CRU)** works with women who have suffered betrayal in their marriages and/or abandonment, giving them hope and help in a safe space. She trains people on how to write their life stories, inviting them to co-write the rest of their story with the Holy Spirit. She continues to train and encourage leaders in Community Bible Study in the Philippines. Leah now lives in this area, and is traveling to different churches to speak, meeting with women one-on-one for counsel and prayer, exercising her artistic muscles, and enjoying time with her children and their families. Please pray for Leah to continue to flourish in ministry in this country.

**Notes from Justice and Mercy:** Over 27 million people worldwide are trapped in human trafficking – a crime that thrives by weaponizing vulnerability and stripping away agency with coercion and control. Many of us have encountered a person who is being trafficked without even realizing it, often in the service industries. How can we as human beings and a church respond? Our voices can stop it. You can help move the needle on critical bills, such as The Sunset Section 230 Act and The Fix App Ratings Bill. As AI evolves, it is being used to automate coercion and create synthetic exploitation material. Awareness is your first line of defense. Each of us can pray for Sally Kapner as she serves as a catalyst for healing and restoration.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Souper Bowl Offering:** Thank you for giving! Together we raised \$535 that will go to support the Parkway Ministry!

**Redeemed for a Cause:** Thank you for being the hands and feet of this mission. We blessed many precious women with roses, chocolates, & messages of encouragement. God is good!

**Ash Wednesday is February 18<sup>th</sup>!** Join us for Ash Wednesday Service beginning at 7:00am & 7:00pm in the NPC Sanctuary. This is a special service which marks the beginning of Lent, a time of renewed devotion to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Please note that individual programming for children, youth, and adults will not take place on this day.

**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>.**

**Join Us for Brunch!** Where can I go to get a free meal around here, and just what does the Justice and Mercy Committee do? The answer to both these questions is to join us at the Justice and Mercy (JaM) brunch and information session following worship on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Hear briefly from our JaM advocates while enjoying a delicious meal and have your questions answered. Contact Ashley Reed for more information. There is no need to rsvp for the brunch, but if you are in need of childcare, please reach out directly to Danielle Kauffman by Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Winter Day Silent Retreat:** Join us for a day of solitude in community on **Saturday February 28, 9:30am – 2:30pm**, at the Gallaghers’ idyllic barn in Devon, PA. You will have an opportunity to spend some time in reflecting on your **Spiritual Journey** or simply connecting with God in whatever way you are invited by the Holy Spirit. Sign up with Clara Louie (claralouie@yahoo.com). It is a bring-your-own-lunch event.

**2026 All-Church Retreat!** Join us May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> at beautiful Sandy Cove, MD for our 4<sup>th</sup> annual All-Church Retreat! **Speaker to be announced soon.** Pricing sheets are available in the Chapel or please reach out to Danielle with any questions. You can reserve your spot with \$100 deposit by check, cash or online option. Please use 2026 Spring Retreat in the dropbox online. Balance is due by April 26<sup>th</sup>.

## INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN & YOUTH

**40 Day Challenge** – Children’s Ministry 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!

**Wall of Love** – Our Sunday School children will enjoy a valentine’s party and create a wall of love on Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>!

**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! Please note: ***Kids Praise will not meet on Ash Wednesday.***

**Save the Date for *Kingdom Kids!* VBC 2026!** Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> (5:00 – 7:00pm), Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup> (9:00am – 12:00pm), Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> (9:00am – 12:00pm). Online registration for students and volunteers begins March 22<sup>nd</sup>. VBC is best for age 4 (by June 1<sup>st</sup>) through rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders (2026 – 2027 school year). Reach out to Danielle for more details!

**Middle School & High School Sunday School** – This Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> our class will be led by Godfrey Louie. We hope to see you in the Youth Room for Sunday School!

**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, February 25<sup>th</sup>. We meet in the inner youth room for Bible, games, and fellowship.

**Young Life Middle School Retreat** – The local Young Life team (Western Philadelphia Suburbs) is taking a group of **middle school students (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders)** to **beautiful Lake Champion (Glen Spey, NY)**, March 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> for a weekend of fun, friendship and adventure! There will be kids and leaders going from our area, as well as students from other parts of the East Coast. Kids will be in cabins with kids of their same gender and area. Leaders will also be in cabins with kids and with them during all the events and activities. We would love for your student to join us – we know it will be an incredible weekend!! For details and information, contact: Lisa Hoffman at 610-804-7905 or YL Leader Caroline Heese at 804-814-0771.

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**NPC Christian Preschool registration for the 2026-2027 school year is open for current preschool families and church families.** 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](mailto:preschool@narberthpres.org) or 610-664-8890.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING

This Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, join us for a Church Family Supper in the Gym followed by Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary with imposition of ashes. Regular Wednesday Night Programming resumes on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**Kids Praise** – All children (PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> 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!

**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, February 11<sup>th</sup>, and February 25<sup>th</sup>. We meet in the inner youth room for Bible, games, and fellowship.

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**Grayling Ave Steps to Sanctuary** In 2023, at a cost of approximately \$30,000, Narberth Presbyterian Church had the front steps to the Sanctuary on Grayling Ave professionally restored, and the Stone Masons did a beautiful job. Some of you will remember that the old steps were crumbling and no longer safe to use. The restoration work came with a guarantee, so long as we do not scrape or treat the steps with ice-melting chemicals. This is the reason, following recent heavy snowfall that they have been temporarily closed and cordoned off with caution tape. We will resume use of the front steps when snow and ice have melted. The front of the church is accessible from the parking lot steps which will be open at times of worship and accessible with a key FOB at all other times. Please join in respecting this restoration investment and staying safe in this colder and snowier winter than any in recent memory.

# BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

## **Sunday, February 15**

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

## **Monday, February 16**

*Presidents' Day*  
Holiday – Church Office closed  
8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Parlor

## **Tuesday, February 17**

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

## **Wednesday, February 18**

*Ash Wednesday*  
5:45 – 6:45pm Church Family Supper, Gym  
7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary

## **Thursday, February 19**

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

## **Friday, February 20**

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

## **Saturday, February 21**

## **Sunday, February 22**

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

### **Guest Preacher: Diane Chen**

Justice & Mercy Brunch directly following the Worship Service, Parlor

## **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: [jlmpsvch910@gmail.com](mailto:jlmpsvch910@gmail.com)

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Danielle Kauffman, Intergenerational Ministry

Sharon Shallow, Nursery Coordinator

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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

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