

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

March 29, 2026

Prelude

Fanfare and Processional

Wagner

Jinhee Shim, organist

Welcome & Announcements

Debbie Watson

Call to Worship

Psalm 20

Michelle, Virginia, & Annabelle Phillips

May the Lord answer you when you are in distress;
may the name of the God of Jacob protect you.

May he send you help from the sanctuary, and grant you support from Zion.

May he remember all your sacrifices, and accept your burnt offerings.

May he give you the desire of your heart, and make all your plans succeed.

May we shout for joy over your victory,
and lift up our banners in the name of our God.

May the Lord grant all your requests.

Now this I know: The Lord gives victory to his anointed.

**He answers him from his heavenly sanctuary,
with the victorious power of his right hand.**

Some trust in chariots and some in horses; we trust in the name of the Lord our God.

They are brought to their knees and fall, but we rise up and stand firm.

Lord, give victory to the king! Answer us when we call!

Come, let us worship the Lord our God, who is the only True King!

Hymn #5

Come, Thou Almighty King

Italian Hymn

Opening Prayer

Debbie Watson

Scripture Reading

Exodus 15:1-21

Mark Wenger

Prayer of Confession

Clara Louie

Almighty God, in scripture, often you gain the victory for you people in ways they could not fathom. We also tend to think of and trust in earthly power, and we miss you, whose power was poured out on a Roman cross. Forgive us for failing to believe you, Father, and for failing to believe Jesus, as we resist the very idea of the cross. By your powerful Spirit, break the ties that bind us so tightly to human ideas of power and authority. Fill us with your peace, and with your self-giving love that took Jesus to the cross, so that we might live in his victory, and the strength you give. We ask in Jesus' strong name. Amen

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

Worship Songs

Waymaker
Great Are You Lord
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

The Stranger of Galilee

Sturgis

Tom Patterson, vocals, Jinhee Shim, piano

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture

Mark 11:1-11

Scott Todd

Message

Some Trust in Chariots...

Pastor Debbie

Hymn #835

Savior, Again to Your Dear Name

Ellers

Benediction

Pastor Debbie

Postlude

Fanfare

Lemmens

Jinhee Shim, organist

Prayer Ministry

Linda Behmke

Introducing New Youth Director, Chris Rini: Narberth Presbyterian is pleased to introduce the newest member of its staff, Chris Rini, who will be the Director of Youth Ministry. A graduate of Saint Joseph's University, Chris is currently also a Middle School Baseball and Basketball coach at Delaware County Christian School and has a deep passion for mentoring youth. Chris is currently engaged to his fiancée, Erin, whom he met while at Saint Joseph's. The two are set to be married this August. Welcome, Chris!

Special Time of Prayer on Wednesday, April 1st – All are encouraged to join us for this time of prayer led by Jan Kennedy & Linda Behmke. We will meet in the Chapel at 7:00pm. **Please note that normal Wednesday Night Programming will not take place this week.**

Women's Fellowship Breakfast is Saturday, April 11th – Join us for a special women's breakfast as we gather for a *Moment for Mission*. We'll enjoy a morning of food and fellowship while hearing powerful stories from Julie Fernandez about her recent medical mission trip to Africa. Reach out to Danielle Kauffman (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) or Sara Mahoney (smahoney@narberthpres.org) with any questions.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

Sunday, March 29th, Palm Sunday

9:30am Worship Service

Sunday School for children and youth will meet as usual.



Wednesday, April 1st

Special Time of Prayer at 7:00pm in the Chapel led by Jan Kennedy & Linda Behmke.

Regular Wednesday night programming will resume on April 8th.

Thursday, April 2nd, Maundy Thursday

7:30pm Communion and Tenebrae Service

A quiet service of gathering darkness as we mark the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples. Communion will be served. The service ends in darkness and silence.

Friday, April 3rd, Good Friday

12:00 noon Good Friday Service

We will gather to celebrate our unity in Christ and remember his death on the cross.

Children's Worship Bags will be available.

Sunday, April 5th, EASTER Morning

7:30am Sunrise Service (held in the courtyard or the Gym, weather permitting)

8:15am Easter Breakfast in the Gym

9:30am Worship Service

A joyful celebration of the Risen Christ in word, music, prayer and song.

He Is Risen! He Is Risen, Indeed!

Please Note: This is Family Worship Sunday where Children & Youth will remain in the Sanctuary to worship and receive communion with their families. The NPC Nursery will be available for infants through Pre-K. Children's Worship Bags will be available.

Easter Flowers: On **Easter morning, April 5th**, our sanctuary will be filled with the beauty and fragrance of spring flowers. You may dedicate a plant as a memorial to loved ones or simply to express your joy in God's love. After the Worship Service on Easter, if you are able, please sign up to deliver a plant or two to members of our church family who are unable to worship with us here or take one home to enjoy. You do not need to donate a plant to deliver one. Please consider being the bearer of Easter greetings and love from our congregation to someone who otherwise might be alone on that day.

Forms are available in the Narthex and at the Windsor Street entrance if you would like to dedicate and/or deliver a plant. Please contact the church office with any questions.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

In a world that prizes speed, the season of Lent invites us to a different pace. This week, Paul Rabe, leads us through “The Week of Waiting.” His words invite us to move past the expectation that faith must always feel miraculous. It explores walking in obedience to God. If you are tired of trying to fly and ready to walk with God without growing faith, please read on.

The Week of Waiting – Isaiah 40:31

Let Us Wait on the Lord, So That We Can Walk and Not Be Faint – Isaiah 40:31

Written by: Paul Rabe

I wish I could give a proper reference to the person who gave me this insight, but I’ll have to limit it to “Somebody who gave a sermon a few decades ago.”

We all dream that our Christian life would be like an eagle soaring in the sky – powerful, seeing everything, being above the mundane of life. Or we at least hope to be moving towards a life like that – so we “wait for the Lord” to “renew our strength.”

I can’t help but think this is NOT what this verse is promising. Let’s look at the order of the blessings:

Step 1: Mount up with wings like eagles

Step 2: Run and not be weary

Step 3: Walk and not faint

Maybe soaring like an eagle is for that celebration when we fully realize that Jesus suffered and died specifically for US. An experience that can happen at any time but, like the otherworldly & ephemeral “joy” that led C. S. Lewis to Christ, will never be found by intentionally seeking it. But at some point, after that event we have to ask, “What now?” Maybe the next step is like running and not getting tired – when we seek out what, exactly, being a follower of Jesus actually means. Perhaps the step after that is like walking for a long time, but not getting faint – when we live our years with Jesus as our guide.

I have experienced the sense of soaring like an eagle more than once – including my baptism at age 22 – but I have found it’s a waste of energy to try to create that as a real experience. My Christian focus soon went to Step 2 – working out just what God wants me to do – and then to Step 3, actually living a life of obedience. I’ve never felt like an eagle soaring when I’m looking for the specific food can that a guest at a food bank asked for – but I can’t help but think that’s closer to what God would have me do at this stage in my life.

I don’t think anyone should feel dismayed that the Christian life is NOT always like the soaring of an eagle, no matter how much we wait for the Lord. Maybe our walking in the Lord without growing faint is exactly what’s intended in these promises.

Prayer: Lord, thank you for those times when we feel as if we’re soaring like an eagle. Renew our strength to do your will. Guide us as we run without weariness, and especially when we walk without growing faint. Amen.

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

Amnion Fund Raiser: During the month of March, we will be holding Amnion's *Make a Change for Life* baby bottle fundraising drive. There are baby bottles available in the chapel area of the church to take home and fill with loose change, dollars, and/or checks. You can return the bottles to the church over the next few weeks in the box located in the chapel area. Amnion is also looking for donations of diapers, wipes, baby shampoo, baby clothes, diaper bags.

Notes from Justice and Mercy: The Orphan Care Ministry at NPC has partnered with 2 groups to heed God's call in Isaiah 1:17. "Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow." **Safe Families for Children** aims to prevent children from entering foster care by practicing biblical hospitality, generosity, and compassion to struggling families. **Well Rooted** works to support foster parents, reunifying biological families, and youth who have aged out of the foster care system. Val Foley has volunteered with each of the ministries described above and is a wealth of information for any questions you might have.

JaM Brunch – Rescheduled: The new date for the Justice and Mercy brunch is April 26th, following worship. Enjoy a lovely meal and hear from the JaM Advocates.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

Mashup! New Sunday School Series –Our Sunday School children began a new series that makes the connection between the Easter message and the Christmas story. Join us as we gain new insight into the truth that Jesus came as a baby but grew into a man who laid down his life to save us.

2026 VBC Kingdom Kids! Registration is Open! Use the links in the Friday Newsletter to register your student or youth for NPC's VBC. Join us on Wednesday, June 17th (5:00 – 7:00pm), Thursday, June 18th (9:00am – 12:00pm), Friday, June 19th (9:00am – 12:00pm). VBC is best for age 4 (by June 1st) through rising 5th graders (2026 – 2027 school year). Volunteers are needed to make our days fun and safe! All rising 6th through 12th grade (2026 – 2027 school year) are encouraged to volunteer. Adults who are volunteering must have clearances on file in the church office prior to June 17th. Reach out to Danielle for more details!

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

Youth Office Hours: Starting this week, the Youth Director Chris Rini will begin hosting “office hours”, a dedicated time for all to come to talk, question, hang out, or anything in-between. Chris will be in his office, next to the Youth Lounge, following services from 10:30am – 12:00pm on 3/29 and 4/19 All are welcome.

Youth Reps Wanted: The Youth Committee is looking for a middle school & high school representative to attend monthly meetings and provide a voice to their respective cohorts, whose opinions and suggestions are greatly appreciated. For more information, or to volunteer, please reach out to Chris (crini@narberthpres.org).

Youth Meeting: Middle School and High School students are encouraged to come out and meet Chris on Sunday, **April 12th, from 6:00 – 7:30pm**. This will be a time to provide input on what you would like to get out of our Youth Program. Food will be provided and all youth are welcome.

Parent Meeting: Parents of youth are encouraged to attend a meeting on **Sunday, April 19th**, immediately following service. This will be a time for parents of current and prospective youth to provide their input about what they would like their youth to get out of our Youth Program. For more information, reach out to Chris.

Only a Few Spots Left! NPC Christian Preschool registration for the 2026-2027 school year is open! Our preschool offers two-day, three-day and five-day options for children aged 21 months to pre-kindergarten. To receive more information as well as the link to register, reach out to director Virginia Davis (preschool@narberthpres.org // 610-664-8890).

All-Church Retreat 2026 Retreat Speaker Announced! Get ready for a transformative experience! We are absolutely thrilled to announce that our 2026 All-Church Retreat speaker will be **Pastor Farrar Griggs**. Our theme for the weekend is ***Journey of Faith*** where we will explore what it means to Abide, Prune, Call, and Witness. This retreat will be a pivotal moment for us to gather, reflect, and get equipped for the road ahead. Only a few spots remain so please reach out to Danielle for more details.

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday

8:15am Adult Sunday School, Parlor

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

Monday, March 30

6:30 – 8:00pm GriefShare, Parlor

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Chapel

Tuesday, March 31

12:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, April 1

7:00 – 8:00pm Special Time of Prayer, Chapel

Thursday, April 2

6:00pm Easter Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

7:30pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service

Friday, April 3

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

12:00pm Good Friday Worship Service

Saturday, April 4

Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunday

7:30am Sunrise Service, Courtyard, weather permitting

8:15am Easter Breakfast, Gym

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

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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