



# Narberth Presbyterian Church

April 19, 2026

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

*arr. Johnson*

Jinhee Shim, organist

Welcome & Announcements

Danielle Kauffman

Call to Worship

Isaiah 42:5-7

Nicole & Ava Bley

Hymn #86

*We Come, O Christ, to You*

*Darwall*

Opening Prayer

Brinton Nicolai

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 1:1-3; John 20:19-22

Brinton Nicolai

Prayer of Confession

Chris Rini

God, you are our good, good heavenly Father. You always offer us your best. We do not always want your best or offer you ours. Forgive us. Renew a right spirit within and among us, so that we are willing to receive your best, and equally willing to offer you our best, so that through us, your best might be on display and draw many to you. We ask in the name of your best, the Lord Jesus. Amen.

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

Worship Songs

*I Know a Name*

*Holy Forever*

*Holy Ground*

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

*Nocturn in B major, op 32, no 1*

*Chopin*

Jesse Morris, piano

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture

Romans 8:11,28-29; 2 Corinthians 3:3-5,17,18

Harriet Okatch

Message

God Always Offers His Best. Part Two

Pastor Debbie

Hymn #568

*Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated*

*Hendon*

Benediction

Pastor Debbie

Postlude

*Jubilation*

*Payne*

Jinhee Shim, organist

Prayer Ministry

Diane Chen

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

Dear Church Family,

As we announced on Easter, we are thrilled to welcome the Rev. Dr. Jason Hsu as our Transitional Pastor. Jason and his family will be moving back to Havertown early this summer, after having spent the last 4 years in Oklahoma City pastoring a church there. Prior to Oklahoma, Jason, his wife Kristen, and their children Zoe (almost 17), Eli (14), and Ezra (11) lived in Havertown when Jason was Pastor at City Line Church in Bala Cynwyd for 11 years. Prior to City Line Church, he was at City Church in Philadelphia.

Jason went to the University of Pennsylvania, where he majored in Economics. He earned a Master of Divinity degree from Westminster Theological Seminary, and later a Doctor of Ministry degree from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Having spent most of his adult life here, he is looking forward to returning to the Philadelphia area.

Please pray for all the logistics and details of moving a family halfway across the country, especially for the provision of a home in Havertown. If you would like to pray specifically, they would love a 3-bedroom, 1 1/2 bath house that is within walking distance to Haverford High School.

With gratitude in Christ and love for you,  
*The Session of Narberth Presbyterian Church*

**Slideshow in the Parlor:** Join us on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm as Diane Chen shares stories and photos from her trip to Japan. Specifically, Osaka, Takamatsu, and some nearby islands. Refreshments will be provided. Hope to see you all there!

**Next Sunday, 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 April 26<sup>th</sup>. Hear briefly from our JaM advocates while enjoying a delicious meal and have your questions answered. Contact Ashley Reed for more information. All are welcome!

## PRAYER INFORMATION

### Please Remember in Prayer

**Missions: Standing Rock, North Dakota** St. James Church, in Canon Ball, is the first place where the Episcopal Church came onto the Standing Rock Reservation in North Dakota. Through it, three other congregations began. For almost 116 years, this congregation has served in one of North Dakota's toughest towns, where addiction to alcohol and unemployment are both very high, finding ways to minister to the everyday needs of the people. Please pray for the Lord's increasing blessing in, among and through the people of Canon Ball and the Standing Rock Reservation.

**Notes from Justice and Mercy:** Our Parkway Ministry is "humming right along", in the words of Ilonka Comstock, its hard-working leader. This is due to the addition of some faithful new workers and the participation of the Saturday Women's Breakfast working as a team preparing all the sandwiches for the next day's Parkway Ministry. Maybe your ministry or small group would like to participate in this way. Working together makes it fun! The church kitchen may be available for your group to work, and the Parkway refrigerator can store all the supplies and sandwiches. Ask the office if the kitchen is available when you'd like to use it and talk with Ilonka about signing up to help. Please pray for our visits with these folks who are financially challenged to cover the increasing costs of necessities. We want to encourage them by providing some of the necessities for their physical health, but also for their spiritual health.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Join Us for Adult Bible Study on Acts on Thursday nights!** We're excited to invite you to our upcoming Bible study on the **Book of Acts** — the story of the early church, the Holy Spirit, and the spread of the gospel to the ends of the earth. Whether you're new to Bible study or have been reading Scripture for years, all are welcome. Come ready to meditate on and be inspired by God's Word and to grow in community. We meet Thursday nights starting April 9<sup>th</sup>. Women meet in the parlor and men in the copy room. Contact Suzanne Morrison or Ken Eng with any questions.

**Board Game Nights at NPC** – Mark your calendar & get your “game” face on! Join us for fun, fellowship & 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. Reach out to Karen Pappas (karenpappas242@gmail.com) with any questions. **Next Game Night: May 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**All-Church Retreat 2026 Retreat!** 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.

**GriefShare:** “The journey of grief is a painful process; you do not need to walk it alone.” We encourage you to come to the video and support group called GriefShare. This is a place where you can be around people who understand the pain of your loss. GriefShare meets on **Mondays from 6:30 – 8:00pm** in the Parlor and will continue into June (note that you can join at any time). It is important to register on the GriefShare website (see link in the Friday newsletter). Reach out to Alice Antonelli (arichardson1@gmail.com) or Gerri Wismer (geewis46@gmail.com) for more information about the group.

**Only a Few Spots Left! NPC Christian Preschool registration for the 2026-2027 school year is open!** We offer two-day, three-day and five-day options for children aged 21 months to pre-K. The school day runs from 9:00am – 12:00pm, mid-September to early-June; we also offer afternoon programming (12:00 – 3:00pm) through Lunch Bunch and Pre-Kindergarten Enrichment. For more information or the link to register, please reach out to director Virginia Davis (preschool@narberthpres.org // 610-664-8890).

**Jobs available at NPC:** The Session and Personnel Committee are pleased to announce that we have begun to actively recruit for 2 part-time positions. We are seeking a **Contemporary Music Coordinator** to lead our worship music and coordinate special music opportunities. Additionally, we are seeking a **Weekend Custodian** to keep the building clean and ready for worship and other activities. 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.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Fantastic Verses** – Join us in Sunday School where together we will memorize foundational verses that will be important to hold in our hearts the rest of our life. Hope to see you there!

**Lenten Offering Boxes** – Children are encouraged to bring in their Lenten Offering and give it to Miss Danielle! Our collection will go to support the Parkway Ministry.

**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 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). VBC is best for age 4 (by June 1<sup>st</sup>) through rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders (2026 – 2027 school year). Volunteers are needed to make our days fun and safe! All rising 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup>. Reach out to Danielle for more details!

**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! Kids Praise will conclude for the year on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Moving Up Sunday is Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>** – Please mark your calendar as we present Bibles to rising 2<sup>nd</sup> graders, promote rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders to Youth Ministry, and celebrate our high school graduates! Parents, please be looking for an email from Danielle and Chris soon!

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Youth Office Hours:** Our Youth Director, Chris Rini, will be hosting his next "office hours" on 4/19 directly following the Parent Meeting. This is 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 service. 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](mailto:crini@narberthpres.org)).

**Parent Meeting:** Parents of youth are encouraged to attend a meeting on **Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**, immediately following service in the Parlor. 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.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING

Join us for a church family supper starting at 5:45pm followed by the following offerings which begin at 7:00pm:

**Images of Salvation:** God talk is more effective and identifiable when expressed in imagery and motif rather than in abstract propositions. We talk about God in terms of things we experience in mundane life. In the New Testament, what it means to be saved is explained in day-to-day images. We will consider some of these in this course, exploring themes such as covenant, regeneration, redemption, reconciliation, justification, citizenship, and holiness. This class will meet via Zoom with a viewing option available in the Parlor. Please email Diane Chen ([dianegchen@gmail.com](mailto:dianegchen@gmail.com)) for the Zoom link or the recorded video of each class.

**With All Your Heart** takes us to the desert to learn with the Israelites how to trust in God fully, rather than in ourselves. Everyone is welcome to this next series of studies filmed on location in the Negev and taught by Dr. Ray VanderLaan.

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**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. We meet every other Wednesday from 7:00 – 8:00pm in the Youth Room. Mark your calendar for: April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

# BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

## *Sunday, April 19*

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

Youth Parent Meeting directly following the service in the Parlor

## *Monday, April 20*

6:30 – 8:00pm GriefShare, Parlor  
8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Chapel

## *Tuesday, April 21*

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

## *Wednesday, April 22*

5:45 – 6:45pm Church Family Supper  
7:00 – 8:00pm With All Your Heart  
7:00 – 8:00pm Images of Salvation, Parlor & Zoom  
7:00 – 8:00pm Kids Praise, Choir Room  
7:00 – 8:00pm MSYG, Youth 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: [ilmpsvch910@gmail.com](mailto:ilmpsvch910@gmail.com)

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## *Thursday, April 23*

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

## *Friday, April 24*

10:00am – 12:00pm Ladies' Bible Study, Parlor  
1:00pm Slideshow in the Parlor

## *Saturday, April 25*

2:00pm Memorial Service for Joyce Lewis with reception to follow in the Chapel

## *Sunday, April 26*

8:15am Adult Sunday School, Parlor  
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream.  
Justice & Mercy Brunch following the Worship Service in the Parlor

## **Church Staff**

Deborah Watson, Associate Pastor  
Danielle Kauffman, Intergenerational Ministry  
Chris Rini, Youth Ministry Leader  
Sharon Shallow, Nursery Coordinator  
Jinhee Shim, Organist  
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  
Larry Lubchuk, Weekend Custodian



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