



Narberth Presbyterian Church

April 26, 2026

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

arr. Bish

Jinhee Shim, organist

Welcome & Announcements

Danielle Kauffman

Call to Worship

Responsive Reading

Pam Fleming

God's mighty acts among us are well known.

We are a people of history.

God's redemptive acts were epitomized in Christ Jesus.

We are a people of faith.

God's salvation gives us hope and courage to affect history.

We are a people of vision.

God Cherishes fellowship with us in worship.

We are ready to magnify the Lord.

May our lives magnify

What we have been given,

What we are,

And what, by God's grace, we may become. Amen

Hymn #350

Tell Out, My Soul

Woodlands

Opening Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading

Psalm 15; Psalm 143:1,2

Ian Kauffman

Prayer of Confession

Jan Kennedy

All-knowing God, where we are coming from – physically and metaphorically – is no secret to you, but sometimes we ignore, or even deny the truth about ourselves. When we fail to face where we have been, what we have experienced, and how these things have affected us, their influence can keep us, and others, from receiving and sharing your best. Forgive us, merciful God, and fill us with courageous trust in you, so that we may move forward freely in your will, following your BEST – your Son – in whose strong name we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

Worship Songs

The Joy of the Lord

Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me

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	<i>Wayfaring Stranger</i>	<i>Traditional</i>
	Dean Pappas, vocals & guitar, Pam Fleming violin	
Doxology and Prayer of Dedication		
Scripture	Acts 7:58-60; 8:1-3, 9-13, 26-27; 9:10-14, 32-33, 36-37	Bruce Nkala
Message	Where Are You Coming From?	Pastor Debbie
Hymn #813	<i>For the Life That You Have Given</i>	<i>Pleading Savior</i>
Hymn #336	<i>God Is My Great Desire</i>	<i>Leoni</i>
Benediction		
Postlude	<i>A Rejoicing</i>	<i>Fedak</i>
	Jinhee Shim, organist	
Prayer Ministry		Clara Louie

TODAY! 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 26th. 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!

NPC Finance and Stewardship Committee Report – April 2026.

Giving for the year got off to a slow start, in part due to bad weather in January. Through the end of March, offerings total \$158,753, which is about \$25,000 behind last year to date.

Our spending in budgeted areas is \$238,017, which exceeds giving by \$79,264 at the end of March. Spending is about \$45,000 below budget, primarily due to our budgeting for a full year for the senior pastor, youth pastor, and music ministry positions, which were open through the quarter, with Chris Rini coming aboard late March. Spending was below budget in all areas except for property, due to the volume of snow removal required early in the year.

In the coming weeks, based on feedback from members, we will be providing more information about our annual budget and expected spending for the year, and about projects outside of the budget we will need to be looking at in the coming months.

We thank you for your ongoing support of NPC, its mission and ministries.

NPC Finance Committee

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

Journey of Faith – 2026 All-Church Retreat! Our 4th annual retreat is taking place next weekend in beautiful Sandy Cove, MD! Please keep our retreat in your prayers.

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

College-Age Survey Spring 2026 Do you have a young adult attending college, trade school, military service, missions service or taking a gap year in your home? If so, NPC wants to remain in touch with them during these years of transition. You may have received a survey this past week to complete. If you've misplaced the email, or if you have a young adult at this juncture in life and did not get the email, please use the QR code to complete a short survey where you can make sure NPC has the most up-to-date contact information with which to communicate (they may get messages of encouragement and small gifts too!) The survey wraps up on 4/29.



Join Us for Adult Bible Study 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 9th. 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 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. Reach out to Karen Pappas (karenpappas242@gmail.com) with any questions. **Next Game Night: May 15th.**

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.

Job available at NPC: The Session and Personnel Committee are pleased to announce that we are actively recruiting for a part-time **Contemporary Music Coordinator** to lead our worship music and coordinate special music opportunities. If you or someone you know might be interested in this position, please check the church website for the job description 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!

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!

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! Kids Praise will conclude for the year on April 29th.

Postcard Prayer Pals – Looking to stay connected this summer or make a new friend? Then join postcard prayer pal where individuals or families are paired to swap postcards while you're traveling or just enjoying the sun at home. It's an easy way to share a quick prayer, life update, and mailbox joy during the summer months. Email Danielle by June 1st to sign up! Your first few postcards and stamps are free! This is great for ALL ages.

Moving Up Sunday is Sunday, June 7th – Please mark your calendar as we present Bibles to rising 2nd graders, promote rising 6th 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 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 Committee Meeting: The Youth Committee will be meeting on **Thursday, 4/30, at 7:00pm** in the Youth Room. All current and perspective volunteers are encouraged to attend. If you would like more information about what it means to volunteer in our youth program, please reach out to Chris Rini!

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) 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 6th, 7th, and 8th 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: May 6th.

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

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

Monday, April 27

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

Tuesday, April 28

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

Wednesday, April 29

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

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, September – early June

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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Thursday, April 30

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

Friday, May 1

10:00am – 12:00pm Ladies' Bible Study, Parlor
4:00pm All-Church Retreat begins in Sandy Cove, MD

Saturday, May 2

All-Church Retreat Weekend

Sunday, May 3

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

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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