



Narberth Presbyterian Church

May 3, 2026

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude *Praeludium in A Minor* *Bach*
Jinhee Shim, organist

Welcome & Announcements Pastor Debbie

Call to Worship Romans 1:16,17 Clara Louie

Hymn #239 *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* *Duke Street*

Opening Prayer Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading Colossians 3:1-11 Ken Kapner

Prayer of Confession Brinton Nicolai

Lord God, you raised Jesus from the dead, and because he lives, we, too, shall live! Why is it that we so often reduce this great truth to information we possess, rather than allow the resurrection to seep into us and make us new in every aspect of our lives? Forgive us, merciful God, for discounting the resurrection of your Son. Raise us with Christ in our inner selves, so that we rid our lives of all that is unworthy – in our emotions, our attitudes, our sense of self and of others, our desires and our ambitions – and Christ truly reigns in and among us. We pray in his life-giving, life-transforming name. Amen.

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

Worship Songs *Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me*
Linda Pilacik, piano, Jinhee Shim, organ

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer Pastor Debbie

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *He Lives* *Ackley*
Linda Pilacik, piano with congregation

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Colossians 3:12-17 Diane Chen

Message Christ is Risen! What's the Difference? Pastor Debbie

The Apostles Creed

Communion Liturgy

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, our creator. You have given us life and second birth in your Spirit. Once we were no people, but now we are your people. You raised up the church as a witness to the resurrection, breathing into it your life and power. When we go astray, you welcome us home. Always, your love has been steadfast. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. In love for you and compassion for all, Jesus healed and taught, challenged and comforted, welcomed and saved.

You raised him from death and raise us also to live a new life with him. In the power of the Holy Spirit, you send us out to make disciples as he commanded.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this cup from the gifts you have given us and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus. Accept this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim Jesus crucified and risen.

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who believe in him, that we may be one in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world. Amen

Hymn #507

I Then Shall Live

Finlandia

Benediction

Pastor Debbie

Postlude

Fanfare

Otterstad

Jinhee Shim, organist

Prayer Ministry

Clara Louie

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

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

Missions: CRU City Neighbors– Dave & Katie Brindley Please pray for Dave Brindley, who, for the past 7 years, has been bringing Christians together across racial and denominational lines for the flourishing of the city, through The Philadelphia Gospel Movement, and UnitePhilly (a ministry of CRU). Dave and Katie are committed to leading the kind of revival that causes people to come to Jesus while impacting Philadelphia's at-risk neighborhoods, resulting in city transformation.

Notes from Justice and Mercy: What a joy it has been getting to know Ones Tuhenya, the first recipient of NPC'S Racial Reconciliation Scholarship. He has completed his junior year at West Chester University. Ones has shown his appreciation for our contributions by frequently asking about the health of our congregation and offering his prayerful support. Following completion of his bachelor's degree program, Ones plans to attend graduate school, become a social worker, and help people adjust to life as new citizens of the United States. Please continue to pray for Ones and for the next steps for our Racial Reconciliation Committee. Contact Marilyn Reed (215-776-3598) for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Dee Knight (deedleskni9@gmail.com) with any questions. **Next Game Night: May 15th.**

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.

Esperanza Health Center, a Christian community health center in North Philadelphia and mission partner of NPC for many years, has several **job openings** in administrative and clinical areas – visit esperanzahealth.com/opportunities to learn more and to apply. Esperanza is also seeking **volunteers** in a wide range of roles; for information, contact their Volunteer Coordinator (volunteer@esperanzahealth.com).

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Family Worship is Sunday, May 3rd – All children (kindergarten through 5th grade) are encouraged to worship with their church family and participate in Communion. Worship Bags are available at each entrance to the sanctuary. The NPC Nursery is ready to welcome our youngest as usual in RM 107.

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!

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 let Danielle or Chris know if your child/youth can participate.

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 Group Summer Schedule Update: Starting on May 17th, Youth Ministry will begin its summer programming. Both High School & Middle School youth groups will meet WEEKLY, Sunday nights from 6:00 – 7:30pm. Youth Group is a fantastic time to be in community, learn more about the Lord, and HAVE FUN! RSVPs are not required and all are welcome! For more information, reach out to Chris Rini.

Youth Monthly Fellowship Event – Mario Kart Night! On Thursday, May 14th, Youth Ministry will have its first monthly fellowship event. Fellowship events are a time for youth to gather to simply have fun with each other. Come race with your favorite Mario characters & enjoy some pizza! We will meet in the Youth Room from 6:30 – 8:30pm. If you plan to attend, or you need more information, please reach out to Chris Rini.

TeamSnap Information Request: Do you want real-time insight into scheduling for Youth Ministry? Want to be able to provide your availability for all events and see which of your friends plan to attend? Join our Youth Ministry TeamSnap! The mobile app is extremely helpful for all things scheduling. If you wish to join, please provide your child's name, your name, and any email addresses or phone numbers you wish to be included. Reach out to Chris Rini with any questions or any assistance.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING

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

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.

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, May 3

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

Monday, May 4

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

Tuesday, May 5

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

Wednesday, May 6

5:45 – 6:45pm Church Family Supper
7:00 – 8:00pm With All Your Heart

Thursday, May 7

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

Friday, May 8

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

Saturday, May 9

11:00am Memorial Service for Helga Sauter with a reception to follow in the Chapel.

Sunday, May 10

Mother's Day

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

Guest Preacher: Ken Green

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

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