



Narberth Presbyterian Church

May 17, 2026

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

Canon in D

Pachelbel

Clyde McAllister, guest organist

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Debbie

Call to Worship

Romans 12:1,2

Isabel Lally

Hymn #2

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Nicaea

Opening Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading

Psalm 103:1-5

Chris Rini

Prayer of Confession

Tim Roykoff

Dear God, you are good, you never forget us, and we are never out of your sight, and yet, so often, we forget you. When we do, we wander away and get lost. Forgive us, merciful God. Thank you for calling us back, over and over, until we remember you again and return to following Jesus. Fill us with your Spirit, so that we are as faithful as your Son. We pray in his strong, faithful name. Amen.

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

Worship Songs

No Longer Slaves

I Know a Name

Great Are You Lord

NPC Worship Band

Children dismissed to Sunday School; Youth will remain in worship today

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Amazing Grace

Linda Pilacik, vocals & piano

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture

Luke 15:11-32

Message

**It's Been a Tufts Year:
Thoughts on Faith After Freshman Year**
A Conversation with Michael Steenhoff & Pastor Debbie

Hymn #95

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Coronation

Benediction

Pastor Debbie

Postlude

Radiance
Clyde McAllister, guest organist

Larkin

Prayer Ministry

Linda Behmke

Upcoming Guest Preachers: In the month of May, we are excited to hear a variety of voices from the pulpit. Please join us as we hear from:

- **Michael Steenhoff with Pastor Debbie on Sunday, May 17th**
- **Dr. Manfred Brauch on Sunday, May 24th**
- **Dr. Diane Chen on Sunday, May 31st**

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

Missions: The Philadelphia Project “How can the church respond to the needs of the community and live out the Gospel in tangible, loving ways?” **The Philadelphia Project**, founded in 2005 by Ray and Michelle Garcia, seeks to answer this question through partnering with local churches to serve our most vulnerable neighbors, and provide transformative service opportunities to youth interns and volunteers of all ages, including our middle/high schoolers and adults. Our generous giving helps provide materials and support for interns who give their time, effort and joy to this practical, people-to-people ministry of encouragement and hands-on hard work, and they do it all in Jesus’ Name. Please pray the Lord’s blessing on this ministry and all the people participating in it.

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

Women's Fellowship Breakfast is Saturday, June 13th at 10:00am – Start your morning with a soul-refreshing break! It's more than just a meal – it's dedicated time for heartfelt encouragement, laughter, and genuine refreshment among friends. Whether you're looking to reconnect or meet someone new, there's a seat at the table just for you. Reach out to Danielle Kauffman (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) or Sara Mahoney (smahoney@narberthpres.org) with any questions.

2027 All-Church Retreat! Save the Date! Please mark your calendar for April 30th through May 2nd for our 5th Annual All-Church Retreat. You won't want to miss it!

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.

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.

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

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!

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.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

No Sunday School on May 17th – We will not hold Sunday School today, Sunday, May 17th but we are encouraging all youth to worship with their church family as Michael Steenholf gives his testimony. Following service all youth are invited to the parlor for a light lunch and Q&A with Michael.

Sunday, May 17th is Youth Group Kick-off – 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.

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 our final dinner of the season before taking a break for the summer. We will meet in the parlor starting at 5:45pm for the meal, followed by a video-based teaching on Pentecost beginning at 7:00pm.

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, May 17

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

Guest Preacher: Michael Steenhoff (with Pastor Debbie)

6:00 – 7:30 Middle/High School Youth Group, Youth Lounge

Monday, May 18

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

Tuesday, May 19

Election Day – NPC Parlor is a polling site

Wednesday, May 20

5:45 – 6:45pm Church Family Supper, Parlor
7:00 – 8:00pm Pentecost Video, 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, 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, May 21

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

Friday, May 22

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

Saturday, May 23

Sunday, May 24

Pentecost

8:15am Adult Sunday School, Parlor

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

Guest Preacher: Dr. Manfred Brauch

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 Roykoff, Business Administrator
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Chris Marinelli, Weekday Custodian
Liam Roykoff, Weekend Custodian
Larry Lubchuk, Custodian Assist (as needed)