



Narberth Presbyterian Church

August 23, 2026

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

Toccata in D Minor "Dorian"

Bach

Jinhee Shim, organist

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Debbie

Commissioning Julie & Forrest Fernandez for their Mission Trip to Africa

Call to Worship

Psalm 113:2-4

Pastor Jason

Hymn #60

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

Opening Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 55:10-13

Ann Saddle

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jason

Holy Father, you see us as we are and know our inmost thoughts. We confess that we are unworthy of your gracious care. We often forget that all life comes from you, and that to you all life returns. We have not sought to do your will with our whole hearts. And in our broken moments, we have not lived as grateful children, nor lived as if Christ loves us. Apart from you, we are without hope. Only your grace can sustain us, O Lord. In your mercy, please forgive us, heal us, and make us whole. Set us free from our sin and restore us to the joy of your salvation, now and evermore. Amen.

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

Worship Songs

Jesus at the Center
Christ Our Wisdom
The Steadfast Love
NPC Worship Band

Children & Youth dismissed to Sunday School

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Pastor Debbie

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Only in God (Psalm 62)* Talbot
Dean Pappas, vocals & guitar

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Matthew 25:14-30 Jason Sanders
Message Jesus' Vision for the Church – Faithful with a Little Pastor Jason

Sermon Notes

Hymn #374 *Now Thank We All Our God*

Benediction Pastor Jason

Postlude *Allegro maestoso* Mendelssohn
Jinhee Shim, organist

Prayer Ministry Mark Wenger

Ordination Service: On September 13, 2026, at 3:00pm in the Sanctuary, the Heritage Presbytery of ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians, the denomination of which NPC is a member, will hold a service ordaining Pastor Jason as he transitions to being an ECO minister and member of the Heritage Presbytery serving at NPC. This will be followed by a time of fellowship and reception in the Chapel. All are invited to attend.

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

Prayer Request from Session Music is a vital part of the worship life and ministry at NPC. Would you come alongside Session in praying for the future direction of our music ministry? There is no impending change in current staffing, as we continue to delight in Jinhee's and Dave's leadership, but we are trying to discern the best future staffing model for the music ministry in this new season. As you pray and hear from God, please feel free to share your thoughts with any Elder or Pastors Jason (jhsu@narberthpres.org) and Debbie (dwatson@narberthpres.org). Your prayer support is greatly needed and appreciated.

Notes from Justice & Mercy: Jennifer Bonovitz is still hard at work helping us Love Our Neighbors. In North Philly, we continue to distribute food, clothing, and household items to approximately 50 families every Saturday. We are thankful to all who have supported this ministry. On Thursdays, we take a large food donation from the Wynnewood Giant to the Mitzvah Pantry, from where it is distributed to families in West Philadelphia. Thanks to Project Home Outreach workers, we have the means to get non-perishable food, water, and clothing to our brothers and sisters living on the streets. A big need here is for donations of bottled water, raincoats, and underwear. **Please pray** for stamina for Jennifer and her crew and for continued provision of items to share with our neighbors. Please place donations in the blue bin outside the Windsor Avenue doors. Large cases of water can be delivered to the carport behind Jennifer's house at 414 Derwin Rd., Merion Station 19066. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Canasta Group Join us for fellowship, lunch, and canasta from 12:00 – 2:00pm in the Parlor at NPC on the first Friday of each month. Come enjoy good food, friendly conversation, and a fun afternoon of cards and fellowship. Don't know how to play canasta? No problem! All levels are welcome. We'd love to have you with us! For more information, contact Gaby Lubchuk (gabrielle.anik@verizon.net) or Faithe Hornung (fhornung@aol.com). **Next Canasta Group: September 4th.**

Women's Breakfast Fall Kickoff! Ladies, mark your calendars for a morning of refreshment, connection, and spiritual growth. Join us on **Saturday, September 12th beginning at 10:00am in the Chapel.** Our theme is "Rooted & Fruitful", and it's inspired by Jeremiah 17:8: *"They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."* All are encouraged to attend and gather with sisters in Christ. Come ready to laugh, share, and be encouraged! To help us plan well, please RSVP by September 6th to Danielle Kauffman (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) or Sara Mahoney (smahoney@narberthpres.org). All are welcome!

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 Board Game Night: September 18th.**

5th Annual Volunteer Fair is set for Sunday, September 20th! Ready to find your perfect fit in our church family? Come to our 5th Annual Volunteer Fair! It's your one-stop shop to discover exciting ways to get involved, meet new people, and make a real difference. You won't want to miss out on the food, fun, or your chance to win big in the Volunteer Fair Raffle with prizes for children, youth, and adults. So, get down to the gym directly following worship and check out ways to be the hands and feet of our church community. Reach out to Sara Mahoney (smahoney@narberthpres.org) for more info!

Join Us for Adult Bible Study! We're excited to invite you to our ongoing Bible study All are welcome! Come ready to meditate on and be inspired by God's Word and to grow in community. **We meet on Thursday nights at 7:00pm.** Women meet in the Parlor, and men meet in the copy room. Contact Suzanne Morrison (suzannem@narberthpres.org) or Ken Eng (K_Eng@msn.com) with any questions.

Finance Committee Update: Thank you for your response to our July announcement about NPC finances, as August has gotten off to a good start. For July, offerings totaled \$83,000, which matched July of last year and was within \$11,000 of our monthly budget. That brings YTD offerings to a total of \$417,000, which remains \$49,000 behind last year, and falls short of our spending in budgeted areas by \$153,000. Spending for the year remains well below budget due to positions that are open or were filled during the first half of the year. Your continued prayer and support for our ministries as we head into the fall is appreciated.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

For More information about Children's Programming, contact Danielle Kauffman, Director of Children's Ministry: dkauffman@narberthpres.org.

Bible & Bingo – All rising Kindergarten through 5th grade students are encouraged to join us in Sunday School (August 16th and August 23rd) for an exciting Bible Story and game of Bingo with prizes! This is a wonderful way to acclimate younger children to big kid Sunday School. Hope to see you there!

Blessing of the Students & Teachers is Sunday, August 30th – Join us as we lift up our students and educators in prayer for a new school year. This will take place in the sanctuary at the beginning of worship before children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School.

Back to School Bash is Sunday, August 30th – Children's Ministries will kick off the new program year with a fun, interactive event called "Apple of His Eye". Together we will enjoy a variety of prayer stations, crafts, apple treats and fun take-home prizes! But most importantly we will discover how much God loves each of us. *"Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings."* Psalm 17:8

YOUTH MINISTRY

For more information about Youth Programming, contact Chris Rini, Youth Ministry Leader: crini@narberthpres.org.

Parent Meeting is August 30th – Parents of Youth are encouraged to attend a brief feedback meeting in the parlor on Sunday, August 30th directly following worship. Please mark your calendar.

Youth Sunday School – All rising 6th through 12th graders are invited to attend Sunday School each Sunday (except for the first Sunday of the month which is Family Worship). Our curriculum series is titled "Who Is God". Hope to see you there!

High School & Middle School Youth Group – Youth Group meets each Sunday (except for the first Sunday of the month), from 6:00 – 7:30pm. This is a fantastic time to be in community, learn more about the Lord, and HAVE FUN! RSVPs are not required, and all are welcome!

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 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.

THE SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP OF ELDERS & DEACONS

At our best, Elders and Deacons seek by the grace of God to be examples of Jesus Christ and models of the quality-of-life which God desires for the whole church. It is a great privilege and responsibility – we welcome your prayers!

Elders

As there were in Old Testament times elders for the government of the people, so the New Testament Church provided persons with particular gifts to share in governing and ministry. Elders should be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the church and in the world.

It is the duty of elders, individually and jointly, to strengthen and nurture the faith and life of the congregation committed to their charge. Together with the pastor, they should encourage the people in the worship of God, equip and renew them for their tasks in the church and for their mission in the world, visit and comfort and care for the people, with special attention to the poor, the sick, the lonely and those who are oppressed. They should inform the pastor and the session of those persons and structures that may need special attention. They should assist in worship. They should cultivate their ability to teach the Bible and may be authorized to supply places that are without the regular ministry of the Word and Sacrament. Those duties that all Christians are bound to perform by the law of love are especially incumbent upon elders because of their calling to office and are to be fulfilled by them as official responsibilities. (Excerpts from the *Book of Order* (2009/11))

Deacons

The office of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, of exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this office.

It is the duty of deacons, first of all, to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress both within and beyond the community of faith. They shall assume such other duties as may be delegated to them from time to time by the session, such as leading the people in worship through prayers of intercession, reading the Scriptures, presenting the gifts of the people, and assisting with the Lord's Supper. (Excerpts from the *Book of Order* (2009/11))

Nominating Committee – the 2027 Nominating Committee, chaired by Brinton Nicolai is looking for Elder and Deacon Nominations. Fill out a form (located on the table in the Chapel and in the Narthex), or email office@narberthpres.org to submit a nomination.

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, August 23

8:15am Adult Sunday School, Parlor

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

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

Monday, August 24

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Chapel

Tuesday, August 25

12:15 – 1:15 Staff Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, August 26

Thursday, August 27

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 Lounge

Friday, August 28

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

Saturday, August 29

Sunday, August 30

8:15am Adult Sunday School, Parlor

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

Blessing of Students and Educators During the Worship Service

Youth Parent Meeting directly following the Worship Service, Parlor

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

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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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

Liam Roykouff, Weekend Custodian

Larry Lubchuk, Custodian Assist (as needed)



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