



Narberth Presbyterian Church

September 13, 2026

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

Entrée in G Minor

Dubois

Jinhee Shim, organist

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Debbie

Call to Worship

Psalm 89:5-7 (*p. 927*)

Pastor Jason

Hymn #20

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Ode to Joy

Opening Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 15:17-24 (*p. 442*)

Chris Rini

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jason

Creator God, there is no one in heaven and earth like you. All of creation reveals your beauty and power. To know that you are mindful of us should leave us humbled in awe and worship. Yet, we confess that we often care more about receiving the love and approval of others than the God of the universe. As a result, we have lived for the sake of our own glory rather than yours. Jesus, thank you for living the life of faithful devotion we could not. By the power of your Spirit, free us from our pursuit of earthly glory. Help us instead to live in the freedom of the Father's loving acceptance and approval. For the sake of Christ's glory we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

Worship Songs

How Great Is Our God

How Great Thou Art

Goodness of God

NPC Worship Band

Children & Youth dismissed to Sunday School

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Pastor Debbie

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

Softly and Tenderly

Thompson

Tom Patterson, vocals, Linda Pilacik, piano

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture

Galatians 1:10-18 *(p. 1810)*

Linda Behmke

Message

Confessions of an Ex-People-Pleaser

Pastor Jason

Sermon Notes

Hymn #500

I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

Cecelia

Benediction

Pastor Jason

Postlude

Praeludium in A Minor

Bach

Jinhee Shim, organist

Prayer Ministry

Linda Behmke

Ordination Service: Join us today at 3:00pm in the Sanctuary as the Heritage Presbytery of ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians, the denomination of which NPC is a member, holds 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.

Nominating Committee: the 2027 Nominating Committee, chaired by Brinton Nicolai is looking for Elder & Deacon Nominations. Fill out a form (located in the Chapel and in the Narthex) or email the Church Office to submit a nomination.

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

Missions: Young Life exists to introduce adolescents to Jesus and help them grow in faith, focusing on middle and high school students — especially those who may not otherwise attend church or hear the gospel. **Please pray** for the students and leaders as they begin a new school year.

Notes from Justice & Mercy: Ken Eng and his partners, some from NPC, will be starting new SAT prep classes in September. These low-cost classes will not only help to prepare the students for taking the SATs, it will also prepare them to see their worth in being made in God's image. Please pray for the right students to enroll and for their minds and hearts to be ready to receive the gifts God has for them. For more information, contact Ken Eng (610-641-5177 // k_eng@msn.com)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GriefShare: Loss of a loved one can be a very sad and lonely journey. We encourage you to join our GriefShare group to find solace, support and resources. We will meet every Monday for 14 weeks in the church Parlor. Note the first session starts at 6:00pm and ends at 8:00pm; all following sessions will meet from 6:30 – 8:00pm. The cost of materials is \$25 per participant. For more information, contact Alice Antonelli (arichardson1@gmail.com) or Gerri Wismer (geewis46@gmail.com).

Board Game Nights at NPC: 3rd Friday (**September 18th**) of each month at 6:30pm in the Parlor. Reach out to Dee Knight (deedleskni9@gmail.com) with any questions.

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!

Men's Breakfast: Last Saturday (**September 26th**) of each month at 7:30am in the Parlor. Reach out to Jim Hornung (jimmyhornung@me.com) for more information.

Women's Breakfast: 2nd Saturday (**October 10th**) of each month at 10:00am in the Parlor. Reach out to Danielle Kauffman (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) for more information.

Canasta Group: 1st Friday (**October 16th**) of each month from 12:00 – 2:00pm in the Parlor. For more information, contact Gaby Lubchuk (gabrielle.anik@verizon.net) or Faithe Hornung (fthornung@aol.com).

OPEN SMALL GROUPS

If you're looking to connect more deeply with our church community, our small groups are a great way to do that! Meeting weekly or every other week, these groups foster friendships around Bible study, spiritual conversation, & prayer. To learn more about a group listed below, reach out to its contact person. If you are hosting a group that is open to new joiners and you'd like it listed here, email Pastor Jason (jhsu@narberthpres.org).

(NEW) Young(er) Adults' Group: Tuesdays 7:00 – 8:30pm in Narberth. Studying the book of Mark starting 9/29. Contact: Matt Weed (mweed@narberthpres.org)

Men's group: Thursdays 7:00 – 8:15pm in the Copy Room. Studying the book of Ephesians starting 9/17. Contact: Ken Eng (K_Eng@msn.com)

Women's group: Thursdays 7:00 – 8:15pm in the Parlor. Studying the book of Ephesians starting 9/17. Contact: Suzanne Morrison (suzannem@narberthpres.org)

Women's group: Fridays 10:00am – 12:00pm in the Parlor. Contact: Isabel Lally (ilally@narberthpres.org)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

New Sunday School Series – *On the Move with Jesus* – Beginning Sunday, September 13th our K through 5th grade children will begin a new series on the Gospel of Mark. Come learn more about this fast-paced and action-packed Book of the Bible. We will focus on who Jesus is, His power, and what it means to follow Him.

NPC Nursery – Our NPC Nursery is ready to welcome our youngest up to PreK every Sunday. Join Miss Sharon and team for a new series called “Apple Orchard: Growing in God's Love”. Each Sunday our children will discover foundational faith concepts in an age-appropriate way. Come join the fun in RM 107!

Kids Praise begins on September 16th – Join us on Wednesday nights in the Choir Room from 7:00 – 8:00pm for music fun! This program is best for PreK through 5th grade. All are welcome!

Trunk OR Treat – Save the Date for Saturday, October 31st! All are invited to the NPC parking lot beginning at 10:30am for a not-so-scary time. Adults – if you would like to volunteer for this great outreach please email Danielle.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Youth Bowling Event! Join us on September 27th from 12:30 – 2:30pm for an afternoon of bowling and fellowship! Lunch for the Youth will be provided immediately following service in the Youth Lounge before transporting the group to the lanes (just 10 minutes away!). For more information, or to RSVP and complete the associated waiver needed, please contact Chris!

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 helpful but 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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING

Wednesday Night programming begins on September 16! Join us for a church family supper starting at 5:45pm followed by programming at 7:00pm:

Kids Praise with Danielle Kauffman: Give your kids a mid-week spiritual lift filled with laughter, music and community! Each week we sing truths about God to help build a strong foundation of faith for life. We also explore rhythms with real instruments and together live out Psalm 98. Most importantly each child's unique voice is celebrated and loved. This program is best for PreK-5th grade, meets in the Choir Room, and a light snack is provided.

Life Together: Becoming a Place of Belonging with Pastor Jason Hsu: Come explore with us the biblical practices for becoming a place of belonging. Over the eight sessions, we'll study the Scriptures, reflect on our own experiences, and do some hands-on practice! Registration encouraged but not required. Contact the Church office for more information.

Lessons from the Early Church: Becoming a Light in the Darkness with Pastor Debbie Watson: This eight-session video-based series by Dr. Ray VanderLaan explores some of the places Paul and his co-workers visited in Asia Minor (modern-day Türkiye), with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Join us as we follow their journey to becoming shining lights in a world so in need of the illumination of Jesus Christ and then discuss how that informs our own lives of faith today! Registration encouraged but not required. Contact the Church office for more information.

Monthly Prayer Meeting: On first Wednesdays, we pause the adult classes to pray together as a church. Each month, two co-facilitators focus on a theme and lead us in song, scripture, reflection, and prayer. Come join us!

STARTING IN SEPTEMBER

Explorers' Class: Are you new to Narberth Presbyterian? Do you have questions about faith, this church, or both? Would you like to get to know some other people who are also "investigating" these things, in a friendly small group setting? If so, then our four-week Explorers' Class, **beginning September 27th**, is a great place to begin! We'll meet in the Parlor after the worship service from 11:15 – 1:00pm over a simple lunch. We can help if you need childcare. Contact Pastor Debbie (dwatson@narberthpres.org) or the Church Office for more information.

The Marriage Course: Whether you have been married for a short time or for many years, this course provides husbands and wives with tools to build and strengthen a vibrant relationship. On 7 successive Sunday evenings **beginning September 20th from 6:00 – 8:30pm**, couples enjoy dinner in the Parlor at a table for two, watch a brief video presentation by Nicky & Sila Lee, and talk with each other about important issues that can get lost in the rush of daily life. This is not a large group activity; rather, you and your spouse work only with each other. The cost for dinner and course materials is \$140 per couple, a worthwhile investment! We can help if you need childcare. Contact Pastor Debbie (dwatson@narberthpres.org) for more information.

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, September 13

8:15am Adult Sunday School, Parlor
 9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream.
 3:00pm Ordination Service, Sanctuary
 6:00 – 7:30pm Middle School/High School Youth Group, Youth Lounge

Monday, September 14

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

Tuesday, September 15

12:15 – 1:15 Staff Meeting, Parlor
 7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, September 16

5:45 – 6:45pm Church Family Supper
 7:00 – 8:00pm Life Together, Parlor
 7:00 – 8:00pm Lessons from the Early Church, Chapel
 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

Thursday, September 17

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

Friday, September 18

10:00am – 12:00pm Women's Group, Parlor

Saturday, September 19

Sunday, September 20

8:15am Adult Sunday School, Parlor
 9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream.
Volunteer Fair directly following the Worship Service, Gym
 6:00 – 7:30pm Middle School/High School Youth Group, Youth Lounge
 6:00 – 8:30pm Marriage Course, Parlor

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 Matt Weed, Worship Tech. Coordinator
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