



Narberth Presbyterian Church

October 4, 2026

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

Speak, O Lord
Jinhee Shim, organist

arr. Payne

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Debbie

A Minute for Missions – Cornerstone Christian Academy

Choral Introit

Marvellous
Cornerstone Christian Academy Choir

Call to Worship

from Psalm 111:2-9

Pastor Jason

Hymn #2

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Nicaea

Opening Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, you are rich in mercy to everyone who calls out to you. So please hear *us* now, as *we* call out to you... humbly confessing our sins and asking for your forgiveness. We have broken your holy laws through our words, our actions, and the selfish desires of our hearts. Have mercy on us, O merciful Father. Help us from this day forward to live in a way that honors and pleases you, through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

Worship Songs

I Will Call Upon the Lord
Father, I Adore You
NPC Worship Band

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.

Cornerstone Christian Academy Choir

Shiang-Ju Steenhoff

Pastor Jason

Pastor Debbie

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

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again. Amen.

Jesus, I Come

Pastor Jason

Martin

Jinhee Shim, organist

Isabel Lally

Thank you to Cornerstone Christian Academy, joining us in Worship today and presenting music during our service. There will be a table in the Chapel after the service if you would like to learn more about this school, one of our Mission Causes.

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

Missions: Esperanza Health Center Compelled by the love of God in Christ Jesus, in cooperation with the Church and others, Esperanza Health Center is a multi-cultural ministry providing holistic healthcare to the Latino and underserved communities of Philadelphia. They seek to fulfill their mission by providing affordable, high-quality, and bilingual health care services in Jesus' name, regardless of ability to pay, to all those in their communities who seek care. **Please pray** for those who seek care, and for the staff.

Notes from Justice & Mercy: Benjamin and Shelby Chestnut have lived with transverse myelitis for most of their lives. Now young adults, Shelby is completely dependent on full-time care, while Benjamin has some abilities. The family struggles with other issues: substance abuse, cancer, and the stress of constant need, has led to very difficult family dynamics, and so Benjamin and Shelby often feel isolated and lonely. **Please pray** for the Lord's presence to be especially real to them, and for physical and spiritual healing for everyone in the family. **Pray** for NPC's Donna and John Hart (610-608-8728 or 610 668-9597) as they head the Chestnut Foundation. Thank you for regularly bringing the Chestnut family before God in prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 (dwatston@narberthpres.org) or the Church Office for more information.

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).

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

Women's Breakfast: 2nd Saturday (**October 10th**) of each month at 10:00am in the Parlor. This month, we are especially excited to welcome Clara Louie, who will be guiding our discussion and a special activity. Whether you are looking for a moment of quiet reflection, a chance to connect with other women, or a reminder of God's gentle care for your daily life, there is a place at the table saved for you. Come just as you are and take time to taste, see, savor, and share. RSVPs are not required and all are welcome! Reach out to Danielle Kauffman (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) for more information.

Board Game Nights at NPC: 3rd Friday (**October 16th**) of each month at 6:30pm in the Parlor. Reach out to Dee Knight (deedleskni9@gmail.com) with any questions.

Calling All Voices – NPC's Christmas Choir is Back! The Christmas season is right around the corner, and our Music Ministry is gearing up for another wonderful time of singing. All voices are welcome to join the Christmas choir! It's a great way to meet new people, serve our church, and prepare your heart in song to welcome the baby in the manger. Our first rehearsal will be **Sunday, October 18th** directly following worship in the choir room. No matter your skill level, your voice is a gift we would love to share! Please reach out to Linda Pilacik (lindapilacik@gmail.com) with any questions.

Men's Breakfast: Last Saturday (**October 31st**) of each month at 7:30am in the Parlor. Reach out to Jim Hornung (jimmyhornung@me.com) for more information.

Praises and Pie – Get your tastebuds ready for Praises and Pie, a delicious intergenerational event on Sunday, November 1st following worship. All are invited to gather in the gym for a sweet and savory celebration! If you would like to volunteer your best pie (homemade or bought) please reach out to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpre.org) or Sara (smahoney@narberthpres.org). Also get ready to test your trivia on pie facts! This is a great way for all ages to test their knowledge. Mark your calendar, pick your recipe, and let's get ready for fellowship, trivia, and plenty of pie!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

Sunday, October 4th is Family Worship - Children and Youth (K-12th) are encouraged to worship with their church family and participate in Communion. The NPC Nursery is available for our youngest (infants-PreK) and the Parlor is available with the livestream of the service. Children's Worship Bags are available at both entrances to the sanctuary.

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

Sunday School for K-5th – *On the Move with Jesus* – 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.

Kids Praise – 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 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 “Obedience and Service”. 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

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. **This month (October 7th)**, Gerri Wismer and Sally Kapner will lead this special time. Come join us!

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)

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, October 4

8:15am Adult Sunday School, Parlor

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

11:15am – 1:00pm Explorers' Class, Parlor

Monday, October 5

6:00 – 8:00pm GriefShare, Parlor

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Chapel

Tuesday, October 6

12:15 – 1:15 Staff Meeting, Parlor

7:00pm Deacons Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, October 7

5:45 – 6:45pm Church Family Supper

7:00 – 8:00pm Prayer Meeting, Chapel

7:00 – 8:00pm Kids Praise, Choir Room

Thursday, October 8

7:00 – 8:15pm Men's Group, Copy Room

7:00 – 8:15pm Women's Group, Parlor

Friday, October 9

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

Saturday, October 10

10:00am Women's Breakfast, Parlor

Sunday, October 11

8:15am Adult Sunday School, Parlor

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

11:15am – 1:00pm Explorers' Class, 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

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