



Narberth Presbyterian Church

October 25, 2026

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

Praeludium in C Major

Buxtehude

Jinhee Shim, organist

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Debbie

Call to Worship

from Exodus 15:1-3

Pastor Jason

Hymn #95

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Coronation

Opening Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 30:1-6 (*p.320*)

Sue Wenger

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jason

Loving Father, you have set us free from the burden of keeping the law with the once-and-for-all sacrifice of Jesus. Your grace is amazing! And yet we so often fall away from grace in our misuse of the law. We confess our inner Pharisees – that we can be a legalistic people who add our own rules to the law to create our own sense of righteousness. We also confess our inner rebels – that we can be a licentious people who use our freedom in Christ to justify our self-focused behavior. Who would we be without a Rescuer? Spirit, enable our hearts to receive the good news – that we are justified by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone. Teach us to live in the freedom Christ has given us. And empower us to pursue what matters—faith working through love. Amen.

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

Worship Songs

Sanctuary

Jesus at the Center

It Is Well with My Soul

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.

Offertory *Nearer, My God, to Thee* *arr. Roh*
Pam Fleming, violin, Zoe Hsu, cello, Jinhee Shim, piano

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture	Galatians 5:1-15 (p.1815)	Andrew Steenhoff
Message	True Freedom	Pastor Jason

Sermon Notes

Benediction **Pastor Jason**

Prayer Ministry Mark Wenger

Under construction: NPC website! We're working on updating our church website, and one of the things we'll be doing is taking photos and videos of church events and worship services on 10/25 and 11/1. Our very own Ashley Reed will be heading that up, so if you see her walking around with her camera, just act natural. 😊 Also, prior to putting any minors' faces on our website, we will be sure to get parental consent. Finally, if you have any recent NPC-related digital photos or videos that you'd like us to consider for the new website, please share them with Sara Mahoney at smahoney@narberthpres.org.

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

Missions: InterServe seeks to serve the neediest peoples of Asia and the Arab world by loving the whole person through word and deed. They are an international and interdenominational organization that serves in partnership with the local church. They currently enjoy members of their Fellowship from over 20 nationalities serving in over 35 national contexts. **Please pray** for the safety and witness of InterServe partners serving in Central and South Asia, and for **Jan Kennedy**, as she serves as chair of their governing board.

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

Part-time Music Director Opening: Session is pleased to announce that we are seeking a part-time Music Director. For more information, please review the job description on the website or reach out to anyone on the Personnel Committee.

Calling All Voices – NPC's Christmas Choir is Back! Rehearsals take place on **Sunday afternoon, directly following worship in the choir room.** Reach out to Linda Pilacik (lindapilacik@gmail.com) for more information.

GriefShare: Every Monday in the church Parlor from 6:30 – 8:00pm. For more information, contact Alice Antonelli (arichardson1@gmail.com) or Gerri Wismer (geewis46@gmail.com).

Praises & 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) or use the SignUp Genius in the Friday Newsletter. Also get ready to test your trivia on pie facts! Mark your calendar, pick your recipe, and let's get ready for fellowship, trivia, and plenty of pie!

Canasta Group: 1st Friday (**November 6th**) 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).

Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Day! We are going to be doing a small volunteer day on **Saturday November 14th** with Philadelphia Habitat for Humanity. There are only 5 spots available so please let Linda Behmke (lindabehmke@gmail.com) know as soon as possible if you would like to join this workday. No construction experience necessary!

Women's Breakfast: 2nd Saturday (**November 14th**) of each month at 10:00am in the Parlor. Reach out to Danielle Kauffman (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) for more information.

NPC Fall Prayer Retreat: “Come and have breakfast!” Does this seem like Jesus' invitation to you? Perhaps you don't have the habit of eating breakfast, or you just grab it and run. Perhaps you wish there were someone who would sit down with you for breakfast. Do you sense Jesus inviting you to sit down to be nourished by His presence? If so, join us on **Saturday, November 14, 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM, in Devon PA** for NPC's day retreat. Imagine the conversation you'll have at the breakfast table with Jesus. To register, please fill out the form in the Friday newsletter, or call the church office. Registration fee is \$20, and scholarships are available. For further questions, contact Clara (ClaraL@narberthpres.org).

Board Game Nights at NPC: 3rd Friday (**November 20th**) of each month at 6:30pm in the Parlor. Reach out to Dee Knight (deedleskni9@gmail.com) with any questions.

Men's Breakfast Last Saturday (**November 28th**), but still at 7:30am in the Parlor. Reach out to Jim Hornung (jimmyhornung@me.com) for more information.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

Sunday School for K-5th – *On the Move with Jesus* – Our K through 5th grade children are enjoying 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 youngest will begin a NEW series this week called “The Gospel Pumpkin” that combines the fun of autumn pumpkins with the life-changing truth of Jesus' love and the Gospel. Come join the fun with Miss Sharon and team in RM 107. The Nursery is best for infants through PreK.

Friends-Giving in the NPC Nursery – Calling all little turkeys! Join Miss Danielle and Miss Sharon on Sunday, November 1st for a very special Friends-Giving Party! The fun will take place during normal Nursery time. We hope to see you there!

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. Hope to see you there!

2026 Children's Christmas Pageant - Save the date for **Sunday, December 20th** for our annual Christmas Pageant. This year our pageant will be held in the gym directly following worship.

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.

SESSION UPDATE

As the church continues to move forward, the Session has been busy! We'd like to keep you – the congregation of NPC – informed on what we've been up to. There's nothing jaw-dropping; just the steady work of God's people, one step at a time. Our plan is to restart posting these Session updates in the bulletin and Friday newsletter on a monthly basis.

Recent Session Actions: The Session met on October 10th and October 20th and the following actions were approved:

- A set of recommendations for how the Session should function based on reflections and lessons learned from the church's experiences in 2025. More information will be shared about this later.
- The website committee will work with Mere Agency to redo the NPC website.
- Schedule a congregational meeting after the worship service on December 13 in the sanctuary to elect Elders and Deacons to serve starting in January.
- Accept a gift designated to purchase more new assisted listening devices for people to use during the worship service.
- A draft of the 2027 budget was discussed.
- Next Deacons' meeting: November 3, 2026.
- Next Session meeting: November 17, 2026.

FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Giving for September totaled \$47,500, which is about half of our monthly budget, but was close to last September total of \$50,000. This brings YTD giving to \$539,000, which leaves us \$116,500 behind last year's YTD giving, and a shortfall against spending in budgeted areas of \$224,000 year to date, despite spending being below budget by \$88,000.

We have seen very strong giving at the end of the year in previous years, and we ask for your help again as we seek to close our gap over these final 2+ months, to fund the mission of NPC.

If your mindset is saying, "I want to help", one way is to use a stock gift. Another is to channel your Required Minimum Distribution Amount (RMDA) to Narberth Presbyterian Church. Jim Hoffman can walk you through the process to benefit the church with either method.

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, October 25

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, October 26

6:00 – 8:00pm GriefShare, Parlor

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Chapel

Tuesday, October 27

12:15 – 1:15 Staff Meeting, Parlor

7:00pm Missions Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, October 28

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: ilmpsy910@gmail.com

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Thursday, October 29

7:00 – 8:15pm Men's Group, Copy Room

7:00 – 8:15pm Women's Group, Parlor

Friday, October 30

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

Saturday, October 31

10:30am Trunk OR Treat, Parking Lot

Sunday, November 1

8:15am Adult Sunday School, Parlor

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

Praises & Pie directly following the Worship Service, Gym

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

Church Staff

Jason Hsu, Transitional Senior Pastor

Deborah Watson, Associate Pastor

Danielle Kauffman, Intergenerational Ministry

Chris Rini, Youth Ministry Leader

Sharon Shallow, Nursery Coordinator

Jinhee Shim, Organist

David Baker, Interim Worship Band Leader

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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