



# Narberth Presbyterian Church

May 24, 2026

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

*Lullaby*  
Linda Pilacik, piano

*Ilyinsky*

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Debbie

Call to Worship

Acts 2:1-21

Pentecost Readers (*See p. 3*)

Hymn #9

*Sing Praise to the Father*

*To God Be the Glory*

Opening Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 19:23-25; Ephesians 2:13-15

Pastor Debbie

Prayer of Confession

Mark Wenger

God of the universe, you created all people. You call us to acknowledge you as Redeemer and Father and see your image in all people. While we want your redemptive embrace for ourselves, we do not always extend the welcome we have enjoyed through Jesus to others. Forgive us. Move us from excluding people we consider "other," to embracing them, in imitation of your loving embrace of us in Jesus Christ. May our "celebration" of Pentecost now flow out into our daily "living" of Pentecost, as you draw all people to yourself, and into the orbit of your church. We pray in the mighty, matchless name of Jesus. Amen.

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

Worship Songs

*Waymaker*  
*Jesus at the Center*  
*How Great Is Our God*  
NPC Worship Band

*Children & Youth dismissed to Sunday School*

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*In the Garden*  
David Baker, guitar & vocals, Lynn Nelson, vocals

*Myles*

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture	Galatians 3:26-28; 5:22,23	Diane Chen
Message	From Exclusion to Embrace: Living Pentecost	Dr. Manfred Brauch
Hymn #437	<i>Help Us Accept Each Other</i>	<i>Beck</i>
Benediction		Dr. Manfred Brauch
Postlude	<i>Spring Dance</i> Linda Pilacik, piano	<i>Grieg</i>
Prayer Ministry		Diane Chen

**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:

- **Dr. Manfred Brauch on Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**
- **Dr. Diane Chen on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Dr. Manfred Brauch** was born in Germany and emigrated to the United States when he was a young teen. He is Professor Emeritus of New Testament at Palmer Theological Seminary and served as President there in the 1980's and 1990's. In retirement, he and his late wife Marjean, a medical doctor, ministered in international settings through medicine and biblical teaching. His heart for the Lord, scripture, and people are evident in all he does!

### NPC Pentecost Readers, Acts 2:1-21

Verse	Language	Reader
2:1	Greek	Dean Pappas
2:2	Dutch	Jesse Kennedy
2:3,4	Maltese	Cheryl Gunter
2:5	Setswana	Bruce Nkala
2:6	Japhadhola	Harriet Okatch
2:7,8	Russian	Lana & Johnny Boyd
2:9-11	Cantonese	Diane Chen
2:12,13	Mandarin	Clara Louie
2:14,15	French	Debbie Watson
2:16,17	Afrikaans	Shiang-Ju Steenhoff
2:18	Zulu	Andrew Steenhoff
2:19,20	Amharic	Seble Zein
2:21	Hebrew	Ken Kapner

## PRAYER INFORMATION

### Please Remember in Prayer

**Racial reconciliation** is an ongoing process of mending and transforming fractured relationships between different racial groups. It addresses historical injustices and modern inequities by actively building trust, empathy, and equity. As a first step, NPC has chosen to establish a college scholarship for a local, low-income, Black college student. Our first recipient is Ones Tuhenya who has completed his junior year at West Chester University. His future plans include graduating school and becoming a social worker. Please pray for academic success, financial provision, and his spiritual growth. Please also pray that this step will lead to relationships of mutual trust and understanding, where all people are seen as bearing the image of God.

## AN UPDATE FROM SESSION TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Dear Church Family,

We are excited to share another update in the life of our church! As Rev. Dr. Jason Hsu prepares to join us in late June, his family's move is well underway. This past Friday, the Hsu family settled on the sale of their home in Oklahoma and, after spending some time visiting family, will begin their journey east to Pennsylvania. Please continue to pray for Pastor Jason and his family during this significant season of transition – for safe travels, peace, encouragement, and a smooth move as they prepare to join our church family.

Thank you for your continued prayers as we prepare to welcome Pastor Jason and family!

With gratitude in Christ and love for you,  
*The Session of Narberth Presbyterian Church*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Slideshow in the Parlor:** Join us on Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm as Diane Chen shares stories and photos from her trip to Italy. Refreshments will be provided. Hope to see you all there!

**Women's Fellowship Breakfast is Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:dkauffman@narberthpres.org)) or Sara Mahoney ([smahoney@narberthpres.org](mailto:smahoney@narberthpres.org)) with any questions.

**2027 All-Church Retreat! Save the Date!** Please mark your calendar for April 30<sup>th</sup> through May 2<sup>nd</sup> for our 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:arichardson1@gmail.com)) or Gerri Wismer ([geewis46@gmail.com](mailto: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 9<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## 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 7<sup>th</sup>** – Please mark your calendar as we present Bibles to rising 2<sup>nd</sup> graders, promote rising 6<sup>th</sup> 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 ends on May 24<sup>th</sup>!** Use the links in the Friday Newsletter to register your student or youth for NPC's VBC. Join us on Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> (5:00 – 7:00pm), Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup> (9:00am – 12:00pm), Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> (9:00am – 12:00pm). VBC is best for age 4 (by June 1<sup>st</sup>) through rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders (2026 – 2027 school year). Volunteers are needed to make our days fun and safe! All rising 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup>. 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 1<sup>st</sup> to sign up! Your first few postcards and stamps are free! This is great for ALL ages.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**High School & Middle School Youth Group** – Both 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.

**Youth Committee Meeting** will take place on Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 8:00pm in the Youth Lounge. Anyone who wishes to volunteer for Sunday School or Youth Group should attend.

**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.

# BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

## *Sunday, May 24*

### *Pentecost*

8:15am Adult Sunday School, Parlor

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

**Guest Preacher: Dr. Manfred Brauch**

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

## *Monday, May 25*

### *Memorial Day*

Holiday – Church Office Closed

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Chapel

## *Tuesday, May 26*

12:15 – 1:15 Staff Meeting, Parlor

## *Wednesday, May 27*

### *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](mailto:jlmpsych910@gmail.com)

## **Narberth Presbyterian Church**

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## *Thursday, May 28*

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, May 29*

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

1:00pm Slideshow, Parlor

## *Saturday, May 30*

## *Sunday, May 31*

8:15am Adult Sunday School, Parlor

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

**Guest Preacher: Diane Chen**

### **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 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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