



Narberth Presbyterian Church

February 22, 2026

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

Elegy

Jinhee Shim, organist

Thalben-Ball

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Debbie

Call to Worship

Psalm 42:1-2,6-7

Rawson & Hallie Kennedy

Hymn #95

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Coronation

Opening Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading

Zechariah 9:9, John 12:12-16

Jack Comstock

Prayer of Confession

Mark Wenger

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, whose gaze toward us is one of boundless love and compassion. Yet we are often caught up by the pressures of life and our private agendas, and we avoid eye contact with you. Forgive us for not trusting in your benevolent authority and falling prey to the empty promises of earthly powers. Create in us a clean and humble heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. With gratitude we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

Worship Songs

*I Will Call Upon the Lord
You Are With Me
Majesty*

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

Lord Have Mercy

Merkel

Dean Pappas, vocals, Linda Pilacik, piano

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Message	Jesus Our King: From Concept to Commitment Sermon Scripture: John 18:28 – 19:16 Maria Kaminstein, Brinton Nicolai, Sue Wenger	Diane Chen
Hymn #92	<i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i>	<i>Diademata</i>
Benediction		Diane Chen
Postlude	<i>Postlude-Cantique</i> Jinhee Shim, organist	<i>Dubois</i>
Prayer Ministry		Mark Wenger

TODAY! Join Us for Brunch! Where can I go to get a free meal around here, and just what does the Justice and Mercy Committee do? The answer to both these questions is to join us at the Justice and Mercy (JaM) brunch and information session following worship TODAY! Hear briefly from our JaM advocates while enjoying a delicious meal and have your questions answered. All are welcome!

Winter Day Silent Retreat: Join us for a day of solitude in community on **Saturday February 28, 9:30am – 2:30pm**, at the Gallaghers' idyllic barn in Devon, PA. You will have an opportunity to spend some time in reflecting on your **Spiritual Journey** or simply connecting with God in whatever way you are invited by the Holy Spirit. Sign up with Clara Louie (claralouie@yahoo.com). It is a bring-your-own-lunch event.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

Lent is a season to slow down and listen, and what better way to do that than by hearing the hearts of our church family. I encourage you to dive into our weekly Lenten devotional, ***“The Week of...”*** Each entry is written by friends and members of NPC and some you might sit beside in the pew on Sunday! Please join us in a beautiful opportunity to reflect on this sacred season through shared stories, prayers, and insights of our church family. Let's journey toward the cross together, one page and one voice at a time! We begin with:

The Week of Wilderness – Genesis 3:19

The Dust We're Already Breathing – Genesis 3:19

Written by Justin E. Crawford

Your body knows Genesis 3:19 even if your mind has never read it. You feel it in the weight of fatigue, the ache that won't quite heal, the gray hair that wasn't there last year. "Dust you are, and to dust you shall return." This isn't ancient poetry; this is the sentence we're all serving. Lent begins by naming what we spend most of the year denying: we are fragile, we are breaking down, and left to ourselves, we are returning to the ground. The sweat on our faces isn't just physical exertion; it's the embodied anxiety of trying to keep it all together in a world that resists us at every turn. Work that should be joyful becomes grinding. Relationships that should be easy require constant repair. Even our own bodies betray us. This is what it means to be east of Eden, and Lent refuses to let us look away.

But the church observes these forty days not to wallow in mortality, but to prepare for what comes after it. When Jesus sweat blood in Gethsemane, He was taking the curse of Genesis 3:19 into His own body... the sweat, the thorns, the dust of the grave. He didn't bypass our mortality; He descended into it, all the way down. And then He did what we cannot do: He rose! Paul calls this "firstfruits." Jesus is the first harvest of a crop that includes us! Our dust isn't the end; it's the seed. Our burial isn't erasure; it's planting. Lent teaches us to stop clinging to the illusion that we can hold ourselves together and instead to fall into the hands of the God who raises the dead. The ashes on our foreheads mark us as mortal and, therefore, as candidates for resurrection.

Prayer:

God of life and death, I confess my body knows what my pride denies: I am dust, and I am returning to the ground. I am tired, I am breaking, and I cannot save myself. But You did not leave me to the dust. You sent Jesus to enter my mortality, to die my death, and to plant resurrection in the place of decay. This Lent, let me stop pretending and start trusting. Bury my false self. Raise Your true one. Amen.

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

Missions: Dan and Rebecca Hall (DiscipleMakers – Penn State-Main Campus)

Please pray for Dan, Rebecca, the entire DiscipleMakers staff, and the students to and among whom they continue to share the gospel of Jesus and bring the life-changing impact of Christ. With a long history of cross-cultural ministry in North Africa, creativity, commitment to the Lord and to the students, Dan and Rebecca have been ministering (since 2010) to students, individually and in a number of group settings, for worship, teaching, mentoring, and fun.

Notes from Justice and Mercy: Over 27 million people worldwide are trapped in human trafficking – a crime that thrives by weaponizing vulnerability and stripping away agency with coercion and control. Many of us have encountered a person who is being trafficked without even realizing it, often in the service industries. How can we as human beings and a church respond? Our voices can stop it. You can help move the needle on critical bills, such as The Sunset Section 230 Act and The Fix App Ratings Bill. As AI evolves, it is being used to automate coercion and create synthetic exploitation material. Awareness is your first line of defense. Each of us can pray for Sally Kapner as she serves as a catalyst for healing and restoration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Game Nights at NPC – Mark your calendar and get your “game” face on! Join us for fun, fellowship and 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 for games. Please reach out to Dee Knight (deedleskni9@gmail.com // 484-620-4157) with any questions. **Next Game Night: March 20th.**

2026 All-Church Retreat! Join us May 1st, 2nd, and 3rd at beautiful Sandy Cove, MD for our 4th annual All-Church Retreat! **Speaker to be announced soon.** Pricing sheets are available in the Chapel or please reach out to Danielle with any questions. You can reserve your spot with \$100 deposit by check, cash or online option. Please use 2026 Spring Retreat in the dropbox online. Balance is due by April 26th.

NPC Christian Preschool registration for the 2026-2027 school year is open for current preschool families and church families. Our preschool offers two-day, three-day and five-day options for children aged 21 months to pre-kindergarten. The school day runs from 9:00am – 12:00pm from mid-September to early-June, and we also offer afternoon programming (12:00 – 3:00pm) through Lunch Bunch and Pre-Kindergarten Enrichment. Registration will open at the same time for our wonderful six-week summer camp that runs from late June to late July. To receive more information as well as the link to register, please reach out to director Virginia Davis at preschool@narberthpres.org or 610-664-8890.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING

The Critical Journey: Regardless of our age and how long we have been a follower of Christ, we are on a lifelong journey of spiritual formation. But what does the terrain of that journey look like? Where are we going? Join Heather Gallagher and Clara Louie for a series of 6 sessions in reflection and communal learning on *The Critical Journey - Stages in the Life of Faith* on Wednesday from 7:00 – 8:00pm starting on January 14th. The series will conclude with an optional Saturday retreat on February 28th. Contact Clara (claralouie@yahoo.com) for more information or to sign up, so they will know how many copies of the field guides to print. Class is open to both men and women.

With God in the Desert is a study based on the 40 years God spent with his people, caring for and teaching them in the desert on their way from Egypt to the Promised Land. All are welcome to join this study, taught by Dr. Ray Vanderlaan, and filmed on site in the Negev desert.

Kids Praise – All children (PreK – 5th grade) are invited to Kids Praise where we sing, play music games, and have a lot of fun! We have begun learning our Easter songs, please join us!

Middle School Youth Group – All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are encouraged to attend Youth Group on Wednesday, February 11th, and February 25th. We meet in the inner youth room for Bible, games, and fellowship.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN & YOUTH

Lunches for the Parkway Ministry – Sunday, February 22nd our K – 5th graders will be making 90 lunches for the Parkway Ministry during Sunday School.

40 Day Challenge – Children’s Ministry is moving beyond the church walls! During this 6-week Sunday School series kids will grow closer to God and become better servants as they take the 40 Day Challenge to: pray, read, praise, serve, give, share!

Kids Praise – All children (PreK – 5th grade) are invited to Kids Praise each Wednesday night from 7:00 – 8:00pm in the choir room. We sing, play music games, and have a lot of fun!

Save the Date for *Kingdom Kids!* VBC 2026! Wednesday, June 17th (5:00 – 7:00pm), Thursday, June 18th (9:00am – 12:00pm), Friday, June 19th (9:00am – 12:00pm). Online registration for students and volunteers begins March 22nd. VBC is best for age 4 (by June 1st) through rising 5th graders (2026 – 2027 school year). Reach out to Danielle for more details!

Middle School & High School Sunday School – This Sunday, February 22nd our class will be led by Jan Kennedy. We hope to see you in the Youth Room for Sunday School!

Middle School Youth Group – All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are encouraged to attend Youth Group. We meet every other Wednesday from 7:00 – 8:00pm in the Youth Room. Mark your calendar for: February 25th, March 11th, March 25th.

Young Life Middle School Retreat – The local Young Life team (Western Philadelphia Suburbs) is taking a group of middle school students (6th – 8th graders) to beautiful Lake Champion (Glen Spey, NY), March 6th – 8th for a weekend of fun, friendship and adventure! There will be kids and leaders going from our area, as well as students from other parts of the East Coast. Kids will be in cabins with kids of their same gender and area. Leaders will also be in cabins with kids and with them during all the events and activities. We would love for your student to join us – we know it will be an incredible weekend!! For details and information, contact: Lisa Hoffman at 610-804-7905 or YL Leader Caroline Heese at 804-814-0771.

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, February 22

8:15am Adult Sunday School, Parlor
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream.

Guest Preacher: Diane Chen

Justice & Mercy Brunch directly following the Worship Service, Parlor

Monday, February 23

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Parlor

Tuesday, February 24

12:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, February 25

5:45 – 6:45pm Church Family Supper
7:00 – 8:00pm The Critical Journey, Chapel
7:00 – 8:00pm With God in the Desert, Parlor
7:00 – 8:00pm Kids Praise, Choir Room
7:00 – 8:00pm MSYG, Youth 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, Sept.-May
AA meets 12:30pm, Monday-Saturday & Sunday at 4:30pm

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Thursday, February 26

7:00 – 8:15 Women's Bible Study, Parlor
7:00 – 8:15 Men's Bible Study, Copy Room

Friday, February 27

10:00am – 12:00pm Ladies' Bible Study, Parlor
6:30pm Board Game Night, Parlor

Saturday, February 28

7:30am Men's Breakfast, Parlor
9:30am – 2:30pm Winter Day Silent Retreat, Devon, PA

Sunday, March 1

8:15am Adult Sunday School, Parlor
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream.

Church Staff

Deborah Watson, Associate Pastor
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