



Narberth Presbyterian Church

March 1, 2026

Invitation to Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God our Savior...

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, strong and faithful God.

From the beginning your Word has brought light and life.

**You give us breath and speech,
that all the living might find a voice to sing your praise.**

Holy God, how wonderful is the work of your hands!

You restore the beauty of your image when sin has scarred the world.

As a loving parent you gather your children.

**You fill us with longing for peace that will last,
and for justice that will never fail.**

For us you raised up Jesus, the living bread, in whom all hungers are satisfied.

He healed the sick, even as he suffered pain.

He offered his life to the world, as he died on the cross.

Jesus, in willing self-surrender, proved your love, God, stronger than death.

So now, with all in heaven and all creation,
we sing the endless hymn of your glory:

**Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Amen.

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn #670

Rise Up, O Saints of God!

Festal Song

Benediction

Pastor Debbie

Postlude

Praeludium in D
Jinhee Shim, organist

Garthoff

Prayer Ministry

Linda Behmke

Rise & Shine Breakfast at NPC – It’s time to spring ahead enjoy a wonderful breakfast prepared by some NPC youth and adults! All are welcome on **Sunday, March 8th** in the gym for pancakes, eggs, coffee, and more! Breakfast will be served from 8:30 – 9:15am. If you would like to volunteer to help please reach out to Danielle Kauffman (dkauffman@narberthpres.org).

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

In this second installment of our Lenten journey, we invite our church family to step away from the noise and enter *“The Week of Whispers.”* Based on the profound encounter in 1 Kings 19:11-12, this week’s devotional – thoughtfully co-authored by mother/daughter team Marilyn and Ashley Reed – explores the moments when God bypasses the wind, the earthquake, and the fire to meet us in the sheer silence. Together, let us lean in closely to hear the gentle whisper of God’s unconditional grace and rediscover the power of a love that speaks most clearly in the stillness.

The Week of Whispers – 1 Kings 19:11-12

The Whispering God – 1 Kings 19: 11-12

Written by Marilyn Reed and Ashley Reed

The prophet Elijah received death threats from Queen Jezebel after he had humiliated and then killed the prophets of Baal. Now he was on the run, feeling exhausted and discouraged. Have you ever felt like that, exhausted or discouraged? Despite seeing God’s mighty power at the contest with the prophets of Baal and then receiving rest, food, and drink from the angels, Elijah was overcome with fear and a lack of trust in God. God spoke to Elijah, telling him to stand and watch for Him to pass by. The wind was so strong that it shattered the rocks, followed by an earthquake and fire, but God wasn’t in any of that. Instead, God chose to speak to Elijah in a “gentle whisper”, not just a whisper, but a *gentle* whisper. Elijah deserved punishment for his whining and lack of trust, and we deserve punishment for our own sin. Yet God, who whispered gently to Elijah, sent Christ to die on a cross in our place. In this season of Lent, let us listen closely for God’s powerful message of sacrificial love and forgiveness for all who ask.

Prayer:

God of the still, small voice, we confess that we often fail to hear You. Your gentle whisper passes by us without our notice. We quickly forget the powerful demonstrations of who You are and how much You love us. Forgive us for our sin, our failure to follow the ways You want us to live, and our lack of attention to Your gentle whisper. Train us to be good listeners and good followers of Christ. Amen

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

Missions: Neighborhood Crusades Through their Nighttime Anti-Violence, Anti-Drug Crusades, School of Evangelism, Homeless Outreaches and Gospel Tract Distributions, Daniel Sawyer leads a team of volunteers who seek to reach the unsaved with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, train Christians to effectively evangelize, and help strengthen and encourage troubled youths. Please pray for Daniel and Esther Sawyer, who lead the ministry, and those to whom they offer the good news of God's love in Jesus, for many good connections to be made – between people, and with the Lord!

Notes from Justice and Mercy: The Orphan Care Ministry at NPC has partnered with 2 groups to heed God's call in Isaiah 1:17. "Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow." **Safe Families for Children** aims to prevent children from entering foster care by practicing biblical hospitality, generosity, and compassion to struggling families. **Well Rooted** works to support foster parents, reunifying biological families, and youth who have aged out of the foster care system. Val Foley has volunteered with each of the ministries described above and is a wealth of information for any questions you might have.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Fellowship Breakfast is Saturday, March 14th – Join us for a “Spring Awakening” women’s breakfast on Saturday, March 14th at 10:00am in the Parlor. This will be a morning of refreshment as we celebrate the season of renewal with delicious food, wonderful company, and prayer. Let’s gather to nourish our souls and grow together in grace. Reach out to Danielle Kauffman (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) or Sara Mahoney (smahoney@narberthpres.org) with any questions.

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.**

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. The first session will meet on **Monday, March 16th 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) or Gerri Wismer (geewis46@gmail.com) for more information about the group.

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING

Special Time of Prayer on Wednesday, March 4th – God invites you to come and talk to him as we gather together for prayer. All are encouraged to join us for this time of prayer led by Sally Kapner & Gerri Wismer. We will meet in the Chapel at 7:00pm. Please note that normal adult programming will not take place this week, but Kids Praise will run as usual.

NEW Wednesday Night Class beginning March 11th – Images of Salvation: God talk is more effective and identifiable when expressed in imagery and motif rather than in abstract propositions. We talk about God in terms of things we experience in mundane life. In the New Testament, what it means to be saved is explained in day-to-day images. We will consider some of these in this course, exploring themes such as covenant, regeneration, redemption, reconciliation, justification, citizenship, and holiness. This class will meet via Zoom with a viewing option available in the Parlor. Please email Diane Chen at dianegchen@gmail.com for the Zoom link or the recorded video of each class.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN & YOUTH

TODAY! Family Worship – All children and youth (1st – 12th grade) are encouraged to worship with their church family and participate in Communion. Worship bags are available at both entrances to the sanctuary, and the NPC Nursery is ready to welcome our youngest as usual. Sunday School for Children & Youth will resume next week.

Mashup! New Sunday School Series – Beginning Sunday, March 8th our Sunday School children will begin a new series that makes the connection between the Easter message and the Christmas story. Join us as we gain new insight into the truth that Jesus came as a baby but grew into a man who laid down his life to save us.

Kids Praise – 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 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: 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.

Preschool Sunday is March 15th – Join us as we celebrate Preschool Sunday! Our preschool isn't just a program, it's one of our church's most vital missions that provides a foundation of faith, curiosity, and love for our youngest neighbors. Come see and hear how we are shaping little hearts for big things! All are invited for a special reception in the Chapel following worship.

NPC Christian Preschool registration for the 2026-2027 school year is open! 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 is also open 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.

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, March 1

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

Monday, March 2

7:00pm Missions Meeting, Pastor's Office
8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Parlor

Tuesday, March 3

12:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, March 4

5:45 – 6:45pm Church Family Supper
7:00pm Special Time of Prayer, Chapel
7:00 – 8:00pm Kids Praise, Choir Room

Thursday, March 5

6:30pm Easter Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
7:00 – 8:15 Women's Bible Study, Parlor
7:00 – 8:15 Men's Bible Study, Copy Room

Friday, March 6

10:00am – 12:00pm Ladies' Bible Study, Parlor
3:00pm Memorial Service for Heidi Hartung

Saturday, March 7

Sunday, March 8

8:15am Adult Sunday School, Parlor
8:30 – 9:15am Rise & Shine Breakfast, Gym
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream.

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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