



# Narberth Presbyterian Church

March 8, 2026

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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**Prelude**

*Pastorale and Scherzo*  
Jinhee Shim, organist

*Powell*

**Welcome & Announcements**

Pastor Debbie

**Missions Update – Amnion Pregnancy Care Medical Center**

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 119:89,90

Isabel Lally

**Hymn #312**

*How Sure the Scriptures Are!*

*Darwall*

**Opening Prayer**

Tim Roykouff

**Scripture Reading**

Mark 8:22-25

Sara & Jack Mahoney

**Prayer of Confession**

Clara Louie

Dear God, we are such a mix of understanding and not getting it when it comes to your Son. Like Peter, we declare that Jesus is your Chosen One, and yet we shy away from going with him to places we think are difficult, or dangerous. Forgive us, merciful God. Give us clear-eyed trust in your Son, so that we become willing to go anywhere with him, including to our death, knowing that it is not the end, because you, who raised Jesus from the dead, will raise us too. We pray in his perfectly fearless name. Amen.

**Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon**

**The Peace**

**Worship Songs**

*No Longer Slaves*  
*How Great is Our God*  
*How Great Thou Art*  
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**

*Concert Etude in Db "Wauldesrauschen"*  
Jesse Morris, piano

*Liszt*

**Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

<b>Scripture</b>	<b>Mark 8:31-37</b>	<b>Paul Rabe</b>
<b>Message</b>	<b>The Road Less Travelled – or Sought</b>	<b>Pastor Debbie</b>
<b>Hymn #565</b>	<i>Lord of Creation</i>	<i>Slane</i>
<b>Benediction</b>		<b>Pastor Debbie</b>
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Finale</i> Jinhee Shim, organist	<i>Powell</i>
<b>Prayer Ministry</b>		<b>Mark Wenger</b>

### **An Update from Session to Our Church Family**

Dear Church Family,

The transitional pastor candidate the church had been interviewing has withdrawn his name from consideration after discerning that relocating from another state would not be the right step for his family at this time. Session is grateful for the time spent getting to know the candidate and appreciates his openness throughout the process. Rev. Bill Enns and Rev. Dori Little are actively working to find us additional candidates and already have three for us to review. Session remains committed to seeking the right transitional leadership for Narberth Presbyterian Church and appreciates the congregation’s continued prayers, patience, and support during this season.

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

**Amnion Fund Raiser:** During the month of March, we will be holding Amnion’s *Make a Change for Life* baby bottle fundraising drive. There are baby bottles available in the chapel area of the church to take home and fill with loose change, dollars, and/or checks. You can return the bottles to the church over the next few weeks in the box located in the chapel area. Amnion is also looking for donations of diapers, wipes, baby shampoo, baby clothes, diaper bags.

**Women’s Fellowship Breakfast is Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>** – Join us for a “Spring Awakening” women’s breakfast on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:dkauffman@narberthpres.org)) or Sara Mahoney ([smahoney@narberthpres.org](mailto:smahoney@narberthpres.org)) with any questions.

## LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

Welcome to the third week of our Lenten journey. We now turn our hearts toward **“The Week of Wonders.”** In a world that often feels routine or heavy, this week’s devotional, written by Maria Kaminstein, invites us to pause and look upward. As we read this special devotional, may our eyes be open to the extraordinary grace hidden in the ordinary, and may we find renewed strength in the wonders of His presence.

### *The Week of Wonders – 1 Chronicles 16:11-12*

**Remember** – I Chronicles 16:11-12

By Maria Kaminstein

Soon after the people of Israel had crossed the miraculously-parted Red Sea, freeing every last one of them from 400 years of grinding, dehumanizing enslavement, God told them to remember what they had just experienced. “Remember??” the Israelites must have thought, “How could we forget? The roar of the retreating waves; those great walls of water that we walked through; the mighty Egyptian army demolished when the sea returned to its place; singing and dancing on the other side! Has such a wonder ever taken place on this earth? How could we forget the dizzying joy of liberation?” And yet they did. After an amazingly short time in the desert, they began to wish for a return to their airbrushed version of life in Egypt.

God’s wonders are life-changing, astonishing, gob-smacking, awe-inspiring. They fill us with joy and leave us humbled. But his greatest wonder is deceptively simple. When Jesus entered the world in the weak, corruptible body of a human being, walked among his people incognito, and taught them with words that left his followers both breathless and puzzled, he was, right before their eyes, pulling off the astonishing feat of spiritual liberation for all. What a glorious miracle! The moment when we receive Jesus’ gift of freedom for ourselves is unforgettable, we think. It feels like a turning point for the ages. Yet, how easily it dims as we return to our regular lives with all its demands and pitfalls – today’s version of the desert. The season of Lent brings us back to remembering who Jesus is, what he taught, and the marvel of his presence with us. It is a time for listening and praying, a season for wonder as we ponder again the fathomless love of our Savior, who laid down everything for us.

#### **Prayer:**

*Lord, I am awed by the way you willingly cloaked your power so that I could encounter the glory of God face-to-face. Please forgive me for the times when I forget the truth of your salvation, for the times when I doubt your love. Thank you, Eternal Savior, for never giving up on me, for always welcoming me home. Right now, I put my hand in yours. Take me where you will. Amen*

# PRAYER INFORMATION

## Please Remember in Prayer

**Missions: Chosen People Ministries (Paul and Linda Cruz)** Paul left a career as a hospital administrator for full-time ministry in 2003. Since completing his studies at Palmer Seminary in 2010, Paul has been working in small group ministry, engaged in preaching and teaching, and in hosting Messianic Jewish holiday celebrations. He helps with several local Messianic fellowships in the Philadelphia area. Please pray for Paul and Linda, as they offer a friendly faithful witness to Jews and non-Jews alike.

**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

On **Easter morning, April 5<sup>th</sup>**, our sanctuary will be filled with the beauty and fragrance of spring flowers. You may dedicate a plant as a memorial to loved ones or simply to express your joy in God's love. After the Worship Service on Easter, if you are able, please sign up to deliver a plant or two to members of our church family who are unable to worship with us here or take one home to enjoy. You do not need to donate a plant to deliver one. Please consider being the bearer of Easter greetings and love from our congregation to someone who otherwise might be alone on that day. Forms are available in the Narthex and at the Windsor Street entrance if you would like to dedicate and/or deliver a plant. Please contact the church office with any questions.

**NEW Wednesday Night Class beginning March 11<sup>th</sup> – 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](mailto:dianegchen@gmail.com) for the Zoom link or the recorded video of each class.

**Board Game Nights at NPC** – Mark your calendar & get your “game” face on! Join us for fun, fellowship & board games on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. Reach out to Dee Knight ([deedleskni9@gmail.com](mailto:deedleskni9@gmail.com) // 484-620-4157) with any questions. **Next Game Night: March 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**JaM Brunch – Rescheduled:** The new date for the Justice and Mercy brunch is April 26<sup>th</sup>, following worship. Enjoy a lovely meal and hear from the JaM Advocates.

**2026 All-Church Retreat! Only a few rooms remain!** Join us May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> at beautiful Sandy Cove, MD for our 4<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup>.

## INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN & YOUTH

***Mashup! New Sunday School Series*** – Beginning Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> 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** – All children (PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> 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! Kids Praise will be singing on Easter Sunday!

**Save the Date for *Kingdom Kids! VBC 2026!*** 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). Online registration for students and volunteers begins March 22<sup>nd</sup>. VBC is best for age 4 (by June 1<sup>st</sup>) through rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders (2026 – 2027 school year). Reach out to Danielle for more details!

**Middle School & High School Sunday School** – Sunday School is more than just a class; it's a space to connect, explore big questions, and find a community. All 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders are encouraged to meet us in the Youth Room.

**Middle School Youth Group** – All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup>, March 25<sup>th</sup>.

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**Preschool Sunday is March 15<sup>th</sup>** – 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](mailto:preschool@narberthpres.org) or 610-664-8890.

# BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

## *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.

## *Monday, March 9*

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Parlor

## *Tuesday, March 10*

12:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor

## *Wednesday, March 11*

5:45 – 6:45pm Church Family Supper  
7:00 – 8:00pm With God in the Desert, Chapel  
7:00 – 8:00pm Images of Salvation, Parlor & Zoom  
7:00 – 8:00pm Kids Praise, Choir Room  
7:00 – 8:00pm MSYG, Youth Room

## *Thursday, March 12*

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 13*

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

## *Saturday, March 14*

10:00am Women's Breakfast, Parlor

## *Sunday, March 15*

### *Preschool Sunday*

8:15am Adult Sunday School, Parlor  
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

**Counseling:** Dr. Janet Moore: cell: 484-686-6630 email: [jlmpsyh910@gmail.com](mailto:jlmpsyh910@gmail.com)

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Tim Roykouff, Business Administrator  
Sara Mahoney, Administrative Assistant  
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Joyce B. Nicolai, Bookkeeper  
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