



Narberth Presbyterian Church

March 9, 2025

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in C Minor

Bruckner

Jinhee Shim, organ

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Debbie

Call to Worship

Kristen, Caitlin, & Natalie Henry

Eternal God, today is a day of new beginnings.

On the first day of the week, you began your work of creating life out of nothing.

On the first day of the week, you raised Jesus and began the work of creating new life from death.

On the first day of the week, you sent your Holy Spirit and began your work of creating new life in your church.

ALL: Help us live today as people who have begun again – to live every day in the new life which comes to us through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymn #29

O Worship the King

Lyons

Opening Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 9-10, 39-40

**Alexa Higgins &
Maggie Hawthorn**

Prayer of Confession

Isabel Lally

Gracious God, on this Sunday morning in March, we are grateful for the gifts you have given us, but so often we forget you, the source of all good gifts. Please forgive us for taking for granted the blessings you have poured out on us, and for acting as if they were meant only for us. Forgive us for hoarding your blessings – material and spiritual – and resisting your call to care for our neighbors – within and beyond this congregation. Forgive us, merciful God; please teach us to recognize all your good gifts and share them with others, as you have enabled us, so that your goodness, mercy and love might be lived out in us, and through us, your humble, grateful people. We pray in Jesus' name, amen.

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

Jesus, in Luke's gospel, says: "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." For Jesus, blessing us meant trusting God as he died on the cross. Jesus shows us how to bless the people around us, as we trust God to supply all we need for that to happen. Hear the good news – in Christ, we are forgiven and set free to follow his lead in all our giving. Amen.

The Peace

Worship Songs

Sing With All Your Heart
Cornerstone
Great Are You Lord
NPC Worship Band

Children & Youth (6th – 9th grade) dismissed to Sunday School

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

As Long As I Have Breath
NPC Choir, Linda Pilacik, director

Farrar

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-12

Isabel Lally

Message

New Beginnings: Showing Up

Pastor Debbie

Hymn #507

I Then Shall Live

Finlandia

Benediction

Pastor Debbie

Postlude

Marcietta
Jinhee Shim, organ

Dubois

Prayer Ministry

Isabel Lally

TODAY is Girl Scout Sunday! – On this special Sunday, our awesome Girl Scouts will help lead worship and host the fellowship table following service. All are invited to sample your favorite Girl Scout Cookies for free!

Rise & Shine Breakfast – Thank you to those who prepared our delicious breakfast this morning! And thank you to those who attended!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Baby Bottle "Make a Change for life" Drive. We have baby bottles in the Chapel & Narthex areas for you to take home and fill with loose change (dollars, checks) and bring back to the church over the month of March. The money collected will benefit **Amnion Pregnancy Center**. During this time, we will also collect diapers and baby wipes.

NEW Men's & Women's Bible Studies: Join us for an eight-week Bible study on the "I AM" statements in the Gospel of John! Discover the profound truths and promises of Jesus as He reveals His divine identity through these powerful declarations. Whether you're new to Bible study or a seasoned participant, this series will deepen your understanding of Christ's mission and love. All are welcome!

When: Thursdays starting March 13th, from 7:00 – 8:15pm (excluding Easter week)

Where: Men's Bible Study – Pastor's office; Women's Bible Study – Church Parlor

For More Information: Men's Bible Study – contact Ken Eng (K_Eng@msn.com) or Tim Neilsen (mytn1122@gmail.com); Women's Bible Study – contact Lalitha Naveen (lnaveen@temple.edu)

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, GriefShare. The sessions specifically address topics and issues for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. This is a place where you can be surrounded by people who understand the pain of your loss. The first GriefShare session meets on **Monday, March 10th from 6:30 – 8:00pm** in the Parlor and continues to meet weekly into June (note that you can join at any time). It is important to register on the GriefShare website & there is a \$20 registration fee to participate. Contact Alice Antonelli (arichardson1@gmail.com) or Gerri Wismer (geewis46@gmail.com) for more information about the group

NPC PRESCHOOL

Preschool Sunday is March 16th – Join us as we celebrate our NPC Preschool on Sunday, March 16th. Extended fellowship will be held in the gym following service.

NPC Christian Preschool registration is open for the 2025-2026 school year for current preschool families and church families. Our preschool offers two-day, three-day and five-day options for children aged 18 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, reach out to director Virginia Davis (preschool@narberthpres.org // 610-664-8890).

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 & Mercy: As part of Orphan Care, Val Foley mentors a young woman who has aged out of foster care and is working on living independently while caring for her young son. Well Rooted posts one-time opportunities to help on their Facebook page and Val helps with these. Currently, they are in need of a refrigerator and a car. Please pray for Val's husband's cancer treatments to go well. Pray also for the young woman Val is mentoring and for Well Rooted as it does the work of supporting people in the foster care system and families in crisis. Check out their Facebook page for opportunities to give.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

Gone Fishin' – Our K-5th grade and NPC Nursery are enjoying a new series together called *Gone Fishin'*. Each week we will discover the ministry of Jesus! “***Come, follow me, and I will send you out to fish for people.***” Mark 1:17

Stepping Stones Through Lent – Children and families are encouraged to engage together in this NEW Lenten devotional. Please be sure to get your copy from Danielle!

Children's Lenten Offering – This year the children's Lenten Offering will support Well Rooted! We are collecting non-perishable food items. You can put your donation in the bin near the NPC Nursery or the bin on the stage.

Kids Praise! Children's Wednesday Night Program – Children (PreK – 5th grade) are encouraged to join us for music fun! We meet in the Choir Room from 7:00 – 8:00pm. All are welcome!

LIVE IT OUT! VBC 2025! – Mark your calendar for these dates: *Tuesday, June 17th (3:00 – 5:00pm) through Friday, June 20th (9:00 – 11:30am on Wed, Thurs, Fri) for NPC's VBC!* This summer children will experience camp excitement with Bible-based learning that will inspire them to follow Jesus! VBC is best for those age 4 (by June 1) through rising 5th graders (2025-2026 school year). Many volunteers are needed to make this a success too! Registration opens for students and volunteers March 24th.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

Stations of the Cross: During this season of Lent we will be learning more about the stations of the cross during Sunday School (6th – 9th grade). Students will have the opportunity to know more about reason for lent and the 40 days leading up to Christ's death and resurrection.

Youth VBC Volunteers – Rising 6th – 12th graders (2025 – 2026 school year) are encouraged to volunteer for VBC! Online Registration opens on March 24th. You can find the link on the church website or look for an email from Danielle. We hope to see you there!

ALL-CHURCH RETREAT

Where Friends Gather – 2025 All-Church Retreat! ONLY A FEW ROOMS REMAIN! Join us May 2nd, 3rd, and 4th at beautiful Sandy Cove, MD for our third annual All-Church Retreat! **Our speaker is Rev. Mark Gende.** 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 2025 Spring Retreat in the dropbox online. You can also text your deposit with the keyword RETREAT. Balances are due by April 2nd.

***NEW – The Saturday only option is now available!** The cost is \$60 per person ages 12 & up; \$30 per child ages 4-11; and no charge for ages 0-3. Please RSVP directly to Danielle as space is limited.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING

Practicing the Way: Simon and Cindy Hauger are leading a second 8-week series of *Practicing the Way*, a wonderful new book about spiritual formation. This series will focus on the practices of **Sabbath and prayer**. If you're curious about Sabbath or would like to make your prayer life richer, then you will love this series. All are welcome (even if you did not participate in the first study). If you want to learn more, reach out to Simon or Cindy directly (shauger@workshopu.org // 215-605-6850).

Moms at the Well: For centuries, women met daily at neighborhood wells to draw water for their families, meeting a significant physical need. But these wells were also gathering spaces, providing much-needed community and relationship. Join us for scripture, a time of sharing, and prayer led by Lisa Hoffman. This is open to all women as a safe space to gather and encourage one another. It allows us to experience the God who invites us into a process of spiritual transformation. We will meet for 6 weeks. Reach out to Lisa Hoffman or Danielle Kauffman with any questions.

Personal Finance: Ever wonder how much debt is too much? What credit rating agencies are all about? If you should budget? And if so, is there an app for that? Join Alice Antonelli as she facilitates a class on personal finance on a variety of topics. The format will include a short video and conversation afterward. Contact Alice (arichardson1@gmail.com) or Mark Wenger (markfwenger@yahoo.com) with any questions.

Starting March 26th! Introduction to Biblical Interpretation: Who wrote the Bible -- human beings or God? Does the Bible contain errors? Who decided to include only these 66 books? What went on between ancient oral traditions and our modern-day Bible? Why are there many versions and translations? How do we bridge the historical, cultural, and linguistic gap between us and the world of the text? Who determines the meaning of the text -- the author or the reader? How about the role of the Holy Spirit? Considering these questions will help us respect the complexity of the Bible, follow sound interpretive guidelines, and deepen our desire to read God's word with curiosity, discernment, and reverence. This class is primarily taught via Zoom, with a viewing option set up at church. Please email Diane (dianegchen@gmail.com) for the Zoom link and/or recording for each class.

Kids Praise! Children (PreK – 5th grade) are encouraged to join the party in the Choir Room. Together we sing, dance, learn a lot about music, and HAVE FUN! We hope to see you there! Please reach out to Danielle with any questions.

Middle School Youth Group: Calling all 6th-8th grade students to join us for an hour of games, bible study, and memorable time together! Invite a friend to join you for a night of fun!

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, March 9

Girl Scout Sunday

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor

8:30 – 9:15 Rise & Shine Breakfast, Gym

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

Monday, March 10

6:15 – 7:15pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Chapel

6:30 – 8:00pm GriefShare, Parlor

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Pastor's Office

Tuesday, March 11

12:15 – 1:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, March 12

5:45 – 6:45pm Church Family Supper, Gym

7:00 – 8:00pm Personal Finance, Pastor's Office

7:00 – 8:00pm Practicing the Way, Parlor

7:00 – 8:00pm Women at the Well, Chapel

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

Counseling: Dr. Janet Moore: cell: 484-686-6630 email: jlmpsych910@gmail.com

Thursday, March 13

6:30 – 8:00pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

7:00 – 8:15pm Women's Bible Study, Parlor

7:00 – 8:15pm Men's Bible Study, Pastor's Office

Friday, March 14

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

Saturday, March 15

Sunday, March 16

Preschool Sunday

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor

9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream. **Guest Preacher: Sean McGrew.**

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