



Narberth Presbyterian Church

March 22, 2026

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

arr. Costello

Jinhee Shim, organist

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Debbie

Call to Worship

Psalm 33: 1-5

Rawson & Hallie Kennedy

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright.

Praise the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.

Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

All: Let us worship the Lord our God.

Hymn #558

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Beecher

Opening Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading

2 Samuel 7:12-14,16

Michael Steenhoff

Prayer of Confession

Ann Sattel

Lord God, you call us to care for the widow and orphan, to feed the hungry, to give drink to the thirsty, to seek justice and righteousness, but we find ourselves seeking safety and security at the expense of others, seeking our own comfort and convenience as others struggle to survive. Forgive us for the ways in which our discipleship is easy when you call us to lay down our privilege to serve those made in your image. Help us to see our neighbors as you see them, that we might seek their welfare as we do our own. Amen.

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

Worship Songs

Revelation Song

What A Beautiful Name

Something About That Name

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	<i>The Darkest Hour is Just Before Dawn</i>	<i>Stanley</i>
	David Baker, mandolin & vocals, Dean Pappas, guitar & vocals	
Doxology and Prayer of Dedication		
Scripture	Mark 10: 46-52	Tom Patterson
Message	Seeing and Believing	Rev. Dr. Ken Green
Hymn #532	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	<i>Slane</i>
Benediction		Rev. Dr. Ken Green
Postlude	<i>Marcietta</i> Jinhee Shim, organist	<i>Dubois</i>
Prayer Ministry		Clara Louie

The Rev. Dr. Kenneth Green and his wife, the Rev. Dr. Tassie Green attended Narberth from 2014 – 2016 and Tassie served on our staff as the Director of Youth and Family ministries.

Ken is a Church Consultant with the Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (USA). In that role, he consults with churches and presbyteries within the Synods of Lincoln Trails and Lakes & Prairies about employee compensation and benefits. He also leads seminars on preparing for ministry at regional seminaries and in preparing for retirement for pastors and church workers.

Before joining the Board in 2014, Ken was the senior pastor of First Presbyterian Church of LaGrange, Illinois. Previously, Ken and his wife, Tassie, were associate pastors at Second Presbyterian Church of Indianapolis. Ken and his family live in Palatine, IL where Tassie is currently the Interim Pastor at FPC Evanston, and serves as the faculty lead for Interim Ministry training in the region.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

Sunday, March 29th, Palm Sunday

9:30am Worship Service

Sunday School for children and youth will meet as usual.



Wednesday, April 1st

Special Time of Prayer at 7:00pm in the Chapel led by Jan Kennedy & Linda Behmke.

Regular Wednesday night programming will resume on April 8th.

Thursday, April 2nd, Maundy Thursday

7:30pm Communion and Tenebrae Service

A quiet service of gathering darkness as we mark the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples. Communion will be served. The service ends in darkness and silence.

Friday, April 3rd, Good Friday

12:00 noon Good Friday Service

We will gather to celebrate our unity in Christ and remember his death on the cross.

Children's Worship Bags will be available.

Sunday, April 5th, EASTER Morning

7:30am Sunrise Service (held in the courtyard or the Gym, weather permitting)

8:30am Easter Breakfast in the Gym

9:30am Worship Service

A joyful celebration of the Risen Christ in word, music, prayer and song.

He Is Risen! He Is Risen, Indeed!

Please Note: This is Family Worship Sunday where Children & Youth will remain in the Sanctuary to worship and receive communion with their families. The NPC Nursery will be available for infants through Pre-K. Children's Worship Bags will be available.

Easter Flowers: On **Easter morning, April 5th**, 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.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

Welcome to our fifth week of our Lenten devotional series. As we journey through this season of reflection and repentance, we are focusing on the profound, tender work of God's grace in our lives. This week, we enter *The Week of Washing*. This week's devotional, thoughtfully written by one of NPC's college students navigating faith in a hectic world, brings a fresh, relatable perspective on what it means to be washed white as snow. Take a few minutes to step away from the noise and allow yourself to be loved by a God who specializes in fresh starts. May this "Week of Washing" bring you closer to the heart of God.

The Week of Washing – Psalm 51:2-7

A Prayer for *Cleansing* - Psalm 51: 2-7

Written by: Michael Steenhoff

In this Lenten time, we are challenged to fast from food, pray from the heart, and sacrifice from our soul. We aspire to mirror Jesus' quest through the wilderness, preparing ourselves for His Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Today, March 20th is the thirtieth day of Lent, meaning we are all 75% done with our quest through the wilderness, only ten days left! Whether we have stuck like glue to our spiritual disciplines this Lent, or have started to gradually lose our stickiness, do not fear! We are not alone – God has a word to encourage our hearts and spur on our minds.

In Psalm 51:2-7, David, King of Israel, reflects upon his wrongdoings in a ballad to the Lord. He cries out, pleading for God to "Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin." David is likely referencing his act of committing adultery with Bathsheba, while premeditating the very murder of her husband, Uriah, by purposefully sending him to the frontline of a battle. Reflecting upon his actions David "know[s] [his] transgressions" and that "sin is always before" him. David cannot get out of the shadow of his own sin. Just like us he was "sinful at birth, sinful from the time [his] mother conceived [him]."

However, this is not the end for David (and for us), because we have a forgiving God.

We have a Lord who "desired faithfulness even in the womb," a God who "taught wisdom in that secret place." The holy spirit dwells in us, and David's last verse states that God will "cleanse [you] with hyssop and [you] will be clean." Picture a stunning periwinkle spiral of minty fresh flowers – these are hyssops – and God's forgiveness is even more crisp and refreshing than the scent of hyssops. Even though we have "sinned and done what is evil in [God's] sight" time and time again, he forgives us with grace, time and time again. And as is timely, at least in Boston, we all "will be whiter than snow."

So take this word with careful caution and a cheerful spirit, because if even a king like David could sin atrociously, who are we to say we cannot do the same. But in the exact same spirit, God looks directly at us with His unending love, cleansing us with His grace, and we will be washed clean by Him.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, during our symbolic 40-day walk through the wilderness – retracing the spiritual footsteps of Jesus – help us to walk hand-in-hand with you Lord. In the last ten days, help us to acknowledge our sins, and today make a promise with you to work day by day, fighting our sin. Because even though you sent your only son to die for our sins, and you forgive us for them when we repent, we need you. We need faithfulness in you to help acknowledge and work to limit our endless sinning Lord. Please help give me the wisdom that you've taught us all in that secret place, and as David wrote, cleanse me with Hyssop, so that I may be clean. Amen.

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

Missions: The Chestnut Foundation Shelby and Benjamin Chestnut live with a severe form of cerebral palsy. For many years, they have been our neighbors here in Narberth. The Chestnut Foundation exists to help meet the extraordinary needs of families whose children have cerebral palsy, focusing on those with unknown causes and/or with two or more afflicted children. Please pray for the Lord to walk with and bless this family, and those like them, as daily they face tremendous demands that are physical, emotional, financial and spiritual.

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

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, April 11th – Join us for a special women's breakfast as we gather for a *Moment for Mission*. We'll enjoy a morning of food and fellowship while hearing powerful stories from Julie Fernandez about her recent medical mission trip to Africa. 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 & get your “game” face on! Join us for fun, fellowship & 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. Reach out to Dee Knight (deedleskni9@gmail.com // 484-620-4157) with any questions. **Next Game Night: April 17th.**

JaM Brunch – Rescheduled: The new date for the Justice and Mercy brunch is April 26th, 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^s, 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.

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) or Gerri Wismer (geewis46@gmail.com) for more information about the group.

Jobs available at NPC: The Session and Personnel Committee are pleased to announce that we have begun to actively recruit for 2 part-time positions. We are seeking a **Contemporary Music Coordinator** to lead our worship music and coordinate special music opportunities. Additionally, we are seeking a **Weekend Custodian** to keep the building clean and ready for worship and other activities. If you or someone you know might be interested in either of these positions, please check the church website for job descriptions and/or reach out to Linda Behmke, Personnel Committee Chair.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN & YOUTH

Mashup! New Sunday School Series – Our Sunday School children began 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.

2026 VBC Kingdom Kids! Registration is Open! Use the links in the Friday Newsletter to register your student or youth for NPC's VBC. Join us on Wednesday, June 17th (5:00 – 7:00pm), Thursday, June 18th (9:00am – 12:00pm), Friday, June 19th (9:00am – 12:00pm). VBC is best for age 4 (by June 1st) through rising 5th graders (2026 – 2027 school year). Volunteers are needed to make our days fun and safe! All rising 6th through 12th 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 17th. Reach out to Danielle for more details!

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! Kids Praise will be singing on Easter Sunday!

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 25th and April 8th.

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 6th – 12th graders are encouraged to meet us in the Youth Room. This week Kendra Nicolai will be leading Youth Sunday School.

Only a Few Spots Left! 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. 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

Join us for a church family supper starting at 5:45pm followed by the following offerings which begin at 7:00pm:

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 (dianegchen@gmail.com) for the Zoom link or the recorded video of each class.

The Fifth Cup – Our Way of Hope Join us for a Bible Study filmed at Gethsemane, in Jerusalem, to think deeply about the cup, about which Jesus asked his Father, and that “night of watching,” when Jesus watched alone, and his disciples fell asleep.

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AN UPDATE FROM SESSION TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Dear Church Family,

We are grateful to share an exciting update in the life of Narberth Presbyterian Church. After a thoughtful and prayerful process, the Session has hired **Chris Rini** as our new **Youth Ministry Leader**, to help guide and support our youth in their faith and discipleship.

We are so thankful to God for His provision in this important area of ministry. Investing in the spiritual growth of our young people remains a vital part of our calling as a church, and we are encouraged by this step forward and the energy Chris brings to the position. We look forward to welcoming Chris and sharing more about his role with the congregation this coming Sunday.

At the same time, we continue the process of seeking a **Transitional Pastor**, with interviews taking place this week. We ask for your prayers—for wisdom, discernment, and clarity—as we seek God’s leading in this important decision for the future of our church.

Thank you for your continued prayers and faithful support of the ministries of NPC.

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

2026 CHURCH OFFICERS

THE SESSION

Deborah Watson – Moderator

Class of 2026

Diane Chen
*Brinton Nicolai
Mark Wenger
Clara Louie

Class of 2027

Susan Costantino
*Jim Hornung
Katie Kennedy
Ashley Reed

Class of 2028

*Linda Behmke
Jim Hoffman
Andrew Steenhoff

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* serving second term

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, March 22

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

Guest Preacher: Ken Green

Monday, March 23

6:30 – 8:00pm GriefShare, Parlor
8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Chapel

Tuesday, March 24

12:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, March 25

5:45 – 6:45pm Church Family Supper
7:00 – 8:00pm The Fifth Cup, 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

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: jlmpsvch910@gmail.com

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Thursday, March 26

7:00pm Easter Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Friday, March 27

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

Saturday, March 28

7:30am Men's Breakfast, Parlor

Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday

8:15am Adult Sunday School, Parlor

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

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 Roykoff, 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
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