



Narberth Presbyterian Church

May 11, 2025

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

How Great Thou Art
Jinhee Shim, organ

arr. Miller

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Debbie

Call to Worship

Psalm 46:1-3, 7

Michelle, Virginia,
& Annabelle Phillips

Opening Prayer

Pastor Mark

Hymn #25

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Andrews

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:1-17

Katie Wenger

Prayer of Confession

Jan Kennedy

Father, we experience struggles, disputes, and grumbling in relationships because we put ourselves ahead of others. We struggle with ambition and self-importance. We put ourselves before you. We confess that when we are at the center of our world, you are not. Help us to make Christ's example the center of all our relationships. Amen.

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

Thank you, Father, for hearing our confession. Please renew our minds, so that we have the mind of Christ in our relationships with others. Amen.

The Peace

Worship Songs

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go
Good God
He Will Hold Me Fast
NPC Worship Band

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

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

All Things Work Together For Good
NPC Choir, Linda Pilacik, director

arr. Carter

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading	Philippians 2:5	Pastor Mark
Message	How to Get Along with People	Pastor Mark
Hymn #560	<i>May the Mind of Christ My Savior</i>	<i>St Leonards</i>
Benediction		Pastor Mark
Postlude	<i>Toccata in Seven</i> Jinhee Shim, organ	<i>Rutter</i>
Prayer Ministry		Linda Behmke

2026 All-Church Retreat – *Save-the-Date!* Mark your calendar for Friday, May 1st – Sunday, May 3rd for our 4th annual All-Church Retreat at Sandy Cove Ministries Retreat Center (MD).

All-Church Picnic is Sunday, June 1st – Join us beginning at 1:00pm for our annual All-Church Picnic at Springton Reservoir Picnic Pavilion (1071 Media Line Road, Newtown Square). All are welcome! An email to RSVP was sent out – please RSVP so we can plan well.

Explorers’ Class – Are you interested in becoming a member of NPC, learning more about our church, or about faith? Please consider being a part of our New Explorers’ Class. Dates and Time TBD. To sign up or for more information please contact Sara Mahoney in the church office.

Turkey Study Tour Debbie Watson and Diane Chen have arranged with Tutku Educational Travel to lead a group from Narberth Presbyterian Church and Palmer Theological Seminary on a 13-day study tour to Turkey from December 28, 2025 to January 9, 2026. Stops include Istanbul, Cappadocia, Perga, Antalya, as well as the cities of the seven churches in Revelation. Registration has begun. Please contact Diane (dianegchen@gmail.com) for a trip brochure or to express an interest in joining the tour. Space is limited.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Game Night at NPC is May 16th – If you enjoy board games and card games please join us for this fun evening! Bring a snack to share and your favorite board/card games. We will meet at 6:30pm in the Parlor. Children & Youth are welcome to join us but must remain in the Parlor for games. Please RSVP to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org). We hope to see you there!

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 20th**, from 7:00 – 8:15pm (excluding Easter week)

Where: Men's Bible Study – Copy Room; 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. GriefShare meets on **Mondays from 6:30 – 8:00pm** in the Parlor 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

Jennifer Bonovitz is working at full steam again, loving our neighbors and regularly checking the blue bins outside the Windsor doors. The needs are great. All donations of canned goods, pasta, and toilet paper are greatly appreciated!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING

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.

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

Missions: InterServe (Jan Kennedy, Member IS International Council), an international, interdenominational Christian organization, began in 1852, to care for the poor and marginalized in South Asia, living among them, learning their languages and adapting to their cultures. Then and now, the goal is for all people to encounter Jesus and experience the life that he wants for them by experiencing the difference that the presence of the Lord makes in Christians' lives. Please pray for the safety and witness of InterServe partners serving in Central and South Asia, and for Jan, as she serves on the governing board.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

We Go Together! *How to be a Good Friend* – Join us in Sunday School as we shine our light for Jesus and learn about being a friend like Him.

Bible Buddy – Children’s Ministries is launching a summer Bible reading program called “Bible Buddy”. The goal is to encourage our youngest to foster a love for God’s Word. During Sunday School everyone will be adopting a stuffed animal of their choice, naming it, and receiving a summer reading plan. ***Adoption Day is Sunday, June 8th!***

Save the Date for Moving Up Sunday – On Sunday, June 1st, rising second graders will receive new Bibles, we will recognize our current fifth grade students, and we will celebrate our high school seniors at the front-part of worship.

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). Students and Volunteers can register online at the church website today!

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

Meet the Pastor Night and Dinner! Sunday, May 11th – All current high school students (9th - 12th) are encouraged to join us in the Youth Room on Sunday, May 11th from 6:00 – 7:00pm. **Chipotle** will be served for dinner! Pastor Mark is excited to get to know you and revive the high school youth. **High School Sunday School will relaunch Sunday, May 18th!** Reach out to Pastor Mark (mgende@narberthpres.org) if you have any questions.

Service Opportunity with The Welcome Church! On Sunday, May 25th we will be making snack bags during Sunday school to take to Center City! Following service, we will grab a piece of pizza and head to Logan Square for a time of worship & service for our homeless neighbors in the city! We will leave at 1:45pm and return to NPC by 4:30pm. Hope to see you there!

Confirmation Sunday – Sunday, May 18th Join us in helping to celebrate our students as they complete confirmation class and are welcomed into membership at NPC!

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!

2025 CHURCH OFFICERS

THE SESSION

Mark Gende – Moderator

Class of 2025

Linda Behmke
*Jack Comstock
*Jan Kennedy
Simon Hauger

Class of 2026

*Jie Cai
Diane Chen
*Brint Nicolai
Mark Wenger

Class of 2027

Susan Costantino
*Jay Field
*Jim Hornung
Katie Kennedy

THE BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2025

Karen Pappas
Ann Sattel
Rashmi Vyas
*Sandi Wray

Class of 2026

Lorraine Hoffner
Chang Liu
Rick Plummer
*Gerri Wismer

Class of 2027

*Ray Bellamy
Kevin Cope
Suzanne Morrison
*Donald Vangore

* serving second term

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, May 11

Mother's Day

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor

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

6:00 – 7:00pm Youth Meet the Pastor Night, Youth Room

Monday, May 12

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

6:30 – 8:00pm GriefShare, Parlor

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Chapel

Tuesday, May 13

12:15 – 1:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, May 14

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

7:00 – 8:00pm Introduction to Biblical

Interpretation, Zoom/Parlor

7:00 – 8:00pm Personal Finance, Copy Room

Thursday, May 15

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, Copy Room

Friday, May 16

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

6:30pm Board Game Night, Parlor

Saturday, May 17

Sunday, May 18

Confirmation Sunday

8:15am 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: jlmpsych910@gmail.com

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Jesus Christ, Minister

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Deborah Watson, Associate Pastor

Danielle Kauffman, Intergenerational Ministry

Claire Woods, Director of Youth Ministry

Sharon Shallow, Nursery Coordinator

Jinhee Shim, Organist

Sarah Comstock, Worship Band Leader

Linda Pilacik, Minister of Music

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

Larry Lubchuk, Weekend Custodian



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