



Narberth Presbyterian Church

June 29, 2025

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

Praise to the Lord
Jinhee Shim, organist

Payne

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Debbie

Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-4

Isabel Lally

Opening Prayer

Pastor Mark

Hymn #40

Let the Whole Creation Cry

Llanfair

Scripture Reading

Psalm 1:1-6

Luke Tetreau

Prayer of Confession

Linda Behmke

Father, we thank you for your goodness to us. You love us even when we do not live as you would have us to live. We confess that too often we choose the way of the world, leading to pointlessness and pain, instead of the way of your Word, leading to flourishing and blessing. Amen.

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

Thank you, Lord, for your patience with us, as we walk with you on life's pilgrim pathway. Help us to choose the way of your Word and not the way of the world, so that we may know your presence, your protection, and prosperity in our spirits, because of Christ. Amen.

The Peace

Worship Songs

Lord Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary
Way Maker
Great Are You Lord
NPC Worship Band

Youth dismissed to Sunday School

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Fairest Lord Jesus
NPC Choir, Linda Pilacic, director

arr. Hayes

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Missions Update: Save a Life

Victoria Moshkovskiy

Message

Life's Two Ways
Sermon Scripture: Psalm 1:1-6

Pastor Mark

Hymn #86

We Come, O Christ, to You

Darwall

Benediction Prayer

Pastor Mark

Postlude

A Rejoicing
Jinhee Shim, organist

arr. Fedak

Prayer Ministry

Linda Behmke

Starting TODAY! Explorers Class – A new session of Explorers classes will be offered to anyone who would like to learn more about our church and what we believe. This is a great opportunity to “explore” membership at NPC. The classes will meet for two consecutive Sundays on June 29th & July 13th in the Parlor. If you would like to participate or to learn more, please reach out to Sara Mahoney (smahoney@narberthpres.org) in the church office.

Missions Update: This morning, Victoria Moshkovskiy from our Mission Cause, Save a Life Intl., will be making a special request during our service. Save a Life is currently raising \$75,000 to purchase three vans/buses that will serve as a vital lifeline for women and children living in remote villages in Ukraine where there is no access to transportation. The vehicles would be used to take women and their children to church, provide access to our Crisis Pregnancy Centers where they would get life-affirming resources, counseling, and community support, safe transport for emergency response to abuse victims where they will be provided emergency shelter and protection. Would NPC consider contributing financially to help us meet this \$75,000 goal—or even adopting one of the buses at a cost of \$25,000? Thank you.

Financial Update: Through May 2025, two patterns are clear in Narberth Presbyterian Church finances: First, church leaders and staff are doing a faithful job overall in maintaining expenses at the levels approved by Session for the 2025 budget. Expenditures are running at just about 100% of budget. Giving is running at about 70% of the 2025 plan. While this is about 4 points better than last year at this time, this still represents a shortfall of \$159,307, year-to-date. It is the sincere hope of the Finance and Stewardship Committee that by bringing the needs of the church forward, you, the church's members and friends, will see fit to help bring giving closer to the level needed to sustain the church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Game Nights at NPC – Mark your calendar and get your “game” face on! Join us for fun, fellowship and board games on **Friday, July 11th beginning at 6:30pm!** 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 Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) with any questions.

Opt In? Opt Out? And What Does It Mean to Me? We've used some technical jargon lately that a few of you have questioned. Here's a simpler explanation of the situation. Narberth Presbyterian Church sends group email messages to members and friends. As such, the Federal Government has rules on what we can do and what we must do. We must not send messages to people that do not want to get our messages. The church can be accessed with huge fines for non-compliance.

The church has a system that manages these communications and can stop emailing those that do not wish to receive our messages. A new update on that system will automatically stop emailing people that do not "Opt In", meaning they indicate they do want to receive messages from Narberth Presbyterian Church. Essentially, if one doesn't Opt In, they will automatically be Opted Out. This means no weekly newsletter, invitations to Online worship, etc. No email communication from NPC. We would like everyone to welcome NPC emails by "Opting in". Soon you will get a message in email that gives you this choice. If, for whatever reason you accidentally "Opt Out", or indicate NPC email is spam, you can always opt back in by calling the church office at 610-664-4880. Still have questions? Please call the church office at 610-664-4880.

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.

Men's Bible Study: Currently studying 1 Corinthians. Whether you're new to Bible study or a seasoned participant, this study will deepen your understanding of Christ's mission and love. All are welcome!

When: Thursdays, from 7:00 – 8:15pm

Where: Copy Room

For More Information: contact Ken Eng (K_Eng@msn.com) or Tim Neilson (mytn1122@gmail.com).

Women's Bible Study will resume in July; stay tuned for more details.

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

Missions: As the summer months unfold, please remember to pray for all the people serving near and far in our NPC-supported endeavors. While many of us go on vacation, many of them do not, faithfully continuing to serve the people and places of the world so often forgotten by us, but not by God. Why not take the list of NPC-supported mission causes, and pray for one each day until September? That will surely result in blessing – to those people, and to you who pray!

Notes from Justice and Mercy: Many parents facing difficult times rely on relatives and friends for support. But for some, this is not enough – or even an option. That's where **Safe Families for Children** comes in. By offering support *before* crises happen, they bring hope, stability, and the love of Christ to our communities. Please pray for Val Foley as she supports Safe Families for Children and other Bethany Christian Services programs.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

TODAY! Parkway Ministry Service Project is June 29th – Join us in Sunday School as we make sandwiches, pack cookies, and make a special craft for our Friends on the Parkway. Please note children will go directly to the gym this Sunday and will not be dismissed from the sanctuary.

Psalms – *The Big Book of Emotions* – This summer our Sunday School children will study the Psalms, which contain every emotion you can imagine. This big book of poems captures all of the very real parts of life. During this series, we will learn about how God made us to feel all of the emotions but also gave us the ability to control them.

The NPC Nursery Summer Curriculum – Our youngest will also be discovering promises from the Psalms this summer! ***“God You Are”*** is the book we will be using to help our young children learn more about God’s character through simple prayers and scripture. If you would like a copy of the book for your young family, please reach out to Danielle.

He Leads Me – A Study of Psalm 23 - Dear Moms of Children’s Ministry, you are encouraged to join Danielle in a 3-week independent study of Psalm 23 through a wonderful book called “He Leads Me”. We will gather together after our study to fellowship and talk about what we discovered during our time in God’s Word. Books are \$8.00 and you should reach out to Danielle to sign up. The study begins the week of July 13th.

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

High School Sunday School – HS Sunday School is back and we are diving deep into why we believe and how our faith makes sense in the world we live in. All 9th – 12th graders are welcome! Breakfast treats provided.

Middle School Sunday School will be spending the month of June in the action-packed book of Acts starting this Sunday! Can't wait to see you there!

2025 MISSION CAUSES

Mission

Amnion Pregnancy Center
 Child Evangelism Fellowship, Inc. – N. Ireland
 Chosen People Ministries– Paul Cruz
 Cornerstone Christian Academy
 CRU City – Brindleys (Unite Philly)
 CRU International–Leah Darwin
 Development Associates International
 Disciple Makers – Rebecca and Dan Hall
 ECO Church Planting and Global Missions Funds
 Esperanza Health Center
 Fellowship of Christian Athletes – Kasey Dougherty
 Global Horizons – Cephas Tushima
 Habitat for Humanity –N. Central Philadelphia
 House of His Creation
 InterAct Ministries – Dan & Bev Mayerle
 Interserve-USA – Jan Kennedy
 Kingdom Connect – Ben Duffy
 Neighborhood Crusades Inc.
 New Horizons/Amoenitas – Scott Todd
 Olney Christian School
 Presby's Inspired Life (Human Good)
 Rancho Del Rey
 REAP Granada-Scott Esposito
 Redeemed For A Cause Outreach – Sakinah Love
 Save a Life – Nadia Gordynsky
 Servant Partners – Dan & Denise Anderson
 The Antioch Partners – Haugens
 The Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota (Standing Rock)
 The Philadelphia Project – Rev. Ray Garcia
 The Welcome Church – Schaunel Steinnagel
 United World Mission – Nick & Ginny Woodbury
 World Link – Jack Nelson
 Wycliffe Bible Translators – Al & Barb Shannon
 Young Life (Western Philadelphia Suburbs)

Ambassador

Alice Antonelli
 Danielle Kauffman
 Jennifer & Tim Roykouff
 Joyce Lewis
 Tom & Alyson Burnett
 Kathy McLean
 David Fraser
 Bob Moore

Open

Julie Fernandez
 Ashley Reed
 Scott Todd
 Linda Behmke
 JoAnne Kaplan
 Marilyn Reed
 Jesse Kennedy
 Ken & Sally Kapner
 Marilyn Reed
 Marilyn Reed
 Ann Sattel

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Charlie Choi
 Sally Kapner
 Faithe Hornung
 Faithe Hornung

Open

Ashley Reed
 Dave Bellamy
 Jane Murray
 Rob & Sandi Wray
 Kim Ishmael

Open

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, June 29

8:15am Sunday School, Parlor
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream
Explorer's Class directly following the Worship
Service in the Parlor

Monday, June 30

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Chapel

Tuesday, July 1

12:15 – 1:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, July 2

Thursday, July 3

7:00 – 8:15pm Men's Bible Study, Copy Room

Friday, July 4

Independence Day

Holiday – Church Office Closed

Saturday, July 5

Sunday, July 6

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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Jinhee Shim, Organist

Linda Pilacik, Minister of Music

Matt Weed, Worship Tech. Coordinator

Tim Roykouff, Business Administrator

Sara Mahoney, Administrative Assistant

Hugh Barrie, Assistant Property Manager

Joyce B. Nicolai, Bookkeeper

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