



Narberth Presbyterian Church

August 16, 2026

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

Voluntary on "Slane"
Jinhee Shim, organist

Arr. by Jason Payne

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Debbie

Call to Worship

Romans 8:26-30

Pastor Jason

Hymn #3

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Opening Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Scripture Reading

Ruth 2:4-12

Paul Rabe

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Debbie

Generous God, we confess that we can be greedy people. We have sometimes turned a blind eye to those downtrodden and in need, for the sake of our own comfort or convenience. And when we have labored and toiled, too often it has been for the sake of greater prosperity... not for your kingdom, Lord, but for our own. Holy God, we need your forgiveness, or we have no hope. We need to know more of the heart of your generous Son, for without him, we have no righteousness. Hear our prayer, Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

Worship Songs

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
Way Maker
Great Are You Lord
NPC Worship Band

Children & Youth dismissed to Sunday School

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Pastor Debbie

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offertory *The Cross of Christ Medley* *Arr. by Shackley*
Jinhee Shim and Linda Pilacik

Scripture	Luke 16:1-9	Isabel Lally
Message	Jesus' Vision for the Church – Generous & Sharing	Pastor Jason

Postlude *Fanfare* *Theodore Dubois*
Jinhee Shim, organist

Ordination Service: On September 13, 2026, at 3:00pm in the Sanctuary, the Heritage Presbytery of ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians, the denomination of which NPC is a member, will hold a service ordaining Pastor Jason as he transitions to being an ECO minister and member of the Heritage Presbytery serving at NPC. This will be followed by a time of fellowship and reception in the Chapel. All are invited to attend.

PRAYER INFORMATION

Prayer Request from Session Music is a vital part of the worship life and ministry at NPC. Would you come alongside Session in praying for the future direction of our music ministry? There is no impending change in current staffing, as we continue to delight in Jinhee's and Dave's leadership, but we are trying to discern the best future staffing model for the music ministry in this new season. As you pray and hear from God, please feel free to share your thoughts with any Elder or Pastors Jason (jhsu@narberthpres.org) and Debbie (dwatson@narberthpres.org). Your prayer support is greatly needed and appreciated.

Notes from Justice & Mercy: Jennifer Bonovitz is still hard at work helping us Love Our Neighbors. In North Philly, we continue to distribute food, clothing, and household items to approximately 50 families every Saturday. We are thankful to all who have supported this ministry. On Thursdays, we take a large food donation from the Wynnewood Giant to the Mitzvah Pantry, from where it is distributed to families in West Philadelphia. Thanks to Project Home Outreach workers, we have the means to get non-perishable food, water, and clothing to our brothers and sisters living on the streets. A big need here is for donations of bottled water, raincoats, and underwear. **Please pray** for stamina for Jennifer and her crew and for continued provision of items to share with our neighbors. Please place donations in the blue bin outside the Windsor Avenue doors. Large cases of water can be delivered to the carport behind Jennifer's house at 414 Derwin Rd., Merion Station 19066. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August Movie Nights! Please join us for two Wednesday Nights in August where we will enjoy the cool of the Chapel and an uplifting film! All are welcome beginning at 7:00pm. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

August 19, 2026 Break The Cycle: This is the real-life story of Cyril Prabhu, who founded Proverbs 226 to bring children together with their incarcerated parents for meaningful and fun family days, mending relationships and building hope to break cycles of incarceration. (1hr. 15 min.)

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) with any questions. **Next Board Game Night: August 21st**

Canasta Group Join us for fellowship, lunch, and canasta from 12:00 – 2:00pm in the Parlor at NPC on the first Friday of each month. Come enjoy good food, friendly conversation, and a fun afternoon of cards and fellowship. Don't know how to play canasta? No problem! All levels are welcome. We'd love to have you with us! For more information, contact Gaby Lubchuk (gabrielle.anik@verizon.net) or Faithe Hornung (fhornung@aol.com). **Next Canasta Group: September 4th.**

Women's Breakfast Fall Kickoff! Ladies, mark your calendars for a morning of refreshment, connection, and spiritual growth. Join us on **Saturday, September 12th beginning at 10:00am in the Chapel.** Our theme is “Rooted & Fruitful”, and it's inspired by Jeremiah 17:8: *“They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.”* All are encouraged to attend and gather with sisters in Christ. Come ready to laugh, share, and be encouraged! To help us plan well, please RSVP by September 6th to Danielle Kauffman (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) or Sara Mahoney (smahoney@narberthpres.org). All are welcome!

5th Annual Volunteer Fair is set for Sunday, September 20th! Ready to find your perfect fit in our church family? Come to our 5th Annual Volunteer Fair! It's your one-stop shop to discover exciting ways to get involved, meet new people, and make a real difference. You won't want to miss out on the food, fun, or your chance to win big in the Volunteer Fair Raffle with prizes for children, youth, and adults. So, get down to the gym directly following worship and check out ways to be the hands and feet of our church community. Reach out to Sara Mahoney (smahoney@narberthpres.org) for more info!

Join Us for Adult Bible Study! We're excited to invite you to our ongoing Bible study All are welcome! Come ready to meditate on and be inspired by God's Word and to grow in community. **We meet on Thursday nights at 7:00pm.** Women meet in the Parlor, and men meet in the copy room. Contact Suzanne Morrison (suzannem@narberthpres.org) or Ken Eng (K_Eng@msn.com) with any questions.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

For More information about Children's Programming, contact Danielle Kauffman, Director of Children's Ministry: dkauffman@narberthpres.org.

Bible & Bingo – All rising Kindergarten through 5th grade students are encouraged to join us in Sunday School (August 16th and August 23rd) for an exciting Bible Story and game of Bingo with prizes! This is a wonderful way to acclimate younger children to big kid Sunday School. Hope to see you there!

Kickball & Pizza – Join us for a friendly game of kickball on Thursday, August 20th from 6:00 – 7:30pm in the gym. Pizza and drinks provided. **RSVP** to Danielle by Tuesday, August 18th. Parent helpers are appreciated!

Blessing of the Students & Teachers is Sunday, August 30th – Join us as we lift up our students and educators in prayer for a new school year. This will take place in the sanctuary at the beginning of worship before children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School. More details soon!

Back to School Bash is Sunday, August 30th – Children's Ministries will kick off the new program year with a fun, interactive event called "Apple of His Eye". Together we will enjoy a variety of prayer stations, crafts, apple treats and fun take-home prizes! But most importantly we will discover how much God loves each of us. *"Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings."* Psalm 17:8

YOUTH MINISTRY

For more information about Youth Programming, contact Chris Rini, Youth Ministry Leader: crini@narberthpres.org.

Parent Meeting is August 30th – Parents of Youth are encouraged to attend a brief feedback meeting in the parlor on Sunday, August 30th directly following worship. Please mark your calendar.

Youth Sunday School – All rising 6th through 12th graders are invited to attend Sunday School each Sunday (except for the first Sunday of the month which is Family Worship). Our curriculum series is titled "Who Is God". Hope to see you there!

High School & Middle School Youth Group – Youth Group meets each Sunday (except for the first Sunday of the month), from 6:00 – 7:30pm. This is a fantastic time to be in community, learn more about the Lord, and HAVE FUN! RSVPs are not required, and all are welcome!

TeamSnap Information Request: Do you want real-time insight into scheduling for Youth Ministry? Want to be able to provide your availability for all events and see which of your friends plan to attend? Join our Youth Ministry TeamSnap! The mobile app is helpful for all things scheduling. If you wish to join, please provide your child's name, your name, and any email addresses or phone numbers you wish to be included.

THE SESSION

The Session is responsible for governing the congregation and guiding its mission, including providing for worship, education, and spiritual growth. It oversees all church programs, personnel, finances, and membership, and is tasked with training, ordaining, and installing elders and deacons. The Session manages administrative duties such as maintaining records, adopting budgets, ensuring insurance and benefits for staff, and arranging annual financial reviews. Additionally, it evaluates the church's ministry and missions partnerships, represents the congregation to the presbytery, and ensures accountability and best practices are shared.

THE SESSION with Current Ministry Connections

Jason Hsu – Moderator

Class of 2026

Diane Chen – *Discipleship*

*Brinton Nicolai – *Worship*

Mark Wenger – *Clerk of Session, Discipleship*

Clara Louie – *Ministry, Personnel*

Class of 2027

Susan Costantino – *Missions*

*Jim Hornung – *Property, Safety & Security*

Katie Kennedy – *Ministry*

Ashley Reed – *Missions, Stewardship & Finance*

Class of 2028

*Linda Behmke – *Fellowship, Personnel*

Jim Hoffman – *Stewardship & Finance*

Andrew Steenhoff – *Worship, Safety & Security*

* serving second term

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, August 16

8:15am Adult Sunday School, Parlor

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

6:00 – 7:30pm Middle School/High School Youth Group, Youth Lounge

Monday, August 17

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Chapel

Tuesday, August 18

12:15 – 1:15 Staff Meeting, Parlor

7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, August 19

7:00pm Movie Night, Chapel

Thursday, August 20

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

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

Friday, August 21

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

Saturday, August 22

Sunday, August 23

8:15am Adult Sunday School, Parlor

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

6:00 – 7:30pm Middle School/High School Youth Group, Youth Lounge

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, September – early June

AA meets 12:30pm, Monday–Saturday & Sunday at 4:30pm

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Church Staff

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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 Roykouff, 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

Liam Roykouff, Weekend Custodian

Larry Lubchuk, Custodian Assist (as needed)



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