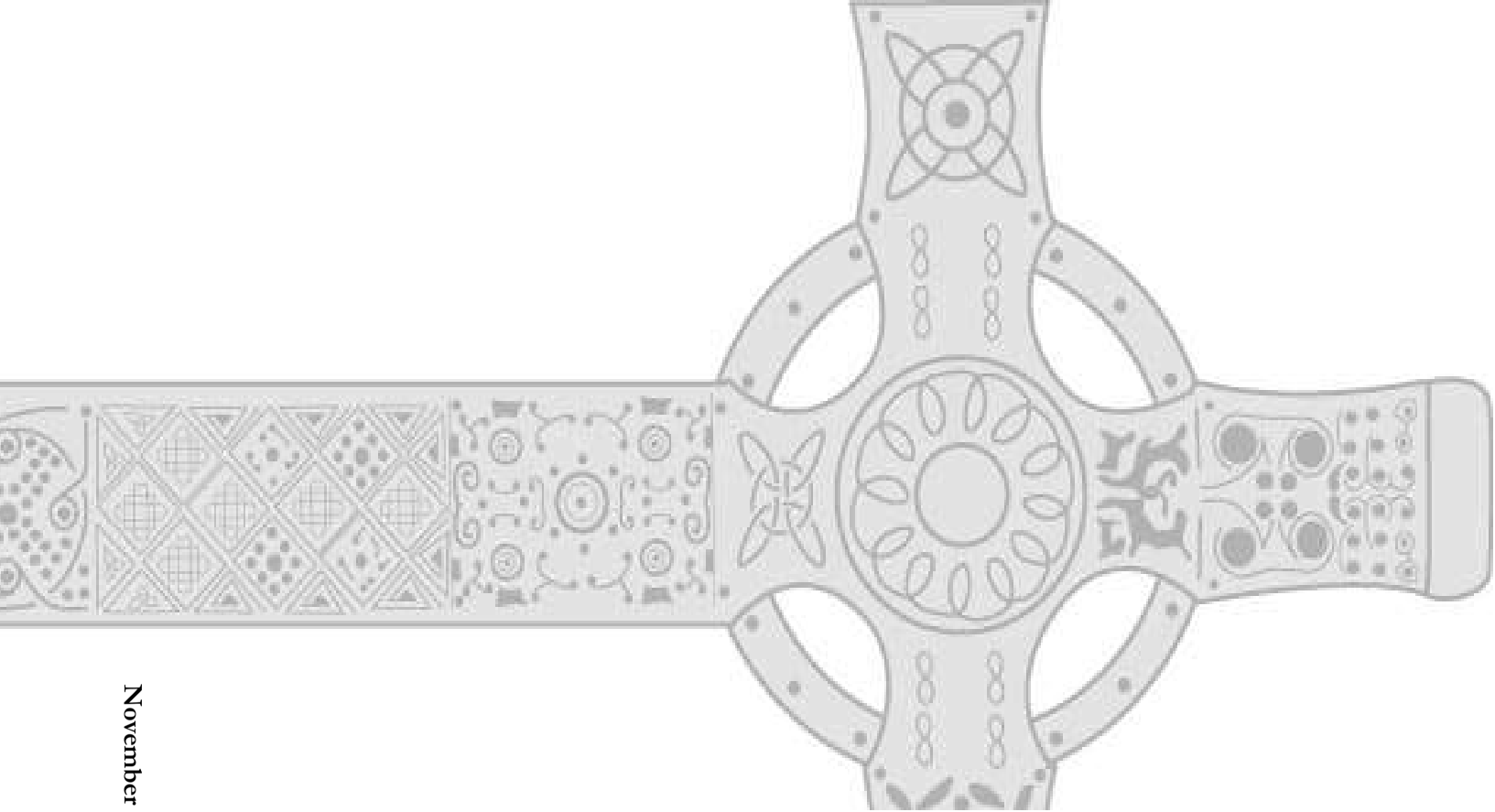


November 8, 2026

Narberth Presbyterian Church

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude ***God of Grace*** ***arr. Costello***
Jinhee Shim, organist

Welcome & Announcements **Pastor Debbie**

Call to Worship **from Luke 1:46-50** **Pastor Jason**
Hymn #77 ***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*** ***Lobe Den Herren***

Opening Prayer **Pastor Debbie**
Scripture Reading **1 Samuel 18:5-9** **Jeff Snyder**

Prayer of Confession **Pastor Jason**
Our Father in Heaven, in love you have adopted us into your family, and as a good Father you don't play favorites among your children. Yet we confess that we can be a conceited people who compare ourselves to others. Some, we look down upon. Others, we feel inferior to. But either way, we so often measure ourselves against people both near and far. Spirit, would you search our inner thoughts and bring these comparisons to light. Help us to turn from this self-referenced way of thinking. Lift our gaze up to Jesus, who took away our record of sin and gave us his record of righteousness. Make his love and acceptance so real to us that it changes the way we relate to real people in our lives. Amen.

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

Worship Songs ***Way Maker***
Revelation Song
Holy Holy Holy

Children & Youth dismissed to Sunday School

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer **Pastor Debbie**
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.

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory ***How Can I Keep from Singing*** ***Lowry***

Tom Patterson, vocals, Jinhee Shim, piano

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture **Galatians 5:26-6:5** **Paul Rabe**

Message **Let Us Not Become Conceited** **Pastor Jason**

Sermon Notes

Hymn #560 ***May the Mind of Christ My Savior*** ***St. Leonards***

Benediction **Pastor Jason**

Postlude ***Toccata Pour Grand Orgue*** ***Belier***

Jinhee Shim, organist

Prayer Ministry **Isabel Lally**

NPC Fall Prayer Retreat: "*Come and have breakfast!*" Do you sense Jesus inviting you to sit down to be nourished by His presence? If so, join us on **Saturday, November 14, 9:30am – 2:30pm, in Devon PA** for NPC's day retreat. Imagine the conversation you'll have at the breakfast table with Jesus. To register, please fill out the form in the Friday newsletter, or call the church office. Registration fee is $20, and scholarships are available. Contact Clara (ClaraL@narberthpres.org) for more info.

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

Missions: Redeemed for a Cause (Sakinah Love) works with children, preteens, adolescents, young adults, women, survivors and families in Philadelphia through their prevention, outreach, education and support services. It supports individuals impacted by trauma, exploitation, and systemic inequities, with a focus on human trafficking survivors. **Please pray** for this ministry of hope and restoration: for Sakinah Love (Director) and the women she and the staff welcome.

Notes from Justice and Mercy: We may not be ready to think about the Thanksgiving holiday, but many of our neighbors in North Philly are. They are hoping that we will be able to help them celebrate by providing the groceries for a traditional Thanksgiving meal. Many of us participate in our grocery store rewards program and are eligible for a **free turkey** or ham. If you will not be using the free turkey or ham or have access to one from your job or other source, **please share it with Jennifer Bonovitz** (jmbonovitz@gmail.com). Let her know what you will be donating as she pulls together the groceries needed for a holiday meal for many, many friends. We will also need stuffing, sweet potatoes, pies, and anything you can share with us to bless our dear friends who have very little. **Please pray** that these meals will be received as a blessing from God. He has blessed us so that we can be a blessing to others!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join Our Greeting Ministry! Are you looking for the easiest, most joyful way to serve our NPC Church Family? Become a **GREETER**! Our Greeting Team has one simple goal: making sure everyone who walks through our doors feels like they belong here. Whether you are 6, 16, or 96 we need your smile and friendly welcome! No experience is needed, just a willingness to say "welcome" and a friendly attitude. Want to learn more? Reach out to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org).

Part-time Music Director Opening: Session is pleased to announce that we are seeking a part-time Music Director. For more information, please review the job description on the website or reach out to anyone on the Personnel Committee.

Calling All Voices – NPC's Christmas Choir is Back! Rehearsals take place on **Sunday afternoon, directly following worship in the choir room.** Reach out to Linda Pilacik (lindapilacik@gmail.com) for more information.

GriefShare: Every Monday in the church Parlor from 6:30 – 8:00pm. For more information, contact Alice Antonelli (arichardson1@gmail.com) or Gerri Wismer (geewis46@gmail.com).

Women's Breakfast: 2nd Saturday (**November 14th**) of each month at 10:00am in the Parlor. Reach out to Danielle Kauffman (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) for more information.

Board Game Nights at NPC: 3rd Friday (**November 20th**) of each month at 6:30pm in the Parlor. Reach out to Dee Knight (deedleskni9@gmail.com) with any questions.

Thanksgiving Eve Service – Mark your calendar for Wednesday, November 25th as we come together with our Church Family for food, fellowship, and hearts of Thanksgiving! Food and fellowship begins at 6:30pm in the Chapel with a family-friendly service beginning at 7:00pm. More details soon! Please reach out to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) or Sara in the church office (smahoney@narberthpres.org) with any questions.

Men's Breakfast Last Saturday (**November 28th**), but still at 7:30am in the Parlor. Reach out to Jim Hornung (jimmyhornung@me.com) for more information.

Decorating the Sanctuary for Advent/Christmas We are looking for a group of volunteers to help make our Sanctuary beautiful for the holiday season. Join us on **Saturday, November 28th** to help hang wreaths and garlands and put up a tree. We will meet from 1:00 – 3:00pm and snacks will be provided. Look for a SignUp Genius in this Friday's Newsletter. All are welcome to come! Contact person: Michelle LaSalle Phillips (610-233-5655).

Canasta Group: 1st Friday (**December 4th**) of each month from 12:00 – 2:00pm in the Parlor For more information, contact Gaby Lubchuk (gabrielle.anik@verizon.net) or Faithe Hornung (fhornung@aol.com).

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

Thankfulness: Set Your Mind on God – Kindergarten through 5th grade will begin a new series in Sunday School on the book of Colossians. Together we will discover how being thankful affects the whole person from top to bottom. One Who Thinks Thankful Thoughts is like a tree, whose roots, trunk, branches, and leaves are all healthy and happy.

NPC Nursery (infants through PreK) – The NPC Nursery is located in RM 107 and each Sunday they enjoy music, age-appropriate crafts, and Bible stories. All are welcome in this loving and caring environment!

Kids Praise – Join us on Wednesday nights in the Choir Room from 7:00 – 8:00pm for music fun! This program is best for PreK through 5thgrade. All are welcome! ***Kids Praise will sing at our Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, November 25th.***

Gingerbread Bash – Save the date for the sweetest time in Kid Min! Wednesday, December 2nd from 7:00 – 8:00pm. Please RSVP to Danielle at your earliest convenience.

2026 Children's Christmas Pageant – Save the date for **Sunday, December 20th** for our annual Christmas Pageant. This year our pageant will be held in the gym directly following worship

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

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 "Obedience and Service". 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 helpful but 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.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear NPC,

As many of you know, the past year or so has been a tumultuous time for our church family. As such, **the Session felt it wise and good to intentionally reflect on the events of 2025** – not as a way of dredging up old wounds or staying shackled to the past, but as a way of understanding what happened and figuring out how to best move forward.

While I was able to learn quite a bit from numerous informal conversations that started from my first day at NPC, the Session's process of reflection formally began on August 18th when the Session put together a committee of six elders for the purpose of considering these matters more deeply and then presenting recommendations for the whole Session to consider and adopt.

This committee of six invested many hours in meetings, phone calls, and homework, discussing questions such as, "What are the marks of a healthy session?" and "What are the top things session should do to resolve the residual issues of the past year?" To address the second question, the committee analyzed ~35 pages of input from notes and old emails and arrived at 25 discrete issues that needed to be addressed, sorting them into 7 categories such as "Leadership Philosophy" and "Addressing Conflict" and "Denominational Alignment." The committee then drafted recommendations for each of the categories to present to the Session at an afternoon retreat on October 10th.

At that afternoon retreat, the committee presented its recommendations. And with only a few minor edits, all of the recommendations were adopted. Some of the recommendations had to do with protocol for when there is a grievance against a pastor. Others had to do with how the Session would review committee authority. And there were also recommendations on how Session might steward better the trust that you, the congregation, have placed in us.

All in all, it was a Spirit-filled process of humble reflection, honest conversation, and hopeful anticipation. **We believe the Session is in a much healthier place, with greater clarity for how we will minister together, and we believe God will honor that for the good of NPC.**

And thank you for your continued participation in and support of NPC. We have a beautiful church. Thanks for being a part of it.

If you have any questions about any of this, please feel free to reach out to me at jhsu@narberthpres.org.

Pastor Jason

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, November 8
8:15am Adult Sunday School, Parlor
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream.
11:00am Christmas Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
6:00 – 7:30pm Middle School/High School Youth Group, Youth Lounge

Monday, November 9
6:00 – 8:00pm GriefShare, Parlor
8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Chapel

Tuesday, November 10
12:15 – 1:15 Staff Meeting, Chapel

Wednesday, November 11
5:45 – 6:45pm Church Family Supper
7:00 – 8:00pm Life Together, Parlor
7:00 – 8:00pm Lessons from the Early Church, Chapel
7:00 – 8:00pm Kids Praise, Choir Room

Thursday, November 12
7:00 – 8:15pm Men's Group, Copy Room
7:00 – 8:15pm Women's Group, Parlor

Friday, November 13
10:00am – 12:00pm Women's Group, Parlor

Saturday, November 14
9:30am – 2:30pm Fall Prayer Retreat, Devon, PA
10:00am Women's Breakfast, Parlor

Sunday, November 15
8:15am Adult Sunday School, Parlor
9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream.
11:00am Christmas Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
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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Jinhee Shim, Organist
David Baker, Interim Worship Band Leader
Matt Weed, Worship Tech. Coordinator
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Sara Mahoney, Administrative Assistant
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Ruth Ellen Patterson, Financial Secretary
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