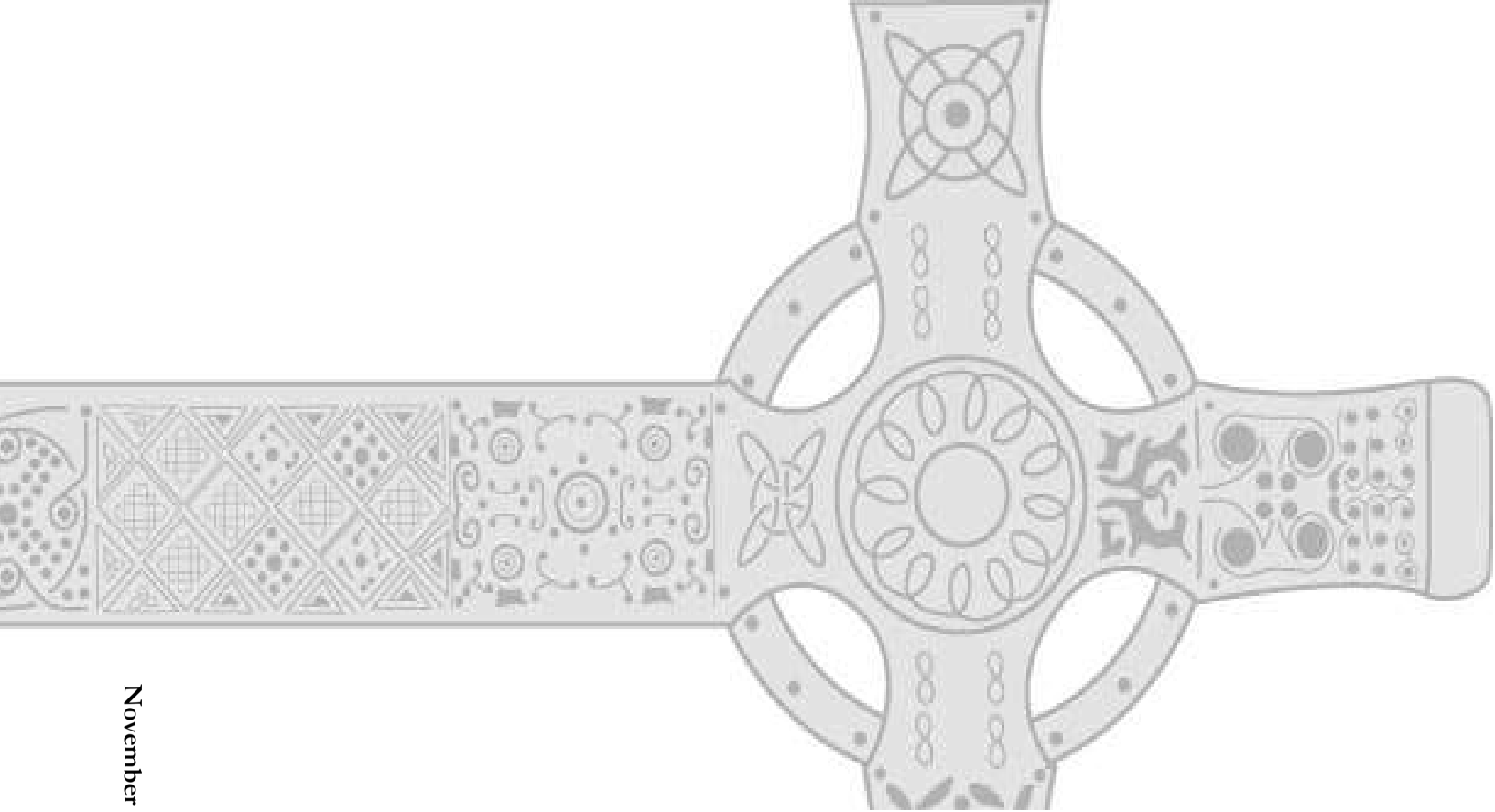


Narberth Presbyterian Church

November 22, 2026

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude ***Now Thank We All Our God*** ***Karg-Elert***
Jinhee Shim, organist

Welcome & Announcements **Pastor Debbie**

Call to Worship **from Psalm 34** **Pastor Jason**

Hymn #86 ***We Come, O Christ, to You*** ***Darwall***

Opening Prayer **Pastor Debbie**

Scripture Reading **from Jeremiah 9:23-26** *(p. 1188)* **Jesse Morris**

Prayer of Confession **Pastor Jason**

Jesus, forgive our sins. Forgive the sins we remember, and the sins we have forgotten. Forgive our failures in the face of temptation, and those times when we have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times we have been proud of our own achievements, and when we have failed to boast in your works. Forgive the harsh judgments we have made of others, and the leniency we have shown ourselves. Forgive the lies we have told others, and the truths we have avoided. Forgive us the pain we have caused others and the indulgence we have shown ourselves. Jesus, have mercy on us and make us whole. Amen.

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

Worship Songs ***How Great Is Our God***
How Great Thou Art
Goodness of God

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 ***Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*** ***arr. Sorenson***

Linda Pilacik & Jinhee Shim, piano

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture **Galatians 6:11-18** *(p.1816)* **Anne Barr**

Message **How to Trust in Jesus** **Pastor Jason**

Sermon Notes

Hymn #558 ***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*** ***Beecher***

Benediction **Pastor Jason**

Postlude ***"... and the thanksgiving may follow."(from Rubrics)*** ***Locklair***

Jinhee Shim, organist

Prayer Ministry **Susan Chen-Costantino**

Thanksgiving Eve Service – Please join us this Wednesday, November 25th as we pause before the holiday rush to give thanks for God's steady grace and the promises He keeps across every generation. Join us for delicious appetizers at 6:30pm in the Chapel and then at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary for worship, scripture, and gratitude. Kids Praise will be singing!

Congregational Meeting: Join us on **December 13th** following the worship service as we hold a congregational meeting to elect Elders & Deacons, and members of the Nominating Committee. We will also recognize Elders & Deacons who are completing their terms and present some changes to the budgeting process. All are invited to participate, especially members. Childcare for children up to 5th grade is available.

RECENT SESSION ACTIONS

Recent Session Actions: The Session met on November 17 and the following actions were taken:

- One nominee for Elder and two nominees for Deacon were examined and approved as eligible for election at the congregational meeting on December 13. The final nominee for Elder will be examined by the Session on November 22
- Some people have notified Pastor Jason that they have questions or would like to learn more about the recommendations the Session adopted on October 10 related to lessons learned from the church's experiences in 2025. Available Session members will meet with people who want to learn more about this topic from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm on December 3. If you want to attend, let Pastor Jason know in advance
- The Session will meet without the pastors present on January 12 to prepare Pastor Jason's annual performance review, which will be given to him by the Session in their regular January 19 meeting
- The 2027 budget was approved. This will be shared with the congregation in our Annual Congregational Meeting in January
- Reviewed $160,924 in gifts that have been designated for specific purposes over time but have not yet been spent. Referred each of them to the appropriate committee to plan how to use these gifts. This includes $99,041 in Memorial Fund gifts that were referred to the Worship Committee to propose how to make necessary repairs to the organ and piano
- Next Deacons' meeting: December 1, 2026
- Next Session meetings: November 22 (Elder nominee examination), December 3 (learn more about Session recommendations) and December 15, 2026 (regular stated meeting)

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

Missions: The Philadelphia Project, founded in 2005 by Ray and Michelle Garcia, seeks to partner with local churches to serve our most vulnerable neighbors, and provide transformative service opportunities to youth interns and volunteers of all ages, including our middle/high schoolers and adults. Our generous giving helps provide materials and support for interns who give their time, effort and joy to this practical, people-to-people ministry of encouragement and hands-on hard work, and they do it all in Jesus' Name. **Please pray** the Lord's blessing on this ministry and all the people participating in it.

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

Finance Committee Update: As we draw closer to the end of 2026, financial trends are becoming more established.

- For October 2026, giving was approximately $150,000, half from a single gift.
- For October 2025 giving was very low, so in comparing 2025 to 2026 our Year to Date giving for 2026 is now within $8,000 of 2025.
- Why does this matter? In 2025, your giving to NPC totaled $420,000 in November and December, and we ended 2025 nearly fully funded.
- However, this included a large one-time stock gift. All this brings our year-to-date 2026 giving to about $727,000 vs. total expected 2026 expenditures of $1.045 million, so we will need about $318,000 in additional giving to finish the year financially complete. But, you've done it before. It can happen.

If raw numbers don't speak to you, a different way to look at it may be to look around the church, consider what NPC means to you, and what supplemental gift you may feel led to give. In addition to checks or cash in the collection plate, we accept online donations at www.narberthpres.org/give. Stock Gifts or redirection of Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) from retirements savings are another deeply appreciated way to give. Jim Hoffman, Treasurer, or Tim Roykouff, Business Administrator can aid you making a gift in this way.

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.

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).

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.

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).

Women's Breakfast: 2nd Saturday (**December 12th**) 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 (**December 18th**) of each month at 6:30pm in the Parlor. Reach out to Dee Knight (deedleskni9@gmail.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.

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 being thankful affects the whole person from top to bottom.

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 – Please note Kids Praise will not meet this Wednesday, November 25th but they will be singing during our Thanksgiving Eve Service!

Gingerbread Bash – PreK through 5th grade are invited on Wednesday, December 2nd from 7:00 – 8:00pm. **Please RSVP** to Danielle at your earliest convenience. It's a sweet and meaningful time!

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!

Youths-giving! On Sunday, November 22nd, from 6:00 – 7:30pm in the Youth Lounge, our youth group will be celebrating Youths-giving! This is a dedicated time to enjoy thankfulness, fellowship, and a potluck dinner! Following dinner, we will compete in the First Annual "NPC Turkey Games!" Youth are encouraged to bring a dish to share and all are welcome.

Youth Christmas Party! On Sunday, December 20th, from 6:00 – 7:30pm in the Youth Lounge, our youth group will have an End of Year Christmas Party! Food, fun, fellowship, and ugly sweaters – what's not to be excited about! Youth are encouraged to bring a friend, and all are welcome.

TeamSnap Information Request: This 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.

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, November 22
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 23
6:00 – 8:00pm GriefShare, Parlor
8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Chapel

Tuesday, November 24
12:15 – 1:15 Staff Meeting, Chapel
7:00pm Session Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, November 25
6:30pm Thanksgiving Eve Fellowship & Service, Chapel & Sanctuary

Thursday, November 26
Thanksgiving Day
Holiday – Church Office Closed

Friday, November 27
Holiday – Church Office Closed
10:00am – 12:00pm Women's Group, Parlor

Saturday, November 28
7:30am Men's Breakfast, Parlor
1:00 – 3:00pm Decorating the Sanctuary

Sunday, November 29
First Sunday of Advent
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
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
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Liam Roykouff, Weekend Custodian
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