LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

November 29, 2026

Prelude ***Fantasia on "Veni Emmanuel"*** ***Rowley***
Jinhee Shim, organist

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP / WE RESPOND WITH PRAISE

Welcome **Pastor Debbie**

Lighting the First Advent Candle (HOPE) **The Henry Family,**
Romans 5:1-5 Tim, Kristen, Caity, Natalie, & Brandon

Hymn #135 ***Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus*** ***Hyfrydol***

Declaration of Hope: **Pastor Debbie**
As we wait expectantly for the coming of Christ, we light the Candle of Hope. Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Amen.

WE HUMBLY CONFESS / GOD FORGIVES AND LIFTS US UP

Prayer of Confession **Brinton Nicolai**
God of hope and provision, often we speak about gratitude and hope, but these things are sometimes lacking in our lives. We worry and fret about having enough of what we want and need. We grumble about what we have, and we slip into despair about the future – immediate and long-term. Forgive us, God, for looking down, when we should be looking to you, remembering your goodness in the past, thanking you for your kind care, and trusting you to continue to be good – today – and in the days to come. Help us remember you, God, and increase our ability to trust you in every situation of life. We pray with gratitude and hope, in the name of your great provision – your Son, Jesus. Amen.

Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

Hymn #559 ***Make Room within My Heart, O God*** ***Kingsfold***

GOD GIVES US LIFE TOGETHER / WE SHARE IN HIS PEACE

The Peace

Announcements & Friendship Pads **Pastor Debbie**

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.

GOD SPEAKS TO US / WE PREPARE AND LISTEN

Children & Youth dismissed to Sunday School

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings **Pastor Debbie**

Offertory ***Advent Medley***

David Baker, guitar

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture **Luke 2:25-32; 36-38** *(p. 1591)* **Brinton Nicolai**

Message **Gratitude & Hope as a Way of Life: Antennae Up!** **Pastor Debbie**

Sermon Notes

WE RESPOND IN SONG / HE BLESSES AND SENDS US

Prayer Ministry **Jan Kennedy**

Worship Songs ***Abide***

Is He Worthy?

NPC Worship Band

Benediction & Sending **Pastor Debbie**

Postlude ***Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*** ***setting, Hobby***

Jinhee Shim, organist

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.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND EVENTS

Saturday November 28 Decorating the Sanctuary
Join us to help make our Sanctuary beautiful for the holiday season. We will meet from 1:00 – 3:00pm and snacks will be provided. Look for a SignUp Genius in this Friday's Newsletter. Contact person: Michelle LaSalle Phillips (610-233-5655).

Sunday November 29 First Sunday of Advent
9:30am Worship Service: Join us as we light the candle of Hope.

Wednesday, December 2
7:00pm Gingerbread Bash! This is a fun, hands-on Christmas event where we build gingerbread nativities, hear the Christmas story, and discover the life-changing gift of God's Son, Jesus. This event is best for PreK through 5th grade. **RSVP to Danielle**.

Sunday December 6 Second Sunday of Advent
9:30am Worship Service: Join us as we celebrate communion & light the candle of Peace.

Saturday December 12
10:00am Women's Breakfast & Carol Sing: Take a break from the December rush and join us for a peaceful, come-as-you-are morning of warm food, coffee, & meaningful connection.

Sunday December 13 Third Sunday of Advent
9:30am Worship Service: Join us for this "Lessons & Carols" service as the Choir presents an intergenerational presentation music & we light the candle of Joy.

Thursday December 17
11:00am Preschool Christmas Pageant, Sanctuary

Sunday December 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent
9:30am Worship Service: Join us as we light the candle of Love. We will also experience the Christmas Story through the **Annual Children's Christmas Pageant** directly following the Worship Service in the gym.

Wednesday, December 24 Christmas Eve
4:00pm Children's Christmas Eve Service This shorter service is designed for families with young children. Battery-operated candles will be used to conclude the service.
5:30pm Candlelight Service
8:00pm Traditional Candlelight Service (live streamed)



PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

NPC Staff This week, please pray for our NPC Staff. They are noted on the back cover of the bulletin, and together, this team helps to ensure that NPC keeps humming along as we all follow the Lord into his future! This week, let's thank the Lord for all of them, and pray that they, too, will receive energy, enthusiasm, and joy, as they do their individual and shared work in this place.

Notes from Justice and Mercy: The city's foster care system has recently drawn attention for tragic reasons. But Val Foley has been faithfully working to combat such problems. Bethany Christian Services and Well Rooted are effectively ministering in multiple ways to the entire family to prevent such tragic circumstances. When Val recently gave her mentee, who has aged out of the foster care system, a gift card, she was thrilled and in disbelief that NPC would purchase gift cards for someone like her. Please pray for Val (valerie@vfoley.com) and talk with her about the many ways you can plug in.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW Sermon Series: Join us this Advent and Christmas Season as Pastor Jason preaches a series about the **"Characters of Christmas."**

December 6	Your Average Joe	Matthew 1:18-25
December 13	Heavenly Angels, Lowly Shepherds	Luke 2:6-14
December 20	An Extraordinary Mary	Luke 1:34-38, 46-55
December 24	Anxious Simoen, Suffering Anna	Luke 2:25-38

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).

Monthly Prayer Meeting: On first Wednesdays, we gather to pray together as a church. Each month, two co-facilitators focus on a theme and lead us in song, scripture, reflection, and prayer. This month (**December 2nd**), Harriet Okatch & Clara Louie will lead this special time. Come join us!

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.

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

God's Greatest Gift – Join us in Sunday School (K-5th) for an Advent Adventure! Together we will unwrap Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love this Christmas Season.

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 – We will meet one final time before the New Year on Wednesday, December 9th at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary as we prepare to sing with the adult choir.

Gingerbread Bash – Thank you to those who have RSVP'd! Our "bash" will be on Wednesday, December 2nd at 7:00pm in the gym.

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!

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 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

Monday, November 30
6:00 – 8:00pm GriefShare, Parlor
7:00pm Missions Meeting, Chapel
8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Pastor's Office

Tuesday, December 1
12:15 – 1:15 Staff Meeting, Parlor
7:00pm Deacons Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, December 2
5:45 – 6:45pm Church Family Supper, Gym
7:00pm Prayer Meeting, Chapel
7:00pm Gingerbread Bash, Gym

Thursday, December 3
7:00 – 8:15pm Women's Group, Parlor
7:00 – 8:15pm Men's Group, Copy Room

Friday, December 4
10:00am – 12:00pm Women's Group, Parlor

Saturday, December 5

Sunday, December 6
Second 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

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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Sharon Shallow, Nursery Coordinator
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
Chris Marinelli, Weekday Custodian
Liam Roykouff, Weekend Custodian
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