

December 4, 2022

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying* *Bach*
Jinhee Shim, Organist

Welcome and Family News Pastor Steve

Video Invitation to GriefShare event

Call to Worship Isaiah 9:2,6,7 Maria Kaminstein

Hymn #150 *What Child Is This?* *Greensleeves*

Prayer of Invocation Pastor Debbie

Advent Scripture Reading Isaiah 2:2-5; Matthew 5:9 Mia & Jonathan Rogers

Lighting the Second Advent Candle "Peace"

Declaration of Peace: Prayer of St. Francis (Unison)

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

The Children's Message Danielle Kauffman

The Greeting

Worship Song *10,000 Reasons*
We Will Feast
NPC Worship Band

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer Pastor Debbie

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*
Linda Pilacik, Piano

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Romans 12:9,10,17,18;

Colossians 1:19,20

Juwan Williams

Sermon

Passing The Peace

Pastor Steve

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Invitation To Communion

Danielle Kauffman

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O holy God, creator and ruler of the universe. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in your image and called us to love and serve you.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Born in humility, he came to rule over all. Helpless as an infant, he showed the power of your love. Poor in things of the world, he brought the wealth of your grace. Rejected by many, he welcomed all who sought him.

In his death and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made us people of hope.

According to his commandments:

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory.

Empower us by your Spirit, O God, to be Christ's presence in the world even as Jesus was God-with-us. Give us courage and hope to speak his truth, to seek his justice, and to live together in his peace.

Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

**Sharing of the Bread and Cup
Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Pastor Debbie

Hymn #171

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn

Benediction

Pastor Steve

Postlude

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

Pachelbel

Jinhee Shim, Organist

Prayer Ministry

Clara Louie

Surviving the Holidays - Help and hope as you navigate the Christmas season

Are you wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Christmas? Are you dreading this holiday, knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from past years can't be recreated?

The Surviving the Holidays seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death. You'll learn:

- How to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays
- What to do about traditions and other coming changes
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
- How to discover hope for your future

Our Surviving the Holidays event is scheduled for Sunday, December 11 at

1:30pm and lasts approximately two hours. Light snacks and dessert will be provided.

For additional information, please contact either Alice Antonelli

(arichardson1@gmail.com) or Gerri Wismer (geewis46@gmail.com).

Family Pictures Needed! This Christmas our tree in the Chapel will have a "Family Theme", so please consider adding your family picture to it! Families come in all shapes and sizes - and together we are the Family of God! You can give your 4x6 photo to Danielle OR you can email your family picture to Sara Mahoney (smahoney@narberthpres.org). Pictures do not need to be posed or professional.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND EVENTS

- Sun. Dec. 4 Second Sunday in Advent
9:30am Family Worship Service and Communion
12:00-4:00pm Dickens Festival in Narberth
- Wed Dec 7 5:45pm Dinner and 7:00pm Adult Bible Study
- Sun. Dec. 11 Third Sunday in Advent
9:30 Worship Service including “Carols of Light: by Choir
11:00am Annual Congregational Meeting, Childcare provided
- 1:30-3:30pm GriefShare Holiday Remembrance gathering
- Wed Dec 14 5:45pm Dinner and 7:00pm Adult Bible Study
7:00pm Gingerbread Bash in Gym
for children Pre-K to 5th grade
- Thurs. Dec 15 10:00am Pre-School Christmas Pageant
11:30am Staff Luncheon
- Fri. Dec 16 1:30pm Sr. Adult Christmas Carol Sing and Tea
- Sun. Dec. 18 4th Sunday in Advent
9:30 Worship Service Children’s Christmas Pageant concludes the service
7:00pm Found Wandering Concert
- Saturday. Dec 24 Christmas Eve
4:00pm Children’s Candlelight Service (battery-operated candles)
 (shorter and designed for young families)
5:30pm Family Candlelight Service (live-streamed)
8:00pm Traditional Candlelight Service
- Sunday, Dec 25 Christmas Day
9:30am Worship Service

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

This Sunday is Family Worship! Children (K-12th grade) are encouraged to worship with their church family and participate in communion. Childcare is provided for our younger children (infants - PreK).

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Gingerbread Bash! Join us for the Gingerbread Bash, where we create Gingerbread Nativities, on Wednesday, December 14th beginning at 7:00pm in the church gym. PreK or younger may attend with a parent and Kindergarten through 5th grade may participate on their own. Please RSVP to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) by December 7th.

Save the date: Children’s Christmas Pageant! Join us for our annual pageant taking place Sunday, December 18th in the sanctuary! More details soon.

Save the date: ALL Church Retreat! - “LIFE TOGETHER”! All ages are encouraged to attend the NPC All-Church Retreat taking place in Sandy Cove, MD on May 12th, 13th, and 14th! We belong together and we need each other so join us for an amazing adventure away building our lives with each other and with Jesus! Please reach out to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) with questions or to register!

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

Sunday, December 4th - Youth Parent Meeting! All parents of youth are encouraged to attend a meeting to discuss the plans for the ministry in the Youth Room directly following service. Grab your coffee and head on up after worship!

Sunday, December 11th - Youth Bowling! All Youth (6th - 12th grade) are invited for a fun time of bowling! Join us at **Wynnewood Lanes beginning at 1:00pm**. Friends are welcome too! Pizza and drinks will be provided. Enjoy a time of bowling and fun. RSVP to Juwan (jwilliams@narberthpres.org) as soon as possible.

Sunday, December 18th - Youth Christmas Party! Our Youth are invited to the gym for a Christmas Breakfast, then we will head up to the Youth Room for games and fun before watching the Children’s Christmas Pageant. ***Please wear your Ugliest Christmas Sweater for the celebration!*** More details soon!

PRAYER INFORMATION

Missions Prayer Focus: Next week we will gather for our Annual Meeting, to take stock of the past year in the life of NPC, and look ahead to the next. As we consider how God in his mercy has led, protected, and generously provided for (and through) us throughout our history, including in this momentous year, would you please take some time each day this week to thank the Lord for his reliable mercy, grace, and provision, then ask how you and we together might follow his leading and trust his provision in 2022.

Notes from Justice and Mercy: Are you able to provide a temporary safe place for a child whose parent needs extra support? Bethany Christian Services has an urgent need for host families who can accommodate children with medical needs, especially those with g-tubes. The hosting may be for an afternoon, an overnight, or a weekend and will allow a single parent a much-needed respite. Contact Val Foley (valerie@vfoley.com) or Jess Gaffga (jessicagaffga@yahoo.com) of the Orphan Care Ministry for more information.

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, December 4

Second Sunday in Advent

Family Worship and Communion

8:15am **Sunday School** (Parlor)

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

11:00am Choir Rehearsal

11:15am Sunday School Class resumes

11:00am Parent/Youth Meeting, Youth Room

7:00pm **High School Youth Group**

Monday, December 5

6:30-8:30pm GriefShare, Parlor

7:15-8:30pm *Mere Christianity* Book Study, Chapel

Tuesday, December 6

7:00pm Deacons' Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, December 7

5:45 – 6:45pm **Church family supper** in the gym

7:00 – 8:00pm **Children's** class (K-5th) with Danielle

7:00 – 8:00pm **MS Youth** Group with Juwan

7:00 – 8:00pm **Bible Study**, Pastor Steve (Parlor)

“Practicing The Presence of God: Finding God
In All of Life”

7:00 – 8:00pm **Video Series**, Pastor Debbie (Chapel)

“The New Testament In Its World”

Each Week

Christian Pre-School – 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: jlmpsyech@hotmail.com

Thursday, December 8

1:00pm Preschool Board Meeting, Parlor

Friday, December 9

11:00am **Women's Bible Study** (In-person)

Saturday, December 10

Sunday, December 11

Third Sunday in Advent

8:15am **Sunday School** (Parlor)

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

Annual Congregational Meeting

11:15am Sunday School Class following meeting

1:30-3:30pm GriefShare Holiday

Remembrance gathering

Youth Bowling!!! 1pm at Wynnewood lanes

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