

LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

December 7, 2025

Prelude

Worship Medley
Linda Pilacik, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Debbie

Call to Worship

2 Corinthians 13:11

Caity Henry

Hymn #460

Search Me, O God

Maori

Opening Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Lighting the Second Advent Candle (PEACE)

Gerri Wismer & Liam Roykouff

Ephesians 2:14-18

Declaration of Peace:

Through the death of Christ on the cross, we have peace with God, peace with neighbor, peace with self. Thanks be to God, for his amazing gift of Jesus, his Son, who is our peace! Amen!

Advent Hymn Sing

Introduction: Ruth Ellen Patterson

Hymn #132

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

Introduction: Maria Kaminstein

Hymn #138

Savior of the Nations, Come

Introduction: Sara Mahoney and Jack Mahoney

Hymn #155

O, Little Town of Bethlehem

The Apostles' Creed

The Peace

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Bach

Pam Fleming, violin, Linda Pilacik, piano

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-18

Shiang-Ju Steenhoff

Message

Matthew's Surprise Nativity Scene

Erik Larsen

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

Pastor Debbie

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn #651

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

Maryton

Benediction

Erik Larsen

Postlude

Worship Medley
Linda Pilacik, piano

Prayer Ministry

Maria Kaminstein

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND EVENTS

Sunday November 30

First Sunday in Advent

9:30am Worship Service: Join us as we light the candle of Hope.

Sunday December 7

Second Sunday in Advent

9:30am Worship Service: Join us as we celebrate communion & light the candle of Peace.

Guest Preacher: Erik Larsen

Monday December 8

6:30 – 8:30pm GriefShare Surviving the Holidays Event, Parlor

Wednesday, December 10

6:30pm 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. **RSVP to Danielle by November 30th.**

Thursday December 11

11:30am Christmas Luncheon & Carol Sing: All ages are welcome to join us in the Parlor for this annual event which is sure to get you in the Christmas spirit!

Sunday December 14

Third Sunday in Advent

9:30am Worship Service: Join us as the Choir presents an intergenerational presentation of scripture and music & we light the candle of Joy.

Thursday December 18

11:00am Pre-School Christmas Pageant, Sanctuary

Sunday December 21

Fourth Sunday in Advent

9:30am Worship Service: Join us as we experience the Christmas Story through the **Annual Children's Christmas Pageant** at the end of the Worship Service. We will also light the candle of Love.

Guest Preacher: Steve Weed

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Eve

4:00pm Children's Candlelight 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)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

An Update from Session to Our Church Family

Dear Church Family,

The Session met on November 30th to continue discerning next steps in the pastoral transition process and will receive further guidance from Pastors Dori Little and Bill Enns at our December 16th meeting. Please keep us in prayer as we seek God's wisdom. Please note our Annual Meeting will take place on January 11, 2026, after worship.

We give thanks for a fruitful peacemaking training for the congregation yesterday morning and staff and session yesterday afternoon and we invite anyone who wishes to join us for the final session to do so today, Dec. 7th from 11:30am – 2:30pm.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support as we move forward together in hope,

The Session of Narberth Presbyterian Church

Christmas Flowers: During the month of December, the Chancel and Sanctuary is again fully decorated for Christmas. The poinsettias will be displayed on the 14th. After morning worship **on December 21st**, the poinsettias will be delivered to members and friends of the congregation. Most will be given to those who were not able to attend the service, but ALL will be given to say **WE LOVE YOU!**

The Memorial Plants will be **\$12.00** each. This is a lovely way to remember loved ones, and to add to the congregation's enjoyment of the season. Please complete the form below and return it to the church office as soon as possible. Thank You! **Please make checks payable to Narberth Presbyterian Church.** Dedications will be listed in the bulletin December 21st. Dedications must be received by December 18th to be included in the bulletin.

Forms are available in the Narthex and at the Windsor Street entrance if you would like to dedicate and/or deliver a plant. Please contact the church office with any questions.

PRAYER INFORMATION

Please Remember in Prayer

Missions: NPC Deacons give of themselves in service on a daily basis, offering comfort, encouragement, support that is down-to-earth and heaven-sent, meeting people in their various needs and acting as the Lord's hands, feet, and heart to them. Please pray blessing at every level for our Deacons, and for everyone they serve, and consider how you might join in one of the areas of service which they coordinate.

Notes from Justice & Mercy: What a busy month! Rather than being busy with holiday shopping, wrapping, mailing and parties, folks along the Parkway are busy finding places to stay warm, getting food, and finding clothing suitable for all the winter weather events. Ilonka Comstock and her team faithfully minister to these dear ones in all kinds of weather, but they need help! Can you make 30 sandwiches? Can you drive to the park across the street from the Franklin Institute after church on Sunday? You can choose the week you want to serve, as frequently as your schedule allows. Please pray for more helpers and consider becoming one yourself!

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN & YOUTH

Family Worship is Sunday, December 7th – Children and Youth are encouraged to worship with their church family and participate in Communion. Worship Bags are available at both entrances to the sanctuary, and the NPC Nursery is available for infants – PreK in room 107.

Jesus' Birthday Party – Our NPC Nursery will hold a special party to prepare their young hearts for the birth of our Savior on Sunday, December 7th! Please join Miss Sharon and team to celebrate the reason for the season.

Children's Advent Calendars – Get your family's Advent Calendar from Danielle!

Gingerbread Bash – Thank you to those who have RSVP'd for our annual Gingerbread Bash taking place on Wednesday, December 10th at 6:30pm in the gym.

Christmas Pageant 2025 – Join our children and youth as they bring the Christmas Story to life on Sunday, December 21st in the sanctuary. This year we will enjoy ***"A Nostalgic Christmas"*** as we look back at our pageants from the past 7 years! Come and see how love has grown at NPC!

Pajama Sunday is Sunday, December 28th – Hey kids, wear your favorite pajamas to church on Sunday, December 28th! During Sunday School we will watch a Christmas movie and enjoy breakfast popcorn!

Middle School Youth Group – MS Youth Group will resume on Wednesday, January 14th. Stay tuned for more details!

BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, December 7

Second Sunday in Advent

8:15am Adult Sunday School, parlor

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

Advent Hymn Sing during the Service.

Guest Preacher: Erik Larsen

11:30am – 2:30pm Peacemaking Session

Monday, December 8

6:30 – 8:00pm GriefShare, Parlor

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Chapel

Tuesday, December 9

12:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, December 10

5:45 – 6:45pm Church Family Supper, Gym

6:30 – 8:00pm Gingerbread Bash, Gym

7:00 – 8:00pm Christmas Video Bible Study, Parlor

Thursday, December 11

11:30am Christmas Carol Sing & Luncheon,
Parlor

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

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

8:00pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Friday, December 12

Saturday, December 13

Sunday, December 14

Third Sunday in Advent

8:15am Adult Sunday School, Parlor

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

Intergenerational Choir Presentation

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, Sept.-May

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

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