

# Northeastern Presbyterian Church

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November 8, 2015

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

*The Rev. Nancy E. Thornton, Pastor*

# Northeastern Presbyterian Church



Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

*Welcome to the Northeastern Presbyterian Church! We thank God for this time together! We pray that the grace of God will heal your hurts; that the strength of God will give you courage to face the week before you; that the power of God will prepare your way; and that the peace of God will keep you secure and steady in Christ Jesus.*

**\*\*We stand with our hearts or our postures**

⬆️Do Not Enter

**SOZ** refers to the "Songs of Zion" hymnal

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE IN PRAISE AND PRAYER

Prelude

Introit

*"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"*

*The Chancel Choir*

Greetings

**\*\*Invocation**

**\*\*Call to Worship**

One: Unless our GOD builds the house, its builders labor in vain. (*Psalm 127*)

Many: **We have come into this house, built by the Holy One, to worship the God of Creation.**

One: Unless our GOD watches over the city, those who watch stand guard in vain.

Many: **We have come to listen to the stories of people who throughout the generations have shown us the way by their trust in the promises of God, who is always watching over us.**

One: The widow who gives her last coin reminds us of the risks we are free to take with confidence that God will take care of us through times of plenty and times of want, all along our journey through life.

**ALL:** So let us celebrate this gathering which can bind us together. Give thanks that we are no longer strangers with God's people here or throughout the nations. Let us worship God!

**\*\*Hymn #422, Hymnal**

*"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"*

### Prayer of Confession

**One:** Christ has gone ahead to intercede for us. Christ has entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. (*Hebrews 9*) Let us confess our sin knowing that Christ is there on our behalf. Let us reconcile ourselves to each other and to Christ.

**ALL:** We know that we are already rich, but refuse to see those in our midst who live on meager resources. In fact, we find it comes natural to ignore those who have the most to teach us. We don't want to acknowledge that it is often those with the least who give the most. It embarrasses us each time we are reminded of the example of the poor widow. We are experts with prayers that make us feel important and we assume that special recognition is due to us. We expect special privileges. We speak of our belief that you will provide for all that we need--resources and partners on life's journey. Yet, we still don't give ourselves over to your promises. Even with our wealth, perhaps because of our wealth, we need help to live faithfully. Forgive us, we pray. Lead us to live boldly as witnesses to the strength we have in Christ Jesus. Amen.

### God's Good News

**One:** Take heart. God gives new life, even to those who hold back from giving fully of themselves or who think God has abandoned them. Let yourselves be restored to God and each other ...

**ALL:** knowing that God will provide without limit. Hallelujah!

### Announcements

Minutes for Mission  
Campaign

Stewardship

Advent Devotional Booklet  
40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala

### Welcome to our Visitors

**\*\*Passing the Peace #228, SOZ**

*"Thank You, Lord"*

**One:** *May the peace of Christ be with you!*

**All:** *And also with you!*

**WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD**



## Children's Message

Elder Jennifer

Response #26, SOZ  
*Children*

*"Jesus Loves the Little*

### Invitation to the Offering

*God has made us stewards of the rich resources that were given in Creation and are given anew each day. On this day, we give our offerings and our pledges for the church's mission and ministries throughout the year to come. Give, knowing that all that we have has come from God who will continue to provide.*

*Pledge, knowing that there is much still to be done  
as witnesses to God's goodness. Let us put our hearts into our offerings as signs of our trust and  
faithfulness.*

Offertory - *"Jordan's Angels" - Rollo Dilworth* The Chancel  
Choir

\*Doxology #592, Hymnal *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

### \*Prayer of Dedication

One: We dedicate our gifts to you, O God.

Many: **Help us to use them to glorify you; to be vessels of your work in  
this world.**

One: We dedicate our pledges to you, O God.

Many: **Guide our leaders as they prepare us financially for the upcoming  
year.**

One: Use us, O God, to do your work in this world.

Many: **Encourage us to see that we are all ministers called into the Body of  
Christ. Use us in our service.**

One: We pray over these gifts, blessing them in the name of the Creator, the Redeemer  
and the Holy Spirit.

ALL: **Amen.**

Anthem *"Let the People Sing Praise Unto the Lord" - McLin* The Chancel Choir

### Prayer for Illumination

**God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out upon us the spirit  
of wisdom and understanding that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and  
minds may be opened to know the things that pertain to life and holiness; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Scripture Readings: Psalm 127, p. 499, Pew Bible

Mark 12:38-44, p. 825, Pew Bible

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God!

## Sermonic Selection

Message

Thornton

Rev. Nancy

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* Song of Affirmation #391, Hymnal

*"Take My Life"*

Pastoral Prayer

The Prayer Jesus Taught p. 16, Hymnal

### WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

\*Hymn #369, Hymnal

*"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"*

\*Charge and Blessing

Choral Benediction

*"Three -Fold*

*Amen"*

(Please Be Seated until after the Postlude)

Postlude:

*"Praise the Lord With the Drums and Cymbals" - Karg-Elert*

LECTIONARY: RUTH 3:1-5; 4:13-17; PSALM 127; HEBREW 9:24-28 MARK 12:38-44
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Liturgist: Elder Nachee Miller
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Greeters: Ms. Michele Peters and Dr. Geonard Butler
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Our Thoughts & Prayers are with Northeastern Members:

Mrs. Edna Hymes – Carriage Hill, 5215 W. Cedar Lane, Rm. 221, Bethesda, MD 20814 – (301) 841-3470  
Deacon Faye Waters – Washington Hospital Center – Mrs. Waters needs to rest, "No phone calls or

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**Family**

Mr. John Darden–3001 Queens Chapel Rd, #225, Mt Rainier, MD 20712 (Barbara Ross-Darden)

Mrs. Maggie E. Dodson – 5858 Eastern Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20011 – (202) 526-8144 (Mother of Shirley Dodson and Doretha Elmore)

Ms. Sylvia Matthews–Signature Health Care–Memphis, TN (Aunt to Amanda Sargent)

Mr. Wilbert Samuel – Winston Salem, NC (Brother of Hasker Samuel)

Mrs. Helen T. Brandon Brookdale Assisted Living - 14997 Health Ctr. Dr., Room 157, Bowie MD 20716 (Sister to James Torrence)

Ms. Rhonda Jackson – 2216 Alice Avenue, #202, Oxon Hill, MD 20745 (Cousin to Miriam Pegram)

Ms. Berlinda Stanback – 3509 Holloway South, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774 (Niece to Charlotte Smoot)

Karen Lee- 7824 Hanover Parkway, #101- Greenbelt, MD, 20770 (Randall Timbers Fiancé) sister)

Ms. Laverne Samuel-103 Cardinal Lane, Newport News, VA 23601(Elder Hasker Samuel )





1-James Peaco; 3-Thelma Jones; 4-Iris Burnell, Mozella Harris;  
8-Edna Hymes; 9-Katrin Jones, Felicia Lightfoot; 11-Arnica  
Downing; 14-Elizabeth Fleming; 17-Nathan Price; 19-Gwen  
Foster; 21-Patricia Young; 23-Faye Waters; 28-Harold  
Henderson; 30-Wyman Jones, Kenyatta McKenzie

### Announcements

**The 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE:** will meet today following worship in the nursery, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

**TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** attendees will complete the second and third epistles of John on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 in the Jamison Lounge. The aim of these "twin letters" is to strengthen the readers in truth and in love and warn them against an incipient Gnosticism. We will begin the study of Acts on November 17, 2015. Please plan to attend.

**LITERARY CLUB** --Please join our exciting upcoming discussions: on Dec. 6th we will cover Margo Jefferson's New York Times Best Seller "Negroland: a Memoir". We look forward to your attendance.

**INTERPRETATION AND STEWARDSHIP (GGC):** To members of Northeastern Presbyterian Church, we the "Interpretation and Stewardship Committee" thank God for you. All tithes and offerings to Northeastern are gratefully acknowledged and are fully appreciated. On behalf your committee members; Mr. Charles Webb, Elders-Clarence Wade-co-chair, Shirley Logan, James Wilson, Freddie Peaco, and Mack Burnell, chair-person, we ask that you continue to support God and Northeastern on this Commitment Sunday with a generous pledge for 2016.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** will meet today following worship service in the Library.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** will study lesson 3 of the Horizons Bible Study, "Absence of Water--Thirst and Longing," on Saturday November 21, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Presbyterian Women room on the 3rd floor of the Education Building. The PWCT will meet at 11:00 a.m. following Bible study. All women are invited.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** Last year Operation Christmas Child collected 3,697 shoebox gifts in the DC Metro area. This year, the goal is to collect 4,500+. The collection will begin November 16; so, please get started by reading Hebrews 6:10. Instructions for packing the box are on the Presbyterian Women bulletin board in the Breezeway. Ernestine Brown will deliver the box to Mt. Gilead Baptist Church for you.

### **DEEPEST SYMPATHY**

It is with great sadness we announce the death of Barbara Wright. Her services will be held here at Northeastern on Friday November 13, 2015 10:00 a.m., The Wake, and 11:00 a.m. the Funeral.

### **THIS WEEK @ NORTHEASTERN**

Today 11/8 Breakfast, 8:00 a.m., Auditorium  
Sunday Morning Worship Service, 10 a.m.  
Church school for All Ages, 9:00 a.m.  
40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, meeting following worship, in the nursesey  
CIC Meeting following worship, in the Livingston Room  
Social Concerns meeting following worship, in the Jamison Lounge  
Nominating Committee following worship, in the Library

11/10 Bible Study, 11am, Jamison  
Prayer Service, Noon, Chapel  
Bible Study, 6p.m.  
Cherub Choir, 6:30p.m.  
Celestial Choir, 7:30 p.m.  
Boy Scouts, 6:00p.m., Auditorium

11/11 Classical Conversation, 8:00 a.m.

11/12 Thankful Thursday  
NA/AA Anonymous, 6:30 p.m.  
Chancel Choir, 7:30 p.m.

11/14 Deacons' 80 plus Senior Event, 12 noon – 2p, Auditorium

## **Church Officers**

### **Elders**

Mack Burnell  
Frank Enty  
James Haggins  
Pamela Jackson  
Felicia Lightfoot  
Bishetta Merritt  
Nachee Miller  
Lisa Slade

### **Deacons**

Phyllis Adkins  
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Helen Felton  
Jordan Gessesse  
Valerie McCray  
Robin Miller  
Carolyn Mundy  
Robert Robinson

### **Trustees**

Lillian Berry  
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Ernest Harris  
William Hymes, Jr.  
Arthur Slade, II  
Helena Slade



### Church Music Staff

Director, Chancel Choir/Organist	-	Dr. Laddie Bell
Director/Pianist, Celestial Choir	-	Rev. Rosemarie Jones
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