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January 15, 2017  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

The Rev. Nancy E. Thornton, Pastor  
The Rev. Sara Varnado, Parish Associate

**Northeastern Presbyterian Church**

Darkness cannot  
drive out darkness;  
only light can do that.  
Hate cannot  
drive out hate;  
only love can do that.



*The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

## **Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

*“Don’t ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive.” – Howard Thurman*

**\*\*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**      *“Let Heavenly Music Fill This Place”*      The Chancel Choir

#### **Greetings**

#### **\*\*Invocation**

**\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP-** *Isaiah 49 & Psalm 40*

**HYMN**      #525, Hymnal

***“Here I Am, Lord”***

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Faithful God, you call us to be saints, but we are more comfortable with the role of sinner; you call us to be your servants, but we worry that we lack the skills to do your work; you put a new song of praise in our mouths, but we stumble on unfamiliar words; you show us the work to be tackled, but we turn away defiant, insisting we have more important things to do. Put your song on our lips and in our hearts, and remind us of the joy that awaits us when we put our trust in you. Guide us into the light of your unwavering, never-ending, and grace-filled love. Amen.**

*Silence is kept*

**☐ GOD'S GOOD NEWS**

One: God is faithful and ever-present. The God who knew us before our birth  
Loves us still and strengthens us that we will one day be blameless.  
Through the gift of Jesus Christ, God offers forgiveness, grace, and mercy.  
Enter into the light!

**Many: Praise be to God!**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

Elder Charles Barber

**WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS**

**\*\*PASSING THE PEACE #132, SOZ**

***“This Little Light of Mine”***

One: May the peace of Christ be with you!

**Many: And also with you!**

**WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Elder Cynthia Gervais

**RESPONSE #26, SOZ**

***“Jesus Loves the Little Children”***

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

*Brothers and sisters, who we are and yet becoming as individuals shows God's presence in the world. That divine presence is reflected even more fully, powerfully, and transformatively as we unite in Beloved Community. Let us bring ourselves, our gifts, and our resources together that God may be glorified.*

**OFFERTORY “If You Want to See the Lord”**

The Chancel Choir

**\*\*DOXOLOGY #592, Hymnal “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**O God, we commit to use all our gift --wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, working of miracles, prophecy, discernment, tongues, administration, hospitality, and finances-- in the service of acting as co-workers with you and each other for *peace and justice to flow like a mighty stream.* Amen.**

**ANTHEM “We Shall Overcome” – arr. Gatling**

The Chancel Choir

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**By your Holy Spirit, O God, open our ears, our eyes, our hearts, and our minds to the Holy Word so that it comes to rule within us for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

**Scripture Readings:** Isaiah 49:1-7, p. 592, Pew Bible  
Psalm 40:1-11, p. 446, Pew Bible  
John 1:29-42, pp. 862-63, Pew Bible

One: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Many: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMONIC SELECTION**

Mrs. Amanda Sargent

**MESSAGE** *“Reflections Based on the Life of MLK”* Rev. Nancy Thornton

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**\* RESPONSE**

*[Sung by one voice: "Have you got good religion?"]*

One: "Do you love God?"

**Many: If anyone boasts (saying), "I love God," and goes right on hating his brother or sister, thinking nothing of it, (that person) is a liar. (1 John 4:20, the Message)**

*[Sung by one voice: "Have you got good religion?"]*

One: Jesus identified personally with the poor. He said, "I was hungry and you gave me no meal." (Matthew 25:42a, *The Message*)

**Many: In Washington, DC, 1 of every 4 children have no access to affordable, nutritious food.**

*[Sung by one voice: "Have you got good religion?"]*

One: Jesus said, "I was homeless and you gave me no bed." (Matthew 25:43a, *The Message*)

**Many: How can we say we love God if we do nothing while for every 10,000 people in our general population in DC, 124.2 people are homeless? DC has one of the highest rates of homelessness and a high degree of increase in homeless over the year before ... second only to New York City.**

*[Sung by one voice: "Have you got good religion?"]*

One: Jesus said, "I was sick and in prison and you didn't visit me." (From Matthew 25:44)

**Many:** African Americans are incarcerated in state prisons across the country at more than 5 times the rate of whites. One in every ten black men in his thirties is in prison or jail on any given day.

*[Sung by one voice: "Have you got good religion?"]*

**Many:** The command we have from Christ is blunt: Loving God includes loving people. You've got to love both.

*[Sung by one voice: "Have you got good religion?"]*

**One:** The song asks, "Have you got good religion?" It demands a response. But before we say, "Certainly Lord," let us pray.

**All:** God, you are so loving and compassionate. You hear the audible cries of the poor, the hungry, and the homeless. You also hear the silence of inaction. When we become too comfortable and complacent, disturb our peace with questions. Ask us if we have *good religion*. Ask us if we love God. Ask us if we love our neighbors in the global village. Ignore our excuses. Ignore our regrets. Then, wait for our honest reply. And lead us to integrity in faith and action. Amen.

\* SONG OF AFFIRMATION #161, SOZ

*"Certainly, Lord"*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT, Hymnal, p. 16

### WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

\*\*HYMN Insert

*"Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult"*

\*\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION *"We shall Overcome (ending)"* – arr. Gatling

*(Please have a seat until the postlude ends)*

POSTLUDE *"The Rejoicing" – G.F. Handel*

LECTIONARY: ISAIAH 49:1-7; PSALM 40:1-11; 1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-9; JOHN 1:29-42
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Liturgist: Elder Cynthia Gervais
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Greeter: Elder Clarence and Mrs. Geneva Wade
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11-Shirley Dodson, 11-Gloria Harris, 14 -Barbara Jean Darden,  
14-Helen Felton, 14-Elsada Peters,17-Arline Chisholm,  
24-Amanda Sargent, 26-Carol Fleming, and 29-Angela  
Haggins

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEPC ANNUAL CORPORATION MEETING** will be held on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> following the morning worship service.

**ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS** January 29, 2017, following worship service.

#### **INTERPRETATION AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE (GGC):**

As stewards in God's Kingdom we welcome the "New Year" with thanks and important work to do. We ask questions for 2017... What are the issues of our day? What are the issues in our community? How can the Lord use Northeasterners to be His voice? We may begin with mission building in the global community and be generous in our efforts to serve Him with our, "Time, Talent and Treasure (Finance)".

**LITERARY CLUB:** Our next book selection is a timely non-fiction book by Patricia Raybon. Titled *Undivided: a Muslim Daughter, Her Christian Mother, Their Path to Peace*, it is "a real-time story of healing and understanding with alternating narratives from each," Please join us for a lively discussion in the Jamison Lounge after worship on Feb. 5th.

**TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** We are studying I John which explores the reality of the Incarnation and emphasizes the Christian life as fellowship with the Father and the Son. We will focus on the source of love, the fruit of love, the relationship of love for God and love for one's fellow Christian and obedience (the evidence of love for God's children).

**PER CAPITA:** This year's PER CAPITA is **\$38.75**.

**BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN:** **Thank you for your support of the 2016 Building Fund Campaign.** Unfortunately, the 2016 goal of \$43,500 for much needed repairs was not achieved. But there's some good news! Thanks to God's grace and blessing, offerings were enough to complete needed repairs to part of the storm water drainage system. However, much more is required with the 2017 goal of \$76,000 for future replacement of heating, air conditioning equipment and other building repair needs. We're asking each member to contribute \$15 per week. We hope very much that you are able to make a commitment to this campaign. If so, please indicate your contribution is for the "Building Fund". ***"Each of you must give as you made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7***

**THE AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY CLUB OF RIDERWOOD** will honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a special Praise and Worship Service in the Riderwood Chapel on Monday, Jan. 16, 2017, at 10:00 am. (Martin Luther King Day) The Rev. Dr. James T. Bell of Riderwood Pastoral Ministries will be the keynote speaker. The Men's Chorus of Northeastern Presbyterian Church, Elder Hasker Samuel (Director), Deacon Amanda Sargent, (Vocalist) and Dr. Laddie Bell (Accompanist) will provide the music for this service. The Riderwood Chapel is located at 3110 Gracefield Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904. Please come and be a part of this tribute to Dr. King.

**BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE** will meet on Saturday, 21st at 10 am in Jamison Lounge.

### **DEEPEST SYMPATHY**

It is with great sorrow we announce that James F. Steele passed away quietly at his home in Morven, NC, January 4, 2017. His funeral was January 10, 2017.

## **JANUARY 2017 ACTIVITIES @ NORTHEASTERN**

- Jan. 15 Church School, 9:00a, Auditorium  
Sunday Morning Worship
- Jan. 16 Holiday
- Jan. 17 Bible Study, 11:00a, Jamison
- Jan 18 Classical Conversation, 8:30a -3:00p
- Jan 19 BPU, 10:00 a, Jamison  
AA/NAA Anonymous, 6:30p  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:30p  
Celestial Choir Rehearsal, 7:30p
- Jan. 20 Inaugurations Day (Holiday)
- Jan. 21 Presbyterian Men, 9:00a, Livingston  
Food Pantry, 10:00a, Undercroft  
Buildings & Grounds Meeting, 10:00a, Jamison  
New Officers class, 1:00 p.m., Jamison

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