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January 29, 2017  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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

**Northeastern Presbyterian Church**



## Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

*“I used to ask God if ‘he’ would come and help me, and then I asked God if I might come and help ‘him’ ... and then I ended by asking God do ‘his’ own work through me.” - James Hudson Taylor*  
**Welcome to *Northeastern Presbyterian Church***

**\*\*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**

Musical Selection

**Greetings**

**\*\*Invocation**

**\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**One:** Our God is a God of blessing.

**Many:** **Our God is a God of love and justice.**

**One:** Our God is a God of wisdom and truth.

**All:** **Living and loving in that spirit, we will not be moved.**

**\*HYMN** #324, Hymnal

***“Open My Eyes That I May See”***

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: With what shall we come before the Lord? Shall we come before God with burnt offerings, with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil, with a calf just one-year old?

**All: No! Let us, instead, do what the God *actually* requires, to do what is *truly* holy: Justice. Kindness. Humility. These are God's highest objectives. So, forgive us, Holy One, whenever we believe that you require more than we can give or afford, when we excuse or exempt ourselves from responsibility for our neighbor in need. - Doing justice, let us create, join and support ministries that serve others. - Loving kindness, let us create a just, caring and compassion world, together. - Walking humbly with you, strengthen us to comfort those who mourn, to fill the hungry and thirsty with good things, to walk in peace. - Restore us to your holiest intentions. Amen.**

*Silence is kept*

#### †GOD'S GOOD NEWS

One: No longer need you plead your case to the mountains, nor be weary and heavy-hearted. You are set free to be love in the world. Just re-examine your priorities and trust in the godly potential placed within you. Then, all mercy, goodness and blessing will follow you, as you claim God's call to be a foolish vessel for the wisdom that is compassion.

Many: **Praise be to God!**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

\*\*PASSING THE PEACE #228, SOZ

***"Thank You, Lord"***

One: May the peace of Christ be with you!

Many: **And also with you!**

#### WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Nancy

RESPONSE #26, SOZ

***"Jesus Loves the Little Children"***

#### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*Friends, let us love not only in our words but also in our deeds through the tithes and offerings that we give today.*

#### OFFERTORY

Musical Selection

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

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**O God, bless these gifts that we have given as expressions of our love for you and our neighbors that we may bring closer to fulfillment your reign of peace and love; through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign. Amen.**

**ANTHEM**

Musical Selection

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Holy Spirit, your people call out for understanding. Bring to our yearning hearts and minds the truth of your Word; in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

**Scripture Readings:** Micah 6:1-8, p. 757, Pew Bible  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31, pp. 926-27, Pew Bible  
Matthew 5:1-12, pp. 785-86, Pew Bible

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Many: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMONIC SELECTION**

Musical Selection

**MESSAGE**

**“Seeing As Saints”**

Rev. Nancy Thornton

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**\* RESPONSE**

One: Jesus said ‘Blessed are the poor in Spirit...’

**Many: Yes, he did!**

One: Yes, ‘...for theirs is the kingdom of heaven’

One: Jesus said ‘Blessed are the happy-clappy...’

**Many: No, he didn’t!**

One: No, he said ‘Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted’

One: Jesus said ‘Blessed are the complacent’

**Many: No, he didn’t!**

One: No, he said ‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they will be filled.’

One: Jesus said ‘Blessed are the meek...’

**Many: Yes, he did!**

One: Yes, ‘...for they will inherit the earth’

One: Jesus said ‘Blessed are the ruthless’

**Many: No, he didn’t!**

One: No, he said ‘Blessed are the merciful for they will be shown mercy’

One: Jesus said 'Blessed are those that are persecuted because of righteousness...'

**Many: Yes, he did!**

One: Yes, '...for theirs is the kingdom of heaven'

One: Jesus said 'Blessed are the pure in heart...'

**Many: Yes, he did!**

One: Yes, '...for we will see God.'...

## **ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF RULING ELDERS AND DEACONS**

### **OPENING WORDS**

One: There are different gifts,

**Many: But it is the same Spirit who gives them.**

One: There are varieties of ways to serve God,

**Many: But it is the same Lord who is served.**

One: God works through people in different ways.

**Many: But it is the same God who inspires a faithful response.**

One: Each one is given gifts by the Spirit, to use for the common good.

**Many: Together we are the body of Christ.**

### **PRESENTATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS**

Clerk: Representing the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church, the session of Northeastern Presbyterian Church now ordains Ruling elders-elect and deacons-elect:

Elders: *William Douglas, Cynthia*

*Hodges, John Murphy,*

*Michele Peters and Beverley Wheeler*

Deacons: *Glynis Pegram-Higgs and Janell Walker*

## **CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS FOR ELDERS AND DEACONS**

### **CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION**

Clerk: Do we, the members of the church accept these men and women as elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

**Congregation: We do.**

Clerk: Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

**Congregation: We do.**

**ORDINATION PRAYER** (*All ordained ruling elders and teaching elders are invited to come forward for the laying on of hands.*)

## **DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION**

**WELCOME** during the singing of “*Glory, Glory, Hallelujah*”  
#98, Songs of Zion

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT**, Hymnal, p. 16

### **WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR**

**\*\*HYMN** Insert

***“Let There Be Peace on Earth”***

**\*\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

## **CHORAL BENEDICTION**

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

## **POSTLUDE**

**LECTIONARY: MICAH 6:1-8; PSALM 15; 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31; MATTHEW 5:1-12**

**Liturgist:** Elder Angela Hemphill

**Greeter:** Elder Shirley Logan and Deacon Katrin Jones

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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 today following the morning worship service.

**ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS** today 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. 5<sup>th</sup>.

**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: Examples of Notable Contributions of the National Capital Presbytery to Northeastern**

NCP has:

- Participated and provided leadership in Northeastern’s last Pastoral Church Committee
- Provided training and resources for such initiatives as
  - Sexual Misconduct and Prevention/Child Protective Training
  - Stewardship Biblical foundation & pragmatics
  - Vision Development Workshop
  - Urban Ministry Discernment

Pay your annual per capita of \$38.75 today!

**FEBRUARY 2017 ACTIVITIES @ NORTHEASTERN**

Feb. 1	Classical Conversation
Feb. 2	AA/NAA Anonymous, 6:30p Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:30p Celestial Choir Rehearsal, 7:30p
Feb. 5	<b>Church School, 9:00a, Auditorium</b> <b>Sunday Morning Worship</b> Literary Club, following worship, Jamison
Feb. 6	AARP, Jamison
Feb. 7	Bible Study, 11:00a, Jamison
Feb. 8	Classical Conversation, 8:30a -3:00p
Feb. 9	AA/NAA Anonymous, 6:30p Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:30p Celestial Choir Rehearsal, 7:30p
Feb. 11	Session meets, 10:00a, Jamison
Feb. 12	<b>Church School, 9:00a, Auditorium</b> <b>Sunday Morning Worship</b>
Feb. 14	Bible Study, 11:00a, Jamison
Feb. 15	Classical Conversation, 8:30a -3:00p

Feb. 16 Session Meeting, 7:00p, Jamison  
 BPU, 10:00 a, Jamison  
 AA/NAA Anonymous, 6:30p  
 Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:30p  
 Celestial Choir Rehearsal, 7:30p

Feb. 18 Presbyterian Men, 9:00a, Livingston Room  
 Food Pantry, 9:00, undercroft  
 Buildings & Grounds, 10:00a, Jamison Lounge

Feb. 19 **Church School, 9:00a, Auditorium**  
**Sunday Morning Worship**

Feb. 20 Holiday

Feb. 21 Bible Study, 11:00a, Jamison

Feb. 22 Classical Conversation, 8:30a -3:00p

Feb. 23

**Feb. 26 Church School, 9:00a, Auditorium**  
**Sunday Morning Worship**  
 Fundraising Team meets, Jamison following worship  
 Soul Food Pot Luck following worship

Feb. 27 COM, 10-12, Jamison

Feb. 28 Bible Study, 11:00a, Jamison

### Church Officers

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