

Northeastern Presbyterian Church

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Remember this:

Whoever sows sparingly
will also reap sparingly,
and whoever sows generously
will also reap generously.

-2 Corinthians 9:6

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generosity



November 1, 2015

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

The Rev. Nancy E. Thornton, Pastor

Northeastern Presbyterian Church



Twenty-Third 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

Greetings

****Invocation**

****Call to Worship**

All: The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Let us worship the Lord of all creation.

****Hymn** #472, Hymnal
Lord'

“O Sing to the

Prayer of Confession

One: Corinthians 4:2 tells us that a steward is required to be trustworthy, yet we often fail. Caring for creation is a demanding task, and we waste precious resources with little thought. We do not place the proper value on relationships. We do not value our own bodies as a treasure from the

Lord. We place little worth on the feelings of others. Let us search our souls and confess our sins to the Lord.

All: As we acknowledge our failings, Lord, we ask your forgiveness:
— for our selfish acts
— for not sharing the Gospel
— for hoarding the treasures that you have so freely provided
— for judging others as unworthy of their share
— for taking your generosity for granted.
For all of these, and for our acts of defiance, we ask for your mercy,
O Lord. Amen.

God's Good News

One: Receive the joy and freedom that comes with God's forgiveness.

Many: Thanks be to God!

Announcements

Welcome to our Visitors

****Passing the Peace #119, SOZ**

"Do, Lord, Remember Me"

One: May the peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD



Children's Message

Pastor Nancy

Response #26, SOZ
Children"

"Jesus Loves the Little

Invitation to the Offering

Our ancestors in faith and church-building show us the way to share the gifts God has given us with the whole community. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God with heartfelt gratitude, commitment and praise.

Offertory
Choir

"Hallelujah, Amen"

The Chancel

*Doxology #592, Hymnal

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Prayer of Dedication

Lord, giver of all great gifts, bless this offering to the glory of your kingdom. And bless your people, who give out of the love you have set in their hearts. Amen

Anthem

"I Will Sing Praises"

The Chancel Choir

Prayer for Illumination

The truth we are waiting to hear is the greatest treasure we can receive. Help us Lord, to listen to the word with eager ears, open minds, and hearts ready to receive instructions. In the name of Jesus, Amen

Scripture Readings: 2 Corinthians 9, p., Pew Bible

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermonic Selection:

Mrs. Monica

Johnson

Message

"Generous Giving"

Rev. Nancy Thornton

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* The Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed, p.14 Hymnal

Pastoral Prayer

The Prayer Jesus Taught p. 16, Hymnal

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

#85, SOZ

"He's Got the Whole World ..."

#513, Hymnal

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

May the God of generosity be with you!

And also with you!

People of God, open your hearts to the One who has blessed you beyond imagination.

We open our very being to the God who always surprises us with blessings.

Children of the abundant God, join your voices in glad songs of praise.

Hearts and voices resound with the glory of God.

When you could have been stingy in those first days, Imaginative God, you poured all that was in your heart into the silence and emptiness of chaos. Rivers rushed to the seas, mountains stretched toward the skies, animals danced in clovered fields, life sprang forth in every corner of the universe. You crafted all this goodness and beauty for your children created in your image that they might enjoy your gifts forever. But the empty promises of temptation sounded better than the choruses of the birds, the glitter of sin and death blinded us to the abiding wonder of your gracious heart. Prophets came to remind us that you are indeed a God of blessing, that you opened yourself to us in love, hoping that we would

come home. But when we continued to waste our inheritance in the far country of despair, you sent Jesus to come to us, bearing the ring of redemption to slip onto our fingers, the robe of forgiveness to wrap around our broken lives.

So, with those who have received your blessings in every age and place, with those who seek to be stewards here and now, we join our voices in praise to you:

Holy, holy, holy, God of extravagant love.

All creation is filled to overflowing with your gifts.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes bearing your blessings to us.

Hosanna in the highest!

You are generous to a fault, Gracious God, with your greatest gift being Jesus Christ our Lord. When you could have selfishly kept him by your side, you sent him into our midst, so we might know that your love has no limits. When you could have hardened your heart towards us, you let yours be broken by the sacrifice of your only Child upon the Cross. When you could have demanded that we give back everything we had received from you, you sent your most precious self, that we might be reconciled to you once and for all.

As we remember the Gift we will celebrate once again, as we celebrate the wonder of redemption which is ours, we would cling to that mystery we call faith:

Christ died, the blessing which destroyed sin;

Christ arose, the gift which conquered death;

Christ will come again, the treasure of your kingdom held in his arms to give to us.

We never have to wonder about your love for us, Beneficent God, for your Spirit is that gift that is poured out upon the Bread and the Cup every time we gather at your Table. We taste the goodness and the life in the Bread which is broken for us, that we might offer all that we have to mend the shattered lives of those around

us. We drink from the Cup of compassion, and as it flows through the very depths of our souls, we dare not withhold tight to our gifts, but as your good and faithful stewards, offer them back to you so that the hungry might be filled, the homeless might find shelter, the captive would be set free, the sick might be made well, and all creation rejoice in your blessings.

Words of Institution

The Gifts of God for the People of God

Prayer After Communion

And when all our days of life have come to an end, when we are gathered with your people in your heart, we will join our voices in singing our thanksgiving to you, for all your good gifts, and for your inviting us to be good stewards with you in the work of the kingdom, our hands, our hearts, our lives, our gifts offered to you, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

*Hymn #280, Hymnal

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

*Charge and Blessing

Choral Benediction

"Three -Fold

Amen"

(Please Be Seated until after the Postlude)

Postlude:

"Festive Trumpet"

LECTIONARY ISAIAH 25:6-9; PSALM 24; REV. 21:1-6A; JOHN 11:32-44

Liturgist: Elder Denise Hodges

Greeters: Mrs. Gloria Harris and Dr. Robert Davis, Jr.
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Announcements

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: We have begun the study of the Book of 1 John. It will tell us how to achieve true joy. If we take the words written by John and apply them to our daily lives, the true love, commitment, fellowship and joy we long for will be ours. Please come.

LITERARY CLUB --Please join our exciting upcoming discussions: on today, Isabel Wilkerson's "the Warmth of Other Suns: the Epic Story of the Great Migration" will be our topic, and 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): Interpretation and Stewardship (GGC)

This year marks 40 years of history since the merger of Northeastern with uniqueness. Scriptures talk about events such as, Noah and 40 days 40 nights of rain; Moses and his 40 years in the wildness. Today Honorable, Barack Obama became the 44th President of the United States and last but not least Northeastern is celebrating its 40 year history. The Interpretation and Stewardship Committee wish to call this uniqueness a "New Beginning." **Next Sunday, on November 8th, 2015**, all members are ask to pledge and /or commit their support by being a generous people... to give generously of our Time, Talent and Treasure (finances). Our Theme; "Growing a Generous Congregation" in 2016.

THE JAMISON FUND COMMISSION – PLEASE READ AND SUPPORT: In 1975, Northeastern Presbyterian Church established the Jamison Fund Commission from the residue of the estate of Helen E. Jamison. Mrs. Jamison’s will directed that the money is to be used to support youth participation in ecumenical events (more than one demonization). Due to under-use, the Fund has grown from about \$50,000 to more than \$100,000. The Jamison Fund has aided our youth in going to Mexico, Europe, UN meetings, skiing trips, local events, and much more. The Commission needs applicants now and is asking you to submit names or suggestions of events. Support is also available. for adults who must accompany the under-age. We believe that qualifying events are out there. Please contact Elder Clarence Wade, Chair (202-529-3962) or Elder Lisa Slade, Co-Chair for further information and applications.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBER SEMINAR: There will be a Prospective Member Seminar, 9a.m.-noon, Saturday, November 7th, in the Jamison Lounge. RSVP at the church office, (202) 526-1730.

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.

THANK YOU

Pastor Nancy, Deacon Board, organizations and members, To God Be the Glory. Your prayers, visits and cards have brought me a long way. I still have a way to go. I miss my church and hope to get back one day. Continue to keep me in your prayers and I welcome your visits.
- Harold V. Henderson

THIS WEEK @ NORTHEASTERN

Today 11/1 Breakfast, 8:00 a.m., Auditorium
Sunday Morning Worship Service, 10 a.m.
Church school for All Ages, 9:00 a.m.
Literary Club will meet in the Library following worship service
Organ Recital, 4 p.m.
11/2 AARP Board Meeting, 10a.m.

11/3 Bible Study, 11am, Jamison
Prayer Service, Noon, Chapel
Bible Study, 6p.m.
Cherub Choir, 6:30p.m.
Celestial Choir, 7:30 p.m.
11/4 Classical Conversation, 8:00 a.m.
11/5 Thankful Thursday
NA/AA Anonymous, 6:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir, 7:30 p.m.
11/7 Prospective Member Seminar, 9a.m.-noon, Jamison Lounge



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

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