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November 29, 2015

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

The Rev. Nancy E. Thornton, Pastor

Northeastern Presbyterian Church



First Sunday of Advent

Welcome in the name of the Lord. We pray that through this time of song, prayer and proclamation, you may experience the Spirit of God at work in your life. Your presence is a blessing to us; we hope that soon we will be able to worship together again.

****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

“Give Him Glory”

The Cherub Choir

Greetings

****Invocation**

Lighting the Advent Wreath
Family

Deacon Cherie Becton and

Singing God's Praises

“Say Yes” The Choir and the Congregation

****Call to Worship**

One: Because of you, Righteous God, we begin our journey to Bethlehem,

Many: **trusting that you will lead us down the paths of faithfulness.**

One: For you, Child Jesus, we wait,

Many: **on this day of anticipation and hope, in the days of doubt and worry.**

One: With you, Spirit of Advent, we serve,

Many: **those for whom this season is not one of joy; those whose lives are empty of family and friends.**

Prayer of Confession

One: If only our hurtful words, our damaging actions, our foolish choices would just go away. But they don't, and so we offer them, as well as ourselves, to God for forgiveness and for our healing. Please join me, as we pray together saying,

All: **The chances we have to be more compassionate; the moments to offer hope to a lonely friend; the good fortune we could give to those who have so little. The signs are all around us, Good and Upright God, of how we fail to live as your people. Do not meditate on our bungling ways, God of steadfast love, but remember the mercy of your heart. That mercy which forgives us; that mercy which makes us whole; and especially, that living mercy who came down one night so long ago, Jesus the Advent of our redemption.**
[Silence is kept]

God's Good News

One: Raise your heads, children of God! In the bleak mid-winter of our lives, our redemption draws near. In the springtime of our doubts, the kingdom of God approaches.

Many: **Even when we feel most alone, the One who comes to us is the salvation promised so long ago. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

Announcements

Welcome to our Visitors

****Passing the Peace #146, SOZ**

"Woke Up Dis Mornin'"

One: May the peace of Christ be with you!

All: **And also with you!**

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD



Children's Message

Mr. Glen

Response #26, SOZ
Children"

"Jesus Loves the Little

Invitation to the Offering

Trusting in the sure promises of Christ, and grateful for the Spirit's sustaining power, let us bring our tithes and offerings to God.

†Offertory

"Looking For a Miracle"

The Cherub Choir

*Doxology #592, Hymnal

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Prayer of Dedication

God of righteousness, you have saved us from the worst the world can do and have promised to redeem the whole creation when Christ comes again. In faith and hope we offer our gifts of money and self, that we may be part of what you are doing in the world even now, as we watch for Christ's coming in glory. Amen.

†Anthem

"I Will Bless the Lord"

The Cherub Choir

Prayer for Illumination

God our salvation, there is wisdom, peace, and joy for those who keep your Word. By the power of your Holy Spirit, lead us in your truth and teach us to do your will; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

†Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16, p. 645, Pew Bible

Luke 21:25-36, pp. 857-57, Pew Bible

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God!

†Sermonic Selection

"This Day"

The Cherub

Choir

Message

Rev. Nancy Thornton

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Song of Affirmation #14, SOZ
Lord"

"I Will Trust in the

†Pastoral Prayer

†The Prayer Jesus taught p. 16, Hymnal

WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

****Hymn #449, Hymnal**

"My Lord! What a Morning"

***Charge and Blessing**

Choral Benediction *"Make Us One"*

(Please Be Seated until after the Postlude)

Postlude:

LECTIONARY: JEREMIAH 33:14-16; PSALM 25:1-10; 1 THESSALONIAN 3:9-13; LUKE: 21:25-36
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Liturgist: Deacon Randall Timbers
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Greeters: Deacon Cherie Becton, Mr. Stan Becton, Stanford and Sydnae Becton
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THIS WEEK @ NORTHEASTERN

Today 11/29 2015 Advent Devotional Booklets available
Sunday Morning Worship Service, 10 a.m.
Church school for All Ages, 9:00 a.m.

12/1 Bible Study, 11am, Jamison
Prayer Service, Noon, Chapel

12/2 Classical Conversation, 8:00 a.m.

12/3 Thankful Thursday
Interpretation and Stewardship, 11a.m.
NA/AA Anonymous, 6:30 p.m.





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

INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT: ADVENT: PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD!

Sunday, December 13 at 9:00a.m., in the Auditorium. Join us for an all-Church Sunday school Event about Advent! Men, Women and Children studying together before Worship.

EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH: YOUTH OF NORTHEASTERN – HEADS UP!! – Boys and girls age 16 and over, become a missionary, join the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic **Mission Kenya 2016** trip to Africa May 30th – June 11, 2016. The trip offers participants an opportunity to meet, work with, and experience the people and culture of Kenya. Join in building and furnishing a new chapel or classroom and visit the Masai Mara game reserve. Travel expenses will be underwritten in part by the NEPC Jamison Fund. Look for further details in future editions of the Sunday bulletin. In the meantime, make sure you know where your passport is!!

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): As stewards in God's Kingdom we celebrate and give thanks for the many blessings we have received in 2015. We begin by appreciating the gift of **TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE** which God has given to all of us. Celebrate all the blessings in your life with generosity as we approach the season of Thanksgiving. Pledges are still being received for the 2016 calendar year. - Matthew 15:26

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.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: We are studying the Book of Acts on Tuesday mornings. This book is the first written history of the Christian church. The life of the early church is recorded: introduction to the beginning of the church, the church in Jerusalem, the church scattered into Palestine and Syria and the church advancing to the end of the earth. Please join us.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC - Poinsettias are on sale today and will continue through Sunday, December 13th. Please visit us in the Livingston Room after worship service to place an order. Cost is \$13 per plant (medium red). Limited supply available. Plants will be available for pickup after worship service on December 20th.

BREAD FOR THE SOUL CHRISTMAS TOY AND BOOK DRIVE PARTY to benefit HIV/AIDS families will be held on Friday, December 4, 2015. 5:00-9:00 p.m. at 1410 Missouri Avenue, N.W. A grand buffet will be served. Please bring a new toy or book. A donation of \$25.00 is requested.

THE ANGEL TREE, CHRISTMAS BASKETS AND GIFTS: Last year because of your generosity, we were able to provide families in need with gifts and food for the Christmas holidays. This year, we will continue to help families from LaSalle Backus Education Campus in Northeast and Ann Beers Elementary School in Southeast. Please pick up a tag from the Angel tree with the name of a person and their wish and go shopping. A box will be in the sanctuary next Sunday to place the unwrapped gifts or you may give them to one of the persons listed below. We also need food items. If you or your organization would like to give food and/or monetary donations, please give your monetary donations to Elder Jennifer Allen. She will have a list of food items that you can give. Be mindful that some of our families are living in shelters and do not have kitchens to prepare meals. Please help us help families. We need all donations by Sunday, December 13th. If you have any questions or concerns, please see Elders Jennifer Allen, Lisa Slade, Pam Gessesse or Pam Jackson.

40TH ANNIVERSARY GALA TICKETS are on Sale now in the Livingston Room after service.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW !!!



**The Capital Improvement
Committee
and the 40th Anniversary
Committee
are sponsoring**

A 40th Anniversary Gala
Saturday, December 19, 2015
7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.
Music by: DJ Tom

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*Contact: Iris Burnell, Kathy Cuff, Helen
Felton, Pamela Gessesse, Estrelida
Henderson, Shirley Logan, Valerie McCray,
Glynis Pegram-Higgs*

**Dress code: After Five
Evening Attire**

Ticket: \$50.00

Dinner Menu
*Ham, Salmon, Stuffed Chicken
Breast, String beans, Rice,
Sweet Potatoes, Garden Salad,
Dinner Roll, Dessert and*



