

# Northeastern Presbyterian Church

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December 13, 2015

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

*The Rev. Nancy E. Thornton, Pastor*  
Northeastern Presbyterian Church



Third 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

*“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”*

The Chancel

Choir

## Greetings

**\*\*Invocation**

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Mr. & Mrs. Charles (Ruby )

Webb

## **\*\*Call to Worship**

One: Good friends, Rejoice. God is with you.

Many: **Even though we are imperfect and too often have turned our backs on God, still God is with us.**

One: God's love is forever. You are beloved.

Many: **Even when we behave in ways which are contrary to what God would have us do.**

One: God forgives and loves you and seeks your well-being.

Many: **Praise be to God for such wondrous love!**

**\*\*Hymn** #28, Hymnal

*“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”*

## Prayer of Confession

**God of Light, sometimes all we see is the smoke from the extinguished candle. Sometimes all we know is the fear of losing instead of the joy of loving. Sometimes all we believe are empty promises of long-lost dreams instead of the wonder and awe of trusting You are doing something new. In this time of brokenness in our world, in this space of emptiness, in this realm of hopelessness: restore our faith. Renew our hope. Regain our trust in one another and in the goodness of Your love. Be born in us, again, and again, so that we might live into hope, build peace in this world, and**

rejoice that You are still ever present with us and will not let the world fall apart. You will not let us fail. Love will never end, but always prevails. Help us to cling to this: that what we know is You are good. You are love. You are light. In the name of Jesus the Christ, for whom all things are expectantly waiting. Amen.

## God's Good News

One: Trust. Believe. Hope. Endure. Know. Forgive. Restore. Love. Love. Above all, love. For what else is there that we can do?

Many: **We are forgiven, when we set out to do right, to love justice and mercy, and to go forth humbly with God. Amen.**

## Announcements

### Welcome to our Visitors

**\*\*Passing the Peace** #368, Hymnal

*"I've Got Peace Like a River"*

One: May the peace of Christ be with you!

All: **And also with you!**

## WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD



### Children's Message

Elder Jennifer Allen

**Response** #26, SOZ  
*Children"*

*"Jesus Loves the Little*

### Invitation to the Offering

*Let us bring to God our offerings, with thanksgiving that God provides more than enough for all.  
Let us give, as each is able, for the benefit of Christ's church and God's world.*

🕯️**Offertory**  
Choir

*"Mary Had a Baby"*

The Chancel

**\*Doxology** #592, Hymnal

*"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious God, in gratitude for all that you have given us, we bring our tithes, offerings, and labor to help feed a world hungry for healing and hope; for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

🕊️Anthem  
Choir

*"Gloria"*

The Chancel

Prayer for Illumination

Holy Word, you are our guide and ultimate assurance. By your Holy Spirit, open us to your promises and commands and shower us again with the fire of your love. Amen.

🕊️Scripture Readings:     Isaiah 12:2-6, pp. 258-59, Pew Bible  
  Philippians 4:4-7, p. 955, Pew Bible

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

🕊️Sermonic Selection

Mrs. Shawnee Ball

Message

*"Rejoice"*

Rev. Nancy Thornton

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\* Song of Affirmation #403, Hymnal     *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

Pastoral Prayer

The Prayer Jesus Taught     p. 16, Hymnal

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

\*\*Hymn #155, Hymnal

*"Rejoice, the Lord is King"*

\*Charge and Blessing

Choral Benediction     *"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" - Refrain*

(Please Be Seated until after the Postlude)

Postlude:

*"Fanfare"*- Lemmons

LECTIONARY: ZECHARIAH 3:14-20; ISAIAH 12:2-6 PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7 LUKE: 3:7-18

Liturgist: Elder Shirley Logan

Greeters: Glen Grier, Jamir and Jazmin Grier

### Announcements

**ENVAGELISM 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 30<sup>th</sup> – 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!!

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** The Advent of Christ was foretold in the Old Testament (Isaiah 7:14 and 9:6). As Stewards in God's Kingdom, we celebrate the Good News of Christ coming in the Gospel age by exchanging gifts. Our gifts are a representation of our affection for Christ and one another. We also give to the Christmas Joy Offering which supports church workers in their time of need. They assist in cultivating racial ethnic education and leadership development. Please come prepared next Sunday to make your Joy Gift donation. Luke 2:13

**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.

**THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** will be held on Saturday, December 19, 2015 from 12 noon to 2 pm in the Dorothy Harris Auditorium. Ladies who would like to donate a toy, a book or money to Bread for the Soul (our AIDS/HIV Christmas outreach on December 4, 2015) may do so no later than December 12, 2015. Please contact Ernestine Brown for further information.

**40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY GALA TICKETS** are on Sale now in the Livingston Room after service.

### THANK YOU

To Pastor Nancy and Our Northeastern Family: We cannot tell you how heartwarming your many demonstrations of love for Faye have been during our most recent health event. All of your expressions – phone calls, cards, flowers, prayers, visit – have encouraged us immensely. You are a wonderful family. Thank you for loving us and please continue to pray for us, other NEPC family members and all the saints. One of our favorite prayers is found at Colossians 1:9-14. As Duke Ellington would say "We love you madly." Don, Chelle and family

**THE ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING** of Northeastern Presbyterian Church will be held today, following worship service.

**CHURCH DONATIONS:** 2016 is quickly approaching! All donations and offerings for 2015 must be received by Thursday, December 2015, for processing.

**THIS MONTH @ NORTHEASTERN**

- Dec. 13 Intergenerational Sunday School, 9:00 a.m., Auditorium**  
**Sunday Morning Worship Service, 10 a.m.**  
**41<sup>st</sup> Annual Congregational Meeting, following worship**  
**Last day to order Poinsettias**
- Dec. 15 Bible Study, 11a.m., Jamison  
Prayer Service, Noon, Chapel  
Cherub Choir: 6:30 p.m., Choir Room  
Celestial Choir: 7:30 p.m., Choir Room
- Dec. 17 Thankful Thursday. E-mail your reason to be thankful  
to nepc1@verizon.net  
Black Presbyterian United, 10 a.m., Jamison Lounge  
Worship and Music, 6:30, Jamison Lounge  
Chancel Choir: 7:30 p.m., Choir Room
- Dec. 19 **40th Anniversary GALA, 7 p.m. - 11p.m.**  
Food Pantry: 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon, Undercroft  
Presbyterian Men, 9:00 a.m., Auditorium
- Dec. 20 Sunday Morning Worship Service, 10 a.m.**  
Church school for All Ages, 9:00 a.m.
- Dec. 21 AARP Holiday Celebration, 10-2:00 p.m., Auditorium
- Dec. 22 Bible Study, 11a.m., Jamison  
Prayer Service, Noon, Chapel  
Cherub Choir: 6:30 p.m., Choir Room  
Celestial Choir: 7:30 p.m., Choir Room
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Service, 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary**  
Thankful Thursday, E-mail your reason to be thankful  
to nepc1@verizon.net
- Dec. 25 Christmas Holiday – Church closed**
- Dec. 27 **Sunday Morning Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.**  
Church school for All Ages, 9:00 a.m.
- Dec. 29 Bible Study, 11a.m., Jamison  
Prayer Service, Noon, Chapel

Our Thoughts & Prayers are with Northeastern Members:

**Ms. Michele Peters, recovering at home, following hospitalization - 1008 Hamlin St., NE, DC 20017**

**Mrs. Edna Hymes 515 Cannon Road, Silver Springs, MD 20904**

**Deacon Faye Waters – Carrol Manor – Providence Hospital – Room 315 - (202) 854-3482**

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Mrs. Minnie White – Sunrise Sr. Assisted Living – 11621 New Hampshire Ave., #214, Silver Spring, MD 20904  
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Mrs. Eleanor Wood – 1712 Buchanan Street, NE – Washington, DC 20017 – (202) 529-7515

**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-Ernest Harris; 3-Freddie Peaco; 6-James Wilson; 8-Karen Cooper-Geathers, 10-Isabella Sims; 12-Michelle Williams; 13-Lois Millings, Kathy Spencer; 15-Bishetta Merritt; 22-Josephine Glenn, Dorothy Williams; 30-Robin Miller, Charles Webb

## Church Officers

### Elders

Mack Burnell  
Frank Enty  
James Haggins  
Pamela Jackson  
Felicia Lightfoot

### Deacons

Phyllis Adkins  
Carol Fleming  
Helen Felton  
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### Trustees

Lillian Berry  
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Jeffery Carr  
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### Church Music Staff

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