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December 25, 2016
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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

Northeastern Presbyterian Church



Nativity of Jesus Christ/ Christmas Day

*You are warmly welcomed to **Northeastern Presbyterian Church**. We want you to experience the love of God and feel God's presence near - for you are so special to the Lord - and special to us, too - for your life has significance - and there's purpose in what you do. Praise the Lord!*

**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 *"Come Thou Almighty King"* The Celestial Choir

Greetings

****Invocation**

Singing God's Praises The Choir and Congregation

****CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Rejoice! Happy Christmas to everyone!

Many: **Happy Christmas to you also!**

One: Christ our Savior is born.

Many: **God's Light is poured into the world.**

One: O Come, let us celebrate this wonderful gift

Many: **Let us praise God with shouts of joy and singing!**

🕯️Prayer of Confession

Manger-dwelling God, we heard the songs of the angels, yet we easily tune-out the cries of the needy; we feel the breath of our children on our faces, yet remain untouched by your Spirit of peace; we are surrounded by gifts as precious as those brought by the Wise Ones, yet have trouble sharing with those who are from other countries, other faiths.

Forgive us, Grace swaddled in mystery. We believe in Christmas, help us to believe in you even more; we hunger for happiness, feed us on your peace; we long for community and acceptance, surround us with our brothers and sisters we find in all those, of every age and every place, who follow and serve alongside our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, whose birth we celebrate this day. Amen.

Silence is kept

🕯️God's Good News

One: Born that day was grace – for the broken and bereft;
born that day was hope – for the vulnerable and forgotten;
born that day was love – for all of us!

Many: **Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! We will go to tell others of all we have seen, heard, experienced, and know. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

****PASSING THE PEACE #114, SOZ**

“Ain’t Dat Good News?”

One: May the peace of Christ be with you!

Many: **And also with you!**

WE EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD



CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

RESPONSE #25, Hymnal verse 3

“Away in a Manger”

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*Rejoice! For I bring good news and joy to all people:
today is born to you a Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Let us with
gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to the Lord.*

OFFERTORY

“A Winter Medley”

The Celestial Choir

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

On this glad new day for all the earth we are grateful for giving hearts made joyful in the gift of your Son. For you, O God, are generosity itself. Bless these gifts we offer to the benefit of those in need. Bless our lives in service of sharing your love in the world; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

ATHEM “Have You Heard the News” The Celestial Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, through the power of your Holy Spirit illumine your word, that we might see Christ, the living Word, the light of the world. Amen.

Scripture Readings: Luke 2:8-20, p. 833, Pew Bible
John 1:1-14, p. 862, Pew bible

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

SERMONIC SELECTION “A Jubilant Christmas” The Celestial Choir

MESSAGE Rev. Nancy Thornton

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***SONG OF AFFIRMATION #29, Hymnal “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT, p 16, Hymnal

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

****HYMN OF INVITATION 340, Hymnal “Joy to the World”**

****CHARGE AND BLESSING**

CHORAL BENEDICTION “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” (Chorus)

(Please have a seat until the postlude ends)

POSTLUDE

LECTIONARY: ISAIAH 52:7-10; PSALM 98; HEBREW 1:1-4 (5-12) ; JOHN 1:1-14

Liturgist: Elder Blossom Roach

Greeter:

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PECANS FOR SALE: We still have Pecans (Chocolate covered or plain) at the cost of \$12.00, please place your orders with Angela Hemphill: phone # 240-643-3856. Email: rnahemp@gmail.com.

INTERPRETATION AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE (GGC):

"Christmas Joy Gift; The Gift is Given; A Gift is received." The funding from the Christmas Joy Offering celebrates the coming of Jesus Christ, the "wondrous gift" of God with us. Half of the offering supports the ministry of education and the other half supports the assistant program of the board of pension for church workers who experience tragedy, health concerns, because of financial hardship. In gratitude to God for the gift of Jesus, the Presbytery invites congregations to join this celebration of God's presence with us by supporting those in need of help.

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).

CHURCH DONATIONS: 2017 is quickly approaching. All donations and offerings for 2016 must be received by, Saturday, December 31, 2016.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC - Please pick up your plants today following worship service.

OFFERING ENVELOPES: Please pick up your offering envelopes. They are located in the Narthex.

LITERARY CLUB --Please join our discussion of Diane McKinney-Whetstone's latest novel "*Lazaretto*" on Jan. 1st in the Jamison Lounge after service.

PLEA FROM THE 2016 NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Regrettably, the nominating committee did not find enough candidates to complete the upcoming vacancies on the board of deacons. The committee is continuing to seek the needed candidates. It asks that you pray for guidance and encouragement to help you become a candidate. Please contact the committee about your willingness to serve. Northeastern needs your service.

Thank You

Rev. Nancy, Deacon Board, Participants, Members and Friends of Northeastern, Thank you is inadequate to express my appreciation for the many expressions of caring shown me at the passing of my husband, Harold V. Henderson. I will never forget your thoughtfulness. May God bless each of you.

Estrelda B. Henderson

To My Northeastern Presbyterian Family: As the year 2016 comes to a close, I would like to Thank You All for the cards, phone calls, love, encouragement and prayers received throughout the years.

My prayer is that our church family along with the entire universe is blessed with good health, peace and happiness in the year ahead.

Love,
Ethelyne Wilkes

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES @ NORTHEASTERN

Dec. 25	Christmas morning worship, 10 a.m.
Dec. 26	Holiday – Church Office closed
Dec. 27	Bible Study, 11 a.m., Jamison
Dec. 29	NA/AA Anonymous, 6:30p.m.
Jan. 2	Holiday – Church Office closed



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



Kathy Cuff – In Loving memory of our Dad “**William Lee Pegram, Sr.**”

Cynthia Gervais- In memory of **Phoebe Giddings** “Beloved Grandmother”

Tyrone Giddings “Beloved Uncle”

Nathaniel Giddings “Beloved Uncle”

Cynthia Hodges In memory of **Woodrow and Rutha Hodges**

Nancy Thornton In memory of **Calvin Thornton Sr.**

Ann Henderson Thornton

Calvin Thornton, Jr.

G. Kenyatta McKenzie

Clarence and Geneva Wade In memory of our parents

Caroline Mundy In memory of Cousin **Margaret Phifer**

Lillian Berry in memory of deceased family members

Joseph Witherspoon In memory of deceased family members

Hemphill family – In memory of **Donald E Hemphill**

*MERRY
CHRISTMAS*

*FROM THE
CHURCH*

STAFF!

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