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February 22, 2015
10:00 a.m. Worship Service



First Sunday in Lent

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.

† Please enter after the invitation of the ushers

*We stand with our hearts or our postures

SOZ refers to the "Songs of Zion" hymnal

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE IN PRAISE AND PRAYER

Prelude

Choral Introit

The Celestial Choir

Greetings

Invocation

*Singing God's Praises

The Choir and

Congregation

†*Call to Worship

One: From water to wilderness:
Many: God's covenant continues; God's kingdom is near.
One: On stone and in hearts:
Many: God's covenant continues; God's kingdom is near.
One: From the ancestor of nations to the Son lifted up:
Many: God's covenant continues; God's kingdom is near.
One: We follow Jesus on the Lenten path,
Many: for where he is, we would be also.

†*Prayer of Confession

One: God takes our broken promises and turns them into vows of faithfulness. God takes our biggest failings and shapes lives of service. God listens to our prayers of confession and changes them into songs of mercy. Let us come to the One who pours forgiveness into our lives, praying

All: We admit we are hesitant to walk to Jerusalem and beyond with you, God of Glory. In a world where we worry about tomorrow before enjoying today, we race by your moments of silence, of learning. In that flood of worries, which can overwhelm us, we may miss that assurance that you have not cut us off from your grace. In the deserts of our desires, we may ignore that feast of hope, of joy, of life you offer to us.

Forgive us and have mercy on us, Gentle Guardian of our souls. In humility, may we offer our lives to others. In love, may we share your grace with everyone we meet. In hope, may we wait for you all our days, as you come to us in the life and joy of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Silence is kept

God's Good News

One: In this place we find God's word, God's way, God's love, God's forgiveness. What more do we need to sustain us as we continue as pilgrims along the way?

**Many: In every wilderness, on every road;
in every moment, in every life;
in every journey, in every heart,
we receive the daily bread we need - God's hope, God's mercy, God's joy.
Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.**

A Moment in our Black History
School

The Sunday

Announcements

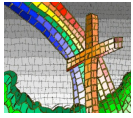
Welcome to our Visitors

*Passing the Peace #161, SOZ
Lord"

"Certainly,

One: May the peace of Christ be with you!
All: And also with you!

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD



Children's Message

Deacon Robin Miller

Response #304, Hymnal
Me!"

"Jesus Loves

Invitation to the Offering

By doing acts of justice and compassion and by sharing our resources, we bear witness to the good news of the gospel. The offering is received in gratitude to God.

Offertory

The Celestial

Choir

*Doxology #592, Hymnal
Flow"

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings

†*Prayer of Dedication

God of steadfast love and faithfulness, we are humbled as we try to do what is right and to walk in your ways. Receive, we ask, these offerings, and use them for your own good purposes in the church and in all creation. We pray in Jesus Christ. Amen.

†Anthem

The

Celestial Choir

†Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, in rushing waters and in dry wilderness, in every season and circumstance, we need your sustaining word. By the power of your Holy Spirit, proclaim the good news among us today so that we may repent and believe and see anew how the time is fulfilled and thy kingdom has come near; in Jesus Christ your Son, our Savior. Amen.

Scripture Readings: Genesis 9:8-17, pp. 6-7, Pew Bible

Mark 1:9-15, p.8-12, Pew Bible

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God!

Sermonic Selection

The

Celestial Choir

Message

Rev.

Nancy Thornton

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Song of Affirmation #272, Hymnal
Sparrow

"God of the

† Prayers of the People

† The Prayer Jesus Taught, p. 16, Hymnal

WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

* Hymn #563, Hymnal

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

* Charge and Blessing

Benediction

Postlude

LECTIONARY: GENESIS 9:8-17; PSALM 25:1-10; 1 PETER 3:18-22; MARK 1:9-15
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Today's Worship Leadership Liturgist: Elder Pam Jackson Greeter: Deacon Faye Waters and Mrs. Gloria Harris
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Our Thoughts & Prayers are with Northeastern Members:

Elder Thriftone Jones – Washington Hospital Center - ICU

**Deacon Phyllis Adkins – Listner Home – Rm. 130 – 5425 Western Avenue,
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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)

Mr. Tecumseh Harris – 5432 Shirley Jean Court, Winston Salem, NC 27105 (Charlotte Smoot)

Ms. Sylvia Matthews–Signature Health Care–Memphis, TN (Aunt to Amanda Sargent)

Mr. Wilbert Samuel – Winston Salem, NC (Brother of Hasker Samuel)

Mrs. Dorothy Samuel Smith – Tabacoville, NC (Sister of Hasker Samuel)

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Pianist, Youth/Cherub Choir	-	Ms. Jennifer Allen



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

40TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER: Blue T-Shirts and Polo Shirts are available for purchase now in sizes: large, extra-large, and 2X. If you have not purchased your 40th Anniversary t-shirts/polo shirts stop by the church office. The 40th Anniversary committee needs your support.

40TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE will meet today following worship service in the Jamison Lounge.

BROKEN FOR YOU LENTEN BIBLE STUDY will begin on Wednesday, February 25th in the Jamison Lounge, at 7:00 p.m. Please reserve your copy of the resource material for \$5.00 or download a copy of "Broken For You" Meditation and Lenten Study resource, at <http://wcrc.ch/broken-for-you-lenten-resource-now-ready/>. Tell your family, friends and neighbors all are welcome.

CHURCH-WIDE GATHERING OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA begins Thursday, June 18, 2015 and concludes on Sunday, June 21, 2015. Please contact Ernestine Brown for your registration booklet.

CONVERSATION WITH DR. SHIRLEY LOGAN: On Saturday, February 28, at 12 noon, in the Dorothy Harris Auditorium, come out and support our own Dr. Logan as she discusses Women We Should Know: 19th Century Black Women of Faith. Light luncheon provided for a minimum fee, so please RSVP no later than Tuesday, February 24th at 202-526-1730 or e-mail nepc1@verizon.net.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS. The NEPC Men's Council is hosting a gathering on Saturday, March 21, 2015, 9:00-12 noon. Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, Director, Office of Public Witness (PCUSA) will be our featured guest. Details will follow.

MEMBERS OF THE JAMISON COMMISSION please contact Elder Clarence Wade by phone at (202) 529-3962 or by e-mail cwrw48wade@webtv.net as soon as possible.

THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN will study Lesson 5 of the 2014-2015 Horizons Bible study, "Reconciliation and the Whole Creation," on Saturday, February 21, 2015, at 10:00 a.m., in the Presbyterian Women Room on the third floor of the Education Building. The focus text is 2 Corinthians 5:11-6:10. All women are encouraged to attend.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: As Stewards in God's Kingdom we practice how to be generous Christian in the real world. We let go of thoughts of scarcity or lack and fill our entire thoughts and hopes with rich lives and blessings. We also remember the use of our **TIME , TALENT and TREASURE** to thank God for everything. We are so blessed to be givers of generosity.

Isaiah 42:9 and Psalm 33:3

TO THE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF NORTHEASTERN: Please remember the Social Concerns Committee when planning your donations for the year 2015. As you know, our outreach is determined by the level of your giving. Your donations are used to support charitable non-profit organizations, assist the needy, host public forums and support our annual health fair. We thank you for your past donations and pray for your continued support.

NOON DAY PRAYER SERVICE: Come join us in pray, singing and to hear our guest speaker, Reverend Veronica Graves, Associate Pastor, Union Wesley A M E Zion Church, Washington, D. C. on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 from Noon to 1:00pm. We hope that we can count on your active support for this prayer effort. God Bless All Of You!

TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS: Students who are graduating from high school and college/university are requested to submit their name, address, phone number and the name of the school from which they are graduating to the Higher Education Commission box, located on the Breezeway.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS will meet at 11:00 a.m., in the Jamison Lounge. The subject of the Book of Exodus is redemption--through the power of God, by means of a deliverer, under the cover of blood. It was written to record the events of Israel's deliverance from slavery in Egypt and contains the Laws that God gave to the Israelites in order to guide them in her relationship with Him. Please join us in studying the Word.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Mr. Calvin Watson passed away at the Washington Hospital Center on February 9, 2015. His Celebration of Life was held on Friday, February 13, 2015, at Israel Baptist Church, Washington, D.C. Mr. Watson was the brother of Elizabeth W. Fleming.

THIS MONTH @ NORTHEASTERN

- Feb. 22 Sunday Morning Worship Service, 10 a.m.**
 Adult Church School, 9:00 a.m., Jamison Lounge
 Young Folk Church School, 9:00 a.m., Auditorium
 Trustees' meeting following worship, 3rd Floor
 40th Anniversary Committee mtg. in Jamison Lounge
- Feb. 23 Prayer Conference Call, 9 p.m.**
 Dial-in Number: (712) 775-7300, Access Code: 190784#
 AARP Holiday Celebration, 10-2:00 p.m., Auditorium
- Feb. 24 Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 11:00 a.m., Jamison Lounge**
 Noon Day Prayer Service, Chapel
 Cherub Choir: 6:30 p.m., Choir Room
 Celestial Choir: 7:30 p.m., Choir Room
- Feb. 25 Lenten Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., Auditorium**
 Thankful Thursday. E-mail your reason to be thankful
 to nepc1@verizon.net
- Feb. 28 Worship & Music presents A Conversation with Dr. Shirley
 Logan, 12 noon, Dorothy Harris Auditorium**



5-Harold Thomas; 9-Blossom Roach; 10-Lillian Berry; 11-
Ida Robinson, Shawn Thomas, Jr.; 12-Mack Burnell; 14-
Mary Lockard, Thaddeus Mumford; 17-Glynis Pegram-
Higgs, Charles Barber; 28-Ethelyne Wilkes, Eleanor
Wood, Gloria Mumford