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March 13, 2016

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

The Rev. Nancy E. Thornton, Pastor

Fifth Sunday in Lent



Welcome to Northeastern Presbyterian Church. You are welcome here. Whatever motivation propelled you through our doors this morning . . . you belong here because you are here, and all that you have and all that you are is welcome here. We come together to meet with God, to express our fellowship in the Lord Jesus, and to take our part in the building of Christ's church. We praise and thank God for goodness towards us, hear from God's Holy Word, and pray for the world, and for ourselves.

****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

Choral Introit *"Let Heavenly Music Fill This Place"* - The Chancel
Choir

Greetings

****Invocation**

****Call to Worship**

One: We come from all walks of life

Many: **Our God is with us yesterday, today, and forever.**

One: We have different pasts, and we have walked different paths

Many: **Our God is with us yesterday, today, and forever.**

One: We have gathered in this place, seeking forgiveness and new hope

Many: **Our God is with us yesterday, today, and forever.**

One: We journey forward knowing we are not alone.

All: **Our God is with us yesterday, today, and forever. We journey together, brothers and sisters, with Christ. Amen.**

****Hymn #262, Hymnal**

"God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

Prayer of Confession

One: If we ask God to restore us to the way we have been, then we have not asked for as much as God intends to give. God is not content simply to return or restore us to former things. Instead, God seeks to give the gift of resurrection – a new and abundant life. With confidence in God's generosity, we confess our sins and seek the new life offered in Jesus Christ.

All: Purifying God, we grow comfortable with the way things are in our lives, in Northeastern Presbyterian Church, and in the world. We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ, for you overturn our notions of power and protocol. Sure of our own righteousness, we are critical of others. Wanting to control our assets, we hoard the gifts you give us. Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our gain at the expense of others. Help us bend our lives toward your own life of self-giving and sacrifice. Fill us, our homes and Northeastern, the whole world, with the abundant love of Christ until all are made new. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

God's Good News

One: The apostle Paul reminds us that we do not make ourselves righteous. Our righteousness comes through faith in Christ, who has made us his own. Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. The old life has passed away – and new life has begun.

Many: **Forgetting what lies behind, and straining forward to what lies ahead, we press on toward the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.**

Announcements

Welcome to our Visitors

****Passing the Peace #114, SOZ**

"Ain't Dat Good News?"

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 #304, Hymnal
Me!"

"Jesus Loves

Invitation to the Offering

*As we open wide our financial resources, we attend to Christ himself,
who is present especially among those considered the least and the lost.
Let us offer to God these gifts for ministry in Christ's name.*

† Offertory - "Great Day" - Hogan The Chancel Choir

*Doxology #592, Hymnal "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Prayer of Dedication

Abundant God: You cause water to flow in desert places. You give wine to flow at a wedding feast, and food to feed five thousand on a grassy mountainside. Your generosity astounds and humbles us. We bow before you in gratitude and awe, asking you to receive what we have brought in response. May these gifts be a pleasing and fragrant offering, for the sake of the world you came to save. We pray in your holy name. Amen.

Anthem "Anyhow" - Pitt The Chancel Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Break open the Scripture through the power of your Spirit, O God. Let your word, read and proclaimed pour out until it fills Northeastern and our lives. Then, empowered by your word, send us out to share the good news we have received. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who is with us always. Amen.

† Scripture Readings: Isaiah 43:16-21, p. 586, Pew Bible
Psalm 126 (responsively), p. 499, Pew Bible
Philippians 3:4b-14, pp. 954-55, Pew Bible

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

† Sermonic Selection Mrs. Shawnee Ball

Message Rev. Nancy Thornton

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

****Song of Affirmation #210, Hymnal** *"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"*

Prayers of the people

The prayer Jesus Taught, p. 16, Hymnal

WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

****Hymn #145, Hymnal** *"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"*

*Charge and Blessing

Choral Benediction *"Three-Fold Amen"*

(Please Be Seated until after the Postlude)

Postlude : *"Prelude in Classic Style - Gordon Young*

LECTIONARY: ISAIAH 43:16-21; PSALM 126; PHILEMON 3:4B – 14; JOHN 12: 1-8
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Liturgist: Elder Cynthia Gervais

Greeters: Elder Elise Whyte and Deacon Joseph Witherspoon

Announcements

<u>A LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: HALLELUJAH! THE BIBLE AND HANDEL' MESSIAH,"</u>

<i>Tuesdays, 2/16 – 3/22/16, 6:00 -7:30 p.m., Jamison</i>

ATTENTION: AS PART OF A SERIES OF GATHERINGS sponsored by Presbyterian Men organizations in the National Capital Presbytery (NCP) area, **Northeastern men are hosting a Prayer Breakfast and Gathering on Saturday, March 19, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.** The event will include Devotion and a meal, followed by a presentation and discussion about **"The Phenomenon of Homelessness"** led by Michael L. Ferrell, Executive Director of Coalition for the Homeless, Washington, DC. Many people have their own opinion as to why homelessness exists, but the fact is many homeless people

work. Growing shortages of affordable housing, less secure jobs with fewer benefits are just a couple of the issues contributing to homelessness. Gain further insight into the phenomenon of homelessness and why it is so intractable in our community and throughout the nation. Come, have a great meal and join in the dialogue that makes NCP men's meetings so illuminating and enjoyable.

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.

INTERPRETATION AND STEWARDSHIP (GGC): The first Special Offerings for 2016 is **One Great Hour of Sharing** and can be received at any time during Lent season. Here at Northeastern we make an honest effort to receive it on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. The Offering provides opportunities for partnership, learning and witness which profoundly affect the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE will be offering Memorial Easter Lilies for sale after each Sunday Worship Service beginning today through March 20th. Lilies can be purchased at \$13.50 per plant. Lilies will be available for pick-up immediately after the 10 AM Worship Service on March 27th. Contact any member of the Worship and Music Committee to place your order. If you have any questions contact Elder Clarence Wade, Committee Chair. Thank you in advance for your support.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: Come join us for Maunday Thursday Service and bring your crockpot with your favorite soup to share. Please notify the church office if you plan to participate.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

It is with great sadness I announce the passing of Mrs. Alvina Jackson, daughter to Dr. Mary Gross. Funeral arrangements are set for 10:00 a.m., Friday, March 18, 2016 here at Northeastern Presbyterian Church and the viewing at 9 a.m.

Deacon Helen Felton lost her mother on Monday, March 7, 2016. There will be a viewing here at Northeastern on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. (new information 5-8p.m. in the Sanctuary.)

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Lenten Bible Study *Hallelujah! The Bible and Handel's Messiah*
 Tuesdays, 2/16 – 3/22/16 – 6-7:30 p.m., Jamison

Palm Sunday

Maundy Thursday Worship 3/24/16, 6:30 p.m., Auditorium

Good Friday Worship **“The Seven Last Words of Christ”**
3/25/16, 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary

THIS MONTH @ NORTHEASTERN

- Mar 13 **Church School for All Ages, 9:00 a.m.**
Sunday Worship Service, 10 a.m.
 Social Concerns Meeting, Jamison Lounge, following worship
 CIC Meeting, Livingston Room, following worship
- Mar. 15 Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 11:00 a.m., Jamison
 Noon Day Prayer Service, Chapel
 Lenten Bible Study, 6 p.m. Jamison
 Cherub Choir: 6:30 p.m., Choir Room
 Celestial Choir: 7:30 p.m., Choir Room
- Mar. 16 **Classical Conversation, 8a – 3p, 2nd floor**
- Mar. 17 Thankful Thursday. E-mail your reason to be thankful to nepc1@verizon.net
 NA/AA Anonymous, 6:30p.m.
 Chancel Choir: 7:30 p.m., Choir Room
- Mar. 19 Buildings & Grounds, 10:00 a.m., Jamison
 Food Pantry: 9:30 a.m., Livingston Room
 Presbyterian Men, 7:00a.m., Auditorium
- Mar. 20 **Church School for All Ages, 9:00 a.m.**
 Palm Sunday worship 10 a.m.
 Deacon Board Meeting following worship
- Mar. 21 AARP General Meeting, 10-2:00 p.m., Auditorium
- Mar. 22 Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 11:00 a.m., Jamison

Noon Day Prayer Service, Chapel
Lenten Bible Study, 6 p.m. Jamison
Cherub Choir: 6:30 p.m., Choir Room
Celestial Choir: 7:30 p.m., Choir Room
Mar. 23 **Classical Conversation, 8a – 3p, 2nd floor**
Session Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Jamison
Mar. 24 Thankful Thursday. E-mail your reason to be
thankful to nepc1@verizon.net
NA/AA Anonymous, 6:30p.m.
Maundy Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Auditorium
Mar. 25 Good Friday, 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary
Mar. 26 Food and Friends, 9:00 a.m.
Mar. 27 Sunrise worship, 6:30a.m.,
Breakfast **following Sunrise worship service**
Sunday Worship Service, 10 a.m.



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Minor, 20-Jaryn Gessesse, 27-Clara Rich, 31-Clarence Wade

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