

Northeastern Presbyterian Church

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April 10, 2016

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

The Rev. Nancy E. Thornton, Pastor

Northeastern Presbyterian Church



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

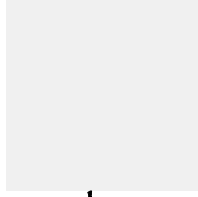
"Let Heavenly Music Fill This Place"

The Chancel

Choir

Greetings

******Invocation



**Call to Worship

One: All of creation rejoices and sings
Many: Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!
One: But the people look down, at themselves, at their own lives
Many: Look up, O People, and sing for joy!
One: We are called to celebrate and share the Good News
Many: Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!
One: Let us lift up our hearts to the Lord, Creator of Heaven and Earth
Many: Look up, O People, and sing for joy!
One: Call out, sing out, share the Good News that Christ is Risen!
All: Hallelujah! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed!

**HYMN #3, SOZ

"We're Marching to Zion"

†Prayer Of Confession

One: When your soul is suffering in silence, call out to the Lord our God, who heals our brokenness, who lifts us up from the pit and restores our lives. Let us confess our sin.

All: God, we want so badly to do what is right. In our zeal we forget to listen for your voice, forging ahead on our own way since we cannot imagine another. We close our eyes to your image shining in the faces of the wrong people. We close our ears to your word coming from those with whom we disagree. We close our hearts against those who are different. Instead we offer advice, or ultimatums, or patronizing help, when what you desire is relationship, compassion, and justice.

~silence~

One: Forgive us, O God.

All: Heal our hard-heartedness. Shift our thinking. Open our eyes. Turn us to follow your way.

†God's Good News

One: God's love for us is ever sure given in mercy

Many: Gratefully, thanks be to God.

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

We give in grateful thanksgiving for all that God has given us. In the upside down world of the gospel, we measure our wealth not by what we have, but what we can give away. Let us give away generously, in this offering, to bless God's church, God's people, God's creation.

🕯️ **Offertory**

"Better Be Ready" - arr. Bell

The Chancel Choir

****Doxology** #592, Hymnal

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

****Prayer of Dedication**

Thank you, God, for the gifts and ministries of your people. Grant that this offering given in thanksgiving for all the blessings you have given us will fill empty hearts with love and will proclaim your honor and glory in the name of Christ Jesus to all people. Amen.

🕯️ **Anthem**

"Come Thou Fount" - Wyeth-Courtney

The Chancel

Choir

Prayer for Illumination

O God of light, by the power of your Holy Spirit, restore our sight, that in these words of Scripture and sermon we may see Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

🕊 Scripture Readings: Psalm 30, p. 439, Pew Bible

Acts 9:1-6 (7-20), p. 893, 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 or Affirmation #370, Hymnal "Just as I Am, Without One Plea"

🕊 Prayers of the People

The Prayer That Jesus Taught

WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

**Hymn #391, Hymnal

"Take My Life"

**Charge and Blessing

Choral Benediction "Three-Fold Amen"

(Please Be Seated until after the Postlude)

Postlude: "God of Grace and God of Glory"

LECTIONARY: ACTS 9:1-6 (7-20); PSALM 30; REVELATION 5:11-14; JOHN 21: 1-19

Liturgist: Elder Charles Barber

Greeters: Mrs. Gloria Harris and Elder Bishetta Merritt

THIS MONTH @ NORTHEASTERN

- Apr. 10 **Church School for All Ages, 9:00 a.m.**
Sunday Worship Service, 10 a.m.
Social Concerns meeting following worship, Jamison
CIC Committee meeting following worship, Livingston
Nominating Committee meets, following worship, 3rd floor
- Apr. 11 Session Conference Call meeting, 9 p.m.
- Apr. 12 Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 11:00 a.m., Jamison
Noon Day Prayer Service, Chapel
Personnel Committee Meeting, 6:30p.m., Jamison
Cherub Choir: 6:30 p.m., Choir Room
Celestial Choir: 7:30 p.m., Choir Room
- Apr. 14 Thankful Thursday. E-mail your reason to be
Thankful to nepc1@verizon.net
NA/AA Anonymous, 6:30p.m.
Worship & Music Committee mtg., 6:30 p.m., Jamison
- Apr. 16 Buildings & Grounds, 10:00 a.m., Jamison
Food Pantry: 9:30 a.m., Livingston Room
Presbyterian Men, 9:00a.m., Auditorium
- Apr. 17 Church School for All Ages, 9:00 a.m.**
Sunday Morning Worship Service: 10 a.m.
Christian Education meeting following worship, 3rd floor
Trustees' meeting following worship, 3rd Floor
Deacon Board meets following worship, Jamison
- Apr. 18 AARP General Meeting: 10-2:00 p.m., Auditorium
- Apr. 19 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
- Apr. 20 Session Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Jamison Lounge
- Apr. 21 Thankful Thursday. E-mail your reason to be thankful
to nepc1@verizon.net
Chancel Choir: 7:30 p.m., Choir Room
- Apr. 23 Food and Friends
- Apr. 24 Church School for All Ages, 9:00 a.m.**
Sunday Morning Worship Service: 10 a.m.
Congregational meeting, following worship
- Apr. 26 Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 11:00 a.m., Jamison Lounge
Noon Day Prayer Service: Chapel
- Apr. 27 Session Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Jamison Lounge

Apr. 28 Thankful Thursday. E-mail your reason to be thankful
to nepc1@verizon.net
Chancel Choir: 7:30 p.m., Choir Room

Announcements

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.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE invites all committees, organization, and groups to participant in a church wide cleanup on Saturday, April 23rd between 8 am and 3 pm. Buildings and Grounds will furnish a large roll-off dumpster and two (2) trash carts for convenient disposal of smaller items. The dumpster and trash carts will be delivered on the 22nd and everything will be hauled away on the 25th. Join us in the disposal of unused, obsolete and damaged furniture, equipment and other unwanted items. Now is the time to clean up and renew our church facilities. Session Committees and others will be asked to support this effort. Look for specific instructions in your church mail box.

LITERARY CLUB members invite you to join us in the Jamison Lounge after service for our May 1st discussion of Bernice McFadden's novel *Warmest December*. McFadden's graphic, poignant second novel (following her praised debut, *Sugar*) charts the resonating legacy that alcoholic parents pass on to their children through the cycle of addiction and domestic violence.

THE SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE needs you NEPC! The Social Concerns Committee is establishing a donation drive for several selected charities. Each month, the committee will choose an item(s) of particular need and give the accumulated items to local organizations in need. The item(s) selected for April 2016 distribution are ***washcloths and soap***. A donation box will be placed in a specified area of the church. All donated items specifically designated for the month are welcome. Thank you.

THE SESSION OF NORTHEASTERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH calls for a meeting of the congregation on Sunday, April 24th, following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to receive and act upon a report of the Nominating Committee to fill current vacancies on the session. Updated information will also be shared regarding the status of negotiation with the Stoddard Adult Care program.

TO GRAUDATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND STUDENTS ALREADY IN COLLEGE: If you plan to apply for a Scholarship award, submit your name, address and telephone number to the Higher Education Commission, by April 10, 2016. Place this in the Higher Education Commission mailbox which is located in the Breezeway.

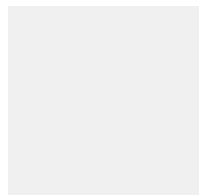
TO STUDENTS WHO WILL APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP AWARD: Applications will be available on Sunday, April 17, 2016. They will be in the Higher Education Commission mailbox, which is in the Breezeway.

**Interpretation and Stewardship Committee (GGC)
Northeastern Presbyterian Church Offering Summary; February 29 2016**

Please note; Stewardship Committee will provide church offering summary on 2nd Sunday's of each month during 2016. The committee wishes to be transparent with our pledge/s and commitment/s regarding church finances.

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| *Offering Received | <u>\$55,502.00</u> |
| *Offering Budgeted | <u>\$58,833.00</u> |
| Annual Budget 2016: | \$353,000.000 |
| Total Receipts: | \$60,309,00 |
| Total Disbursement:: | \$76,151.00 |
| Net: | <-\$15,842.00> |

****Offering received includes per capita and regular free will offerings.***





2-Pamela Gessesse, 7-Robert Robinson, Phoebe Giddings-Eyo 8-Randall
Timbers, 9-Maxine Best, Trevor Pascall, 11-Myrtle Simpson, 12-William
Hymes, Jr., Loretta Bowers , 19-Walter Whited, 23- Hellen Osano, 25-James
Haggins, 26-Beverly Wheeler, 28- Ann Thomas

If your birthday is not listed contact the church office

PER CAPITA \$37.50

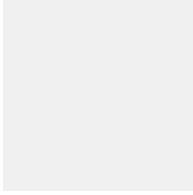
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Family

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



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| Director, Youth/Cherub Choir | - | Mrs. Michelle Williams |
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