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10:00 a.m. Worship Service

The Rev. Nancy E. Thornton, Pastor

Northeastern Presbyterian Church



The Day of Pentecost

We gather to give praise and thanks to the One who has given Christ Jesus, and through him, all things. Our goal is to rejoice in the presence of the Lord before we begin a new week, to support one another in prayer and to challenge one another to live as people of God in our homes, offices, shops, schools and playgrounds. We believe the Christian life is the most rewarding, demanding and fulfilling life possible

† 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

"Zion is Calling"

Greetings

†*Invocation

*Singing God's Praises

The Choir and Congregation

*Call to Worship

One: Spirit of the Living God, dance with us on this day.

Many: **Come, Whirlwind of Wonder!**

One: Sing to the groaning of creation.

Many: **Come, still small voice of Hope!**

One: Enflame us with your passion for justice.

Many: **Come, Liberator of the Least!**

One: Purify us of our grasping greediness.

Many: **Come, Advocate of selfless living!**

One: Silence our gossiping tongues.

Many: Come, Harmony of God's Heart!
One: Wind of God, blow through us; Fire of God, burn within us; Tongue of God, speak to us on this day of renewal and birth.
Many: Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, you dwell within us in sighs too deep for words, yet we cannot hear you. Caring Mother, you wrap us tenderly in fierce love, you give us the breath of life, yet we cannot touch you. Brother Jesus, we yearn for your presence, we seek your abundant grace, yet we cannot feel it. Sister Spirit, you prepare to sear our souls for your purpose, yet we allow our somber selves to intrude, shutting our minds to your power. Remind us, we pray, that we need only trust in the giver of life to find the hope and faith you have promised. Gather us up in the winds of your favor and carry us to ever greater heights, through Christ who loves us still. Amen.

God's Good News

One: Do not be afraid. Our Comforter and Advocate has come. Rejoice in the knowledge that all is forgiven. People of the Spirit, listen. The wind that drives the heavens—the wind that soars above and beyond us all, unifies us in God's love.
Many: We will keep the Spirit's flame alight within our hearts. We await the new birth in Christ that is promised to us all.

Presentation of Presbyterian Women Honorary Membership

Welcome to our Visitors

Passing the Peace #110, SOZ *"Standin' in the Need of Prayer"*

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

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD



Children's Message

Deacon Robin

Response #304, Hymnal
Me!"

"Jesus Loves

Invitation to the Offering

The Holy Spirit was sent to increase our compassion and to make us glad to spread good news by caring for those in need. May you enter into the discipleship of giving as a work of the Holy Spirit within you.

Offertory
Choir

"Again and Again"

The Celestial

Doxology #592, Hymnal
Flow"

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings

Prayer of Dedication

God of mercy, we give you thanks for all that your bounty creates. The gifts we bring today acknowledge our debt to you and our intent to relieve others of their burdens. Bless what we offer and bless those who will be shown deeds of power through them; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Anthem

"Awesome"

The Celestial Choir

†Prayer for Illumination

Holy Spirit, come again. As long ago you inspired, astonished, and confused the people, come too us now to fill our ears with the sound of your breath, fill our eyes with the brilliance of your presence in each other, fill our hearts with your good Word. Amen.

Scripture Readings: Acts 2:1-21, p. 885, Pew Bible
John 15: 26-27; 16:4b-15, pp. 878-79, Pew Bible

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

†Sermonic Selection
Choir

"I'll Never Stop Praising Him"

The Celestial

Message
Thornton

Rev. Nancy

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Affirmation of Faith: A Verbal Symphony**

Left: We're frightened

Right: We're nervous
Left: We're afraid.
Right: We're worried.
All: **Lord Jesus, help us, Lord Jesus, help us.**

Left: What's going to happen?
Right: Yes! What's up?
Left: Things don't look too good.
Right: No, we seem to be in deep trouble.
All: **Jesus, comfort us. Lord, help us.**

Left: Ssh! What's that noise?
Right: Listen!
Left: Help us – a very strange noise
Right: A weird sound.
All: **Jesus be near us – please.**

Pastor: Whoosh whoosh whoosh whoosh
Choir: Whoosh whoosh whoosh whoosh
Left: Something's happening.
Right: It's kind of exciting!
Left: It's incredible!
Right: Listen – something great is happening!
Pastor: Whoosh whoosh whoosh whoosh
Choir: Whoosh whoosh whoosh whoosh

Left: Fire!
Right: Where?
Left: Fire! All around us –
Right: But it doesn't burn!
Left: The wind wasn't destructive either.
Right: Things have changed.
Left: Yes! We feel different too.
Right: So do we. The Lord is here!
All: **Yes! The Lord is here in a special way.**
Left: Praise the Lord!
Right: Praise Jesus!
Left: Power!
Right: The Holy Spirit, the comforter.
Left: Holy Spirit – comforter.
Right: Holy Spirit – strengthener.
Left: Holy Spirit – guide.
Right: Holy Spirit – truth.
All: **The Spirit is here with us now! Praise be to God – praise be to God!**
Left: We're not frightened –
All: **Power from God!**
Right: We're not nervous –
All: **Strength from God!**

Left: We're not afraid –
All: **Guidance from God!**
Right: We're not worried –
All: **Truth from God!**
Pastor: *The Holy Spirit has come –*
All: **The Spirit is with us now! We must tell everyone! It's time for action!**

*Hymn #130, Hymnal *"Let Every Christian Pray"*

Prayers of the People

The Prayer Jesus Taught p. 16, Hymnal

WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

*Hymn #126, Hymnal *"Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"*

*Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction *"God Be With You"*

(Please Be Seated until after the Postlude)

Postlude

LECTIONARY: ACTS 2:1-21 OR EZEKIEL 37:1-14; PSALM 104:24-34, 35b; ROMANS 8:22-27 OR ACTS 2:1-21; JOHN 15:26 -27; 16:4b-15

Today's Worship Leadership

Liturgist: Elder Blossom Roach Greeters: Mrs. Iris and Elder Mack Burnell
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING There will be brief, but important, congregational meeting today following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on additional members for the Board of Trustees and the Deacons.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION is planning its program for the next school year which begins in September. The committee invites your participation by:

1. Completing the brief survey in your bulletin and leaving it in Christian Ed.'s box located in the Breezeway; and
2. Coming to the planning meeting on Saturday, June 13th starting at 11 a.m. Please call the church office and leave your name and best way to contact you if you plan to attend.

These are two ways you can make your vision of how best to educate our congregation--children, youth and adults--known to the Christian Ed. Committee. Please help us in this effort with your prayers, ideas and time.

DEACON BOARD will once again offer CD players to our Sick and Shut in for use with the sermon CDs. If you know someone that is interested please notify any of the Deacons. Also if you would like to donate a CD player or money towards the purchase please contact any of the Deacons.

INTERPRETATION AND STEWARDSHIP (GGC): As stewards in God's Kingdom, there's one word that describe the life of obedience, it's the word *change*. Recently, Interpretation and Stewardship Committee launched a new concept of giving, "**Growing a Generous Congregation.**" We know that it's difficult for us as stewards to live a life of obedience if we are unwilling to *change*. So, let's welcome this new adventure and start "Living Generously" with our **TIME, TALENT and TREASURE**. Funds for Pentecost Offering are still being accepted.

LED SIGN: Please note that there will be a demonstration of the proposed LED sign held in the parking lot of the church after worship service on **June 7th**. All are welcome to attend.

LITERARY CLUB -- Our June selection is Terry McMillan's novel "**Who Asked You?**" which takes an intimate look at the blessings and burdens of family. Please join us in the library on June 7th after worship service for a lively discussion.

OFFICER TRAINING WORKSHOP: Join Pastor Nancy for an afternoon exploring the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA), which includes the Book of Order, on Tuesday, May 26th, 1 - 3:30 pm in the Jamison Lounge. Please RSVP by calling or emailing the church office. Thank you!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIRTHDAY OFFERING DEDICATION SERVICE will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2015 at 12 noon in the Dorothy Harris Auditorium. The theme is "Comfort, O comfort my people." The congregation is invited.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBER SEMINAR: An opportunity awaits you to learn more about the Presbyterian Church (USA) and Northeastern Presbyterian Church. Join us in study

and discussion on Saturday, June 6th, 9 am - noon in the Jamison Lounge. Please let us know you're coming by calling or e-mailing the church office.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS: All applications must be returned **today**. Scholarship Awards Day will occur on **Sunday, June 28, 2015**, during worship service.

THE MEN'S CHORUS will rehearse at 6:30 pm on **Thursdays May 28 June 4 and June 11, 2015**, in preparation for Men's Day worship Service (Sunday, June 14, 2015).

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS: Please join the Tuesday morning Bible study sessions at 11:00 am. We are studying the book of Romans. It is a summary of Christian theology and was written to edify the believers who would receive the letter. Paul explains God's plan of salvation by grace, through faith in Jesus Christ.

THANK YOU

The Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Bell, the Women's Day Choir, Myrtle Simpson for table decorations, the ladies who brought desserts and the congregation for all of your support on Women's Day 2015. Thank you. Thank you. God Bless!

The Family of Ruth Hodges would like to thank you Northeastern for all your kindness, and concerns during the many years of our mother's illness and passing. Your thoughtfulness will never be forgotten. - The Hodges Family

Elder Rematha Shaw sends ☺love☺ to her beloved Northeastern church family.



1-Hazel Ward, 2-Louise Mikell, 6-Jacqueline Cook, 7-Sylvia Samuel ,
15-Joseph Witherspoon, 23-Shirley Wilson, 24-Stacey Brown, 26-
Tommy Brown, III, Arline Leggett, 30-Cynthia Gervais

If your birthday is not listed contact the church office.

NORTHEASTERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

As we rely on God's guidance, the vision of Northeastern Presbyterian Church is to fulfill the command of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to promote Christian faith and practice through evangelism, outreach, compassion and fellowship to our congregation and the wider Community.

We commit to:

- Worship
- Witness
- Learn
- Grow
- Nurture
- Serve

*That sets their spirit free.
Go tell it on the mountain ...*

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