

Northeastern Presbyterian Church

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May 31, 2015

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

The Rev. Nancy E. Thornton, Pastor

Northeastern Presbyterian Church



Trinity Sunday

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

The Cherub Choir

Greetings

†*Invocation

*Singing God's Praises

The Choir and Congregation

*Call to Worship

One: Come into this household of the living God, the Three in One.
Gather in the wonder of the mystery that God has invited us to share in.

Many: **We have come as the family of Christ, led by the Spirit of God.**

One: Ascribe to the Divine glory and strength; ascribe to God the glory that is due. Worship the Triune God in the Beauty of Holiness. (*Adapted from Psalm 29*)

Many: Our hope is that in this time of worship and learning, we might embrace what lies beyond our imagination and understanding.

Prayer of Confession

One: As heirs of God, let us come to lay before God our sin and wrongdoings and lack of faith. Let us come with hearts that seek newness.

All: **Holy One, we acknowledge that too often we try to live not acknowledging the mystery of your Being. Even though you have shown us your truth, we allow ourselves to rest in our own uncertainties. We find ourselves unable or unwilling to embrace the love through which you sent Christ to live among us. We take for granted the grandeur of you as Creator, of Christ as Redeemer, and of the Holy Spirit as ever-present sustainer. We do not live out the beloved community you desire for all. Forgive us, we pray, and help us give testimony to your love. Amen.**

God's Good News

One: We trust in these promises: that the Triune God, in each of its persons, promises us newness of life, a gift of new birth. The Divine Trinity invites us to testify to its Being as the foundation for reconciliation all of God's people and for Creation.

Many: **In these truths we trust and give thanks.**

Announcements

Welcome to our Visitors

Passing the Peace #161, SOZ

"Certainly, Lord"

One: May the peace of Christ be with you!

All: **And also with you!**

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD



Children's Message

Pastor

Response #304, Hymnal
Me!"

"Jesus Loves

Invitation to the Offering

God is the Giver of life, Christ is the Gift sent to share our life, and the Holy Spirit the power that enables us to continue in generosity, justice and joy. Let us open our hearts and our lives to God and one another.

Offertory

The Cherub Choir

Doxology #592, Hymnal
Flow"

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings

Prayer of Dedication

It is only because of Jesus Christ that we are bold enough to call you Father and Mother, O Sovereign of the Universe. We do so now, to remind ourselves of our many sisters and brothers, your many children, who need hope and care. Use our gifts to reach others with the story of your great love for our world. Amen.

Anthem

The Cherub Choir

†Prayer for Illumination

**Be still and know that God is here.
Be still and know that God is near.
Be still and know that God is here. Amen.**

Scripture Readings: **Isaiah 6:1-13**, pp. 553-54, Pew Bible

Romans 8:12-17, p. 919, Pew Bible

John 3:1-16, pp. 863-64, Pew Bible

One: This is the Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God!

†Sermonic Selection

Choir

The Cherub

Message

Thornton

Rev. Nancy

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Song of Affirmation #138, Hymnal *"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

The Ordination & Installation of Deacons

Prayers of the People

The Prayer Jesus Taught p. 16, Hymnal

WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

*Hymn #140, Hymnal

"Holy, Holy"

*Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction

(Please Be Seated until after the

Postlude

LECTIONARY: ISAIAH 6:1-8; PSALM 29; ROMANS 8:12-17; JOHN 3:1-17
Today's Worship Leadership
Liturgist: Jaryn Gessesse Greeters: Deacon Carol Fleming and Elder Angela Hemphill

THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACONS

Helen Felton and Carolyn Mundy

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving god, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

STATEMENT OF ORDINATION

Clerk of Session: Representing the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church, the session of Northeastern Presbyterian Church now ordains Helen Felton to the office of deacon and installs her and Carolyn Mundy, who was previously ordained, to active service.

RENUNCIATIONS

***PROFESSION:** *The Apostles' Creed* p. 14, Hymnal

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

Clerk of Session: Do we, the members of church, accept Helen Felton and Carolyn Mundy as deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

All: **We do.**

Clerk of Session: Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone in Head of the Church?

All: **We do.**

PRAYER OF ORDINATION

(All teaching and ruling elders are invited to come forward and lay hands upon the candidate to be ordained)

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

Pastor: Ms. Felton and Ms. Mundy, you are now deacons in the church of Jesus Christ and for Northeastern Presbyterian Church. Be faithful in your ministry so that your whole life will bear witness to the crucified and risen Jesus Christ.

CHARGE

Clerk of Session: Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by God, a Worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining and demonstrating the word of truth. *(2 Timothy 2:15)*

WELCOME *(The elders will greet our new deacons)*

A Note about Trinity Sunday and Language about God

On Trinity Sunday we remember with solemnity and praise the foundation in which we live and worship throughout the year. Trinity Sunday is the Sunday after Pentecost. We are invited to encounter God as Three in One. The use of the Triune formula connects the church today with the historic church, born in the struggle of Christians throughout generations to express their beliefs about God in God's Very Being. The traditional language for the Trinity is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

For many, however, the traditional language is a hindrance to the intimacy of their relationship with God. They note in particular that the tradition incorporates only male language for God, and seek to incorporate other images which point to broader understandings of the substance and characteristics of the Holy Mystery which is our Triune God. "Giver, Gift, and Holy Spirit"; "Maker, Lover, Keeper"; "Father, Son and Holy Spirit, One God, Mother of All"; are some other Trinitarian images drawn from prayerful, scriptural reflection.

Our Scriptures today remind us to remain confident in God's love and to be confident that, for those who seek to live by the truth, we are heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ. Certainly, as with the church of all ages, we express our faith in the Divine, recognizing its Mystery with the awareness that words are not sufficient.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

INTERPRETATION AND STEWARDSHIP (GGC): As Stewards in God's Kingdom we know that stewardship is not about, "fund raising." It's about personal discipleship. In our giving we commit to prioritize our giving, we give a percentage of our income, we increase our freedom to give and we grow in giving each year to the Kingdom of God. In doing this we are planting the seeds God gives us, about living generously.

- II Corinthians 9:5-15, Proverbs 3:9

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.

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.

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.

THE MEN'S CHORUS will rehearse at 6:30 pm on *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.



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

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