

# Northeastern Presbyterian Church

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September 11, 2016

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

The Rev. Nancy E. Thornton, Pastor

Northeastern Presbyterian Church



## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Open wide the window of our spirits, God, and fill us with your light;  
Open wide the door of our hearts that we may receive and entertain you  
with all our powers of adoration and love. God, open wide our hospitality as Northeastern  
welcomes all!*

\*\*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

Introit

"Ode to Joy"

The Chancel Choir

Greetings

\*\*Invocation

### WORDS OF INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

#### A BLESSING OF THIS HOUSE OF WORSHIP

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People:** And also with you.

Pastor: Unless the Lord builds the house

**People:** They labor in vain who build it.

Pastor: Unless the Lord protects the city

**People:** The Watchers guard it in vain.

Pastor: Our hope is found in Jesus Christ

**People:** God's stumbling block and corner stone.

**HYMN #398, Hymnal**

**"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"**

Pastor: Let us now bless this house of worship in the name of God with our love and prayers:

**People: Be present, Spirit of God, within us, your dwelling place and home, that this house of worship may be one where all darkness is penetrated by your light - all troubles calmed by your peace, all evil redeemed by your love, all pain transformed by your suffering, and all dying glorified by your risen life. Amen.**

Pastor: "The Lord will protect you as you come and go, now and forever" as the entrances are blessed and marked with the sign of the cross. (The markers come forward and bless the entrances)

## **PRAYER**

### **BLESSING**

Pastor: May the eye of God be dwelling with you;

**People: The foot of Christ in guidance with you;**

Pastor: The shower of the Spirit pouring on you;

**People: And be the Sacred Three**

Pastor: To save, to shield, to surround

**All: The house of God, and all who enter  
This day, and every day. Amen.**

## **\*\*Call to Worship**

One: Rejoice with me, people of God.

**Many: God has gathered us in from the wilderness.**

One: Rejoice with me, people of God.

**Many: God has swept away the darkness of the night.**

One: Rejoice with me, people of God.

**All: Today, there is joy in the presence of angels.**

**\*Hymn #341, Hymnal**

*"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"*

## **□Prayer of Confession**

God, we confess that sometimes we close windows  
against the fresh air of new ideas,  
against the noise of other people's worries,  
against the winds of change.

God, we confess that we often draw the curtains  
against people who are different,  
against world news or community concerns.

Forgive us our insulation in our own homes,  
our shuttered churches,  
the security systems on our hearts.

Open up our lives. Amen.

## □God's Good News

One: Forgiveness is the threshold. First we look out, and then we are sent out...

Many: Thanks be to God!

## Announcements

## Welcome to our Visitors

**\*\*Passing the Peace #14, SOZ "I Will Trust in the Lord"**

One: May the peace of Christ be with you!

Many: And also with you!

### WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD



## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Response #304, Hymnal  
Me"

*"Jesus Loves*

## Invitation to the Offering

The Lord is our portion. Therefore have hope as you bring your gifts to God.

## Offertory

*"Total Praise"* – Smallwood

Chancel Choir

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

## \*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, we come to you with hands emptied of the gifts that now fill these plates, hands readied to become offerings themselves, hands prepared to serve as guided by your Spirit. Into your hands we commit our offerings of substance and of self. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Anthem *"We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"* – Boyer

Chancel Choir

## Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, by the gift of your Spirit show us the truth that you desire and teach us wisdom in our hearts. Let us hear with joy and gladness the Word that you speak today; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Scripture Readings: Psalm 51:1-10, p. 452, Pew Bible

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

Sermonic Selection

Mrs. Shawnee Ball

Message

*"Six A's for NEPC"*

Pastor

Nancy

Acknowledge - Apologize - Articulate - Act - Advertise - Astonish

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Hymn: #397, Hymnal  
*Walk with God"*

*"O for a Closer*

Prayers of the People

The Prayer Jesus Taught, p 16, Hymnal

**WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR**

\*\*Hymn #37, SOZ

*"God Be with You"*

Choral Benediction

*Three-Fold Amen*

\*\*Charge and Blessing

(Please Be Seated until after the Postlude)

Postlude: *"Now Thank We All Our God"* - arr. Bock

LECTIONARY: JEREMIAH 4:11-12, 22-28; PSALM 14; 1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17; LUKE 15:1-10

Liturgist: Elder Shirley Logan

Greeter: Mr. Ralph Payne and Elder Elise Whyte

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTERPRETATION AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE (GGC)** "Peace and Global Witness" [Formerly called Peacemaking] mission fund offering will be collected in October. We reflect upon how this offering supports some of the fundamental values of our faith. Funds are also used to address Domestic Violence, Gun Violence, Human Trafficking and Structural Racism. Please be prepared to give "Generously" to support our Presbyterian Ministry on October 2, 2016 which is also World Communion Sunday.

I &S Committee

**LITERARY CLUB**-- Please join us on October 2<sup>nd</sup> to discuss Terry McMillan's new novel "*I Almost Forgot about You.*" We will meet in the Jamison Lounge after morning worship.

**HOMECOMING 2016 COMMUNITY PROJECT:** Each year for our Homecoming celebration, we sponsor a church-wide outreach project where we can put our efforts toward helping a community in need. This year our project, for the month of September, will be to collect school supplies for Charles Drew Elementary School whose students are in dire need of the following items: notebooks, paper, pens, pencils, pocket calculators, color markers, hand sanitizer (small bottle), scissors, glue, crayons, composition books, index dividers, pencil holders, pencil sharpeners, backpacks, rulers. A box will be placed in the Narthex next Sunday to collect the supplies. We, the Evangelism and Outreach Committee, thank you in advance, for your continued support and generosity.

**THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE** is calling on all members of our church family to come forward, step up, and be ready to serve in any way possible as we prepare to fill upcoming vacancies on our boards and staff. This has been an especially challenging time of grief, trauma and loss for our church family but we know that God is faithful. In September, we will be sending out calls for nominations and approaching you individually. Please continue to pray that God will help you discern the best way to use the talents you have been blessed with. Are you ready to serve?

**TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** We are studying the Book of James on Tuesday mornings. Please join us.

## **THANK YOU**

The planning committee of the Special Open Forum sends a sincere "Thank You!" to all who came, participated and assisted in the set-up. We hope that last Sunday's experience helped to bring you one step closer to accepting God's plan for you and for our church.

Going forward--know that your elders are here to be supportive of you whenever you have a

need. Just call on us. God loves you and blesses you all the time! Amen!

The Capital Improvement Committee would like to thank all who were a part of our annual Crab Feast and Fish Fry as it was a great success. A special Thank You goes out to those who helped to set-up, clean-up and serve the meal. We look forward to seeing you next year.

### **THIS MONTH @ NORTHEASTERN**

- Sept. 11**      **Sunday Morning Worship Service, 10 a.m.**  
CIC Meeting, Livingston Room, following worship,  
Social Concerns Meeting, Jamison Lounge, following worship
- Sept 12**      AARP Board Meeting, Jamison Lounge, 11:30a.m.
- Sept. 13**      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
- Sept. 15**      Thankful Thursday. E-mail your reason to be thankful to [nepc1@verizon.net](mailto:nepc1@verizon.net)  
Black Presbyterian United, Jamison Lounge, 10a.m.  
Chancel Choir: 7:30 p.m., Choir Room
- Sept. 17**      Buildings & Grounds Meeting: 10:00 a.m., Jamison Lounge  
Food Pantry: 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon, Undercroft  
Presbyterian Men, 9:00 a.m., Auditorium  
Presbyterian Women's Bible Study, 10 a.m.
- Sept. 18**      **Sunday Morning Worship Service, 10 a.m.**  
**Sunday School for All Ages, 9:00 a.m.**  
Trustee Meeting, following worship  
Deacon Board Meeting, following worship
- Sept 20**      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
- Sept. 22**      Black Presbyterian United, Jamison Lounge, 10:00 a.m.  
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**Homecoming Gospel Night, Sanctuary, 7:00 p.m.**
- Sept. 23**      **Homecoming: Movie Night "War Room", 7:00 p.m.**
- Sept. 24**      **Homecoming: Picnic, 1-4:00 p.m.**

Sept. 25

Homecoming Service and Dinner, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



1-Carolyn Mundy; 2-Irving Harris; 3-Annie Marie Hill;  
5-Alexandria Brown; Michele Peters; 11-Kathy Cuff, Robert A.  
Davis, Jr.; 16-Mary Gross; 20-Ethel Thomas; 21-Angela Hemphill,  
Arris Simmons; 24-Monika Nixon; 28-Kyler Spencer; 29-Doris  
Niemeyer

Our Thoughts & Prayers are with Northeastern Members:

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