

# Northeastern Presbyterian Church

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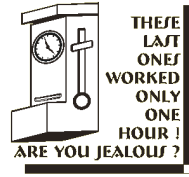
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September 21, 2014  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

*The Rev. Nancy E. Thornton, Pastor*

# Northeastern Presbyterian Church



## Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Welcome to Northeastern Presbyterian Church! We thank God for this time together. We pray that the grace of God will heal your hurts; that the strength of God will give you courage to face the week before you; that the power of God will prepare your way; and that the peace of God will keep you secure and steady in Christ Jesus.*

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

Introit

*"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"*

Greetings

†\*Invocation

\*Singing God's Praises  
Congregation

The Chancel Choir and

†\*Call to Worship

One: Whether you arrived here first this morning for Bible Study or choir rehearsal, or just walked in, God bids you a joyful welcome.

Many: **We thank you and thank God for this generous welcome.**

One: You are precious in God's sight, a delight in God's presence.

Many: **Lord, we have come seeking your healing mercy.**

One: Know that God's compassionate love is poured over you this day.  
Many: Hallelujah! Amen.

### †\*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, forgive us for the times we have failed to appreciate the capacity for greatness of the people you have placed among us. Open our hearts to receive all people in this faith community and to make room for the gifts they bring. Forgive us, O God, for the ways that we have overworked many of our volunteers. Show us how to lighten their load and how to honor both active members and shut-ins for the untiring service they have given over the years. Free us, O God, from the jealous thoughts that sometimes come from old guard/new guard thinking. Help us to resist attitudes toward ministry that are competitive or comparative. Let it sink in that you are the Owner of the Vineyard and we all look forward to the same reward -- life everlasting in your presence forever. Open our eyes, O God, to new ministry opportunities that will bring You glory. Give us the ability to see willing souls among us who continue to stand in the hot sun waiting to work for God and open our eyes to ways to share leadership as we serve You through the ministries of this church. Amen. *[A moment of silence]*

### †\*God's Good News

One: Blessings are showered on all who seek God. Come and rejoice!  
Many: God has given us such great love and mercy. Amen.

### Announcements

### Welcome to our Visitors

Passing the Peace #154, SOZ *"Somebody's Knocking at Your Door"*

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

### WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD



### Children's Message

Elder Cynthia

Response #304, Hymnal  
*Me"*

*"Jesus Loves*

### Invitation to the Offering

*Whether we have much or only a little, we can share our daily bread so that all will be fed. As we have received, so now we give, in the vineyard of the Lord, our tithes and offerings.*

— Matthew 20:1

†Offertory

*"Guide My Feet"*

Chancel Choir

\*Doxology #592, Hymnal  
*Flow"*

*"Praise God from Whom All Blessings*

†\*Prayer of Dedication

God of the harvest, we are privileged to be counted among those whom You have called, graced to have been given Your work to do, blessed to receive more than we will ever earn. Accept, we pray, our thanksgiving and offerings, and do what You choose with what already belongs to You. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Experiencing God's Love through Northeastern Presbyterian Church

†Anthem

*"The Majesty and Glory of Your Name"* – Fettke Chancel Choir

†Prayer of Illumination

Gracious God, Your Word surprises, challenges, upsets, and overturns our way of seeing and thinking. Come and find us today wherever we are, however we are. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, cause that which is withering in us to blossom and that which is exacting in us to broaden until we see as You see, and thereby glimpse the kingdom You are bringing. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Scripture Readings: Philippians 1:21-30, pp. 953-54, Pew Bible

Matthew 20:1-16, p. 801, Pew Bible

One: This is **the** Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God!**

†Sermonic Selection

Mrs. Monica Johnson

Message

Rev. Nancy

Thornton

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\* Song of Affirmation

*"A Man Owned a Vineyard"*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY 11.11.11 with Refrain ("To God Be the Glory")  
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A man owned a vineyard and needed a crew  
To tend to his land — there was plenty to do.  
He called out to people downtown in the square,  
"Come work hard all day and I'll pay you what's fair."  
God, you call and you send; there is work here to do.  
There's your whole world to tend; may we garden for you!  
O Lord, in your vineyard may we seek to be  
The workers who tend to your justice and peace.

He went back a number of times on that day;  
He called to new workers and promised fair pay.  
Can we but imagine those first workers' rage

When all those who labored received the same wage?  
He called the complainers and said, "This is true —  
That I kept my word and I gave you your due.  
God, the gift of Your grace comes as quite a surprise.  
For Your mercies embrace even latecomers' lives.  
May all who have worked long and hard humbly learn:  
Your grace is a gift and not something we earn.

I share with compassion; I'm loving and kind.  
I care for all people and give what is mine!"  
God You give what is Yours, more than what we deserve;  
May we reach out in love where You call us to serve.  
May we who have witnessed Your grace gladly share  
Your justice and love with Your world everywhere.

## †Prayers of the People

## †The Prayer Jesus Taught

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

\*Hymn #415, Hymnal

*"Come, Labor On"*

\*Charge and Blessing

Benediction

*"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"*

(Please be seated)

Postlude

*"Festival Toccata" - Fletcher*

**LECTIONARY: EXODUS 16:2-15; PSALM 105:1-6, 37-45; PHILEMON 1:21-30; MATTHEW 20:1-16**

**Today's Worship Leadership**

**Liturgist:** Elder Charles Barber

**Greeters:** Kathy Cuff and Monika Nixon

**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



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

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## Church Officers

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## Announcements

**THE DEACON BOARD** will meet today in the Jamison Room following worship service.

**HOMECOMING COMMITTEE** will meet today following worship service in the Livingston Room.

**HOMECOMING VOLUNTEERS:** Anyone who wants to work on the homecoming committee, **it's not too late**, please meet with us in the Livingston Room following worship service today.

**THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE** is seeking candidates for the offices of Elder, Deacon, and Trustee as well as positions on the Nominating Committee. Nomination forms are in the Narthex and the Breezeway. Please place your nomination form in the RED BOX marked "**Nominating Committee**" in the Breezeway. Please be prayerful and nominate yourself or individuals who are willing to work hard and serve Northeastern. The period for nominating candidates to serve as officers and committee members closes, **Sunday October 5, 2014, at 12:00 PM (Noon)**. If you have any questions, you may contact Shawn Thomas at (301)500-8751 or Angela Hemphill at (240)643-3856.

**THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE** is hosting a coffee hour today, immediately following worship service in the Dorothy Harris Auditorium. Congregation members are encouraged to attend.

**TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS** will meet at 11:00 a.m., in the Jamison Lounge. The subject of the Book of Exodus is redemption--through the power of God, by means of a deliverer, under the cover of blood. It was written to record the events of Israel's deliverance from slavery in Egypt and contains the Laws that God gave to the Israelites in order to guide them in their relationship with Him. Please join us in studying the Word.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S** National Capital Presbytery's fall gathering will be held at Berwyn Presbyterian Church on Saturday, September 27, 2014 from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The theme is "Food Justice." Please register by September 19, 2014.

The Greater Washington Annual Assembly of Church Women United will be held at Berwyn Presbyterian Church on Friday, October 3, 2014. Please register by September 13, 2014.

Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Committee of Women of Color Consultation will meet on October 3 and 4, 2014 at St. James Presbyterian Church in Greensboro, North Carolina. The theme is "Turn It Up: Spiritual Empowerment for Self and Community." Please register by September 29, 2014.

**THE SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE** will host its annual **Health Fair on Saturday, October 18, 2014** here at the church from **10:00 am until 1:30 pm**. There will be free screenings for hypertension, cholesterol, glucose, skin disorders, dental, hearing and much more including medical consultations. Also, there will be a four hour **Certified CPR class from 11:00 am-3:00 pm**. To register: call 202-526-0749.

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** World Communion Sunday is October 7, 2014 and our annual Peacemaking Offering will be received during communion service. Funds are used in an effort to support humanitarian, economic and environmental justice through the Presbyterian Church. A percentage goes to these programs and another percentage goes to local mission. Be present and say, "Yes! I

would like to share my gifts.” He gives generously to the needy; his kindness lasts forever.2  
Corinthians 9:9

### **THANK YOU**

Thank you so much for your prayers for my little cousin Josiah Dukes. Born prematurely and weighing only 1.5 lbs., Josiah now weighs over 3lbs and is doing quite well! By the grace of God, Josiah has overcome obstacle after obstacle. My family thanks you for your continued prayers.  
Peace, Cynthia Gervais

### **THIS MONTH @ NORTHEASTERN**

- Sept. 21 Sunday Morning Worship Service, 10 a.m.**  
**Adult Church School, 9:00 a.m., Jamison Lounge**  
**Young Folk Church School, 8:45 a.m., Auditorium**  
Deacon Board Meeting, Jamison Lounge, following worship  
Trustee Board Meeting, following worship service
- Sept. 22 Prayer Conference Call, 9 p.m.  
Dial-in Number: (712) 775-7300, Access Code: 190784#
- Sept. 23 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  
Budget Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Jamison Lounge
- Sept. 24 Session Meeting, 7 p.m., Jamison Lounge
- Sept. 25 Thankful Thursday. E-mail your reason to be thankful  
to [nepc1@verizon.net](mailto:nepc1@verizon.net)  
Chancel Choir: 7:30 p.m., Choir Room
- Sept. 27 **Homecoming Workshop, 10 a.m.**  
**Homecoming Picnic, 1 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
- Sept. 28 **Homecoming Sunday Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.**  
**Adult Church School, 9:00 a.m., Jamison Lounge**  
**Young Folk Church School, 8:45 a.m., Auditorium**
- Sept. 29 Prayer Conference Call, 9 p.m.  
Dial-in Number: (712) 775-7300, Access Code: 190784#
- Sept. 30 Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 11:00 a.m., Jamison Lounge  
Noon Day Prayer Service, Sanctuary  
Cherub Choir: 6:30 p.m., Choir Room  
Celestial Choir: 7:30 p.m., Choir Room

NORTHEASTERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
**HOMEcoming 2014**

SETTING  
**PRI  RITIES**

*When will you get 'round "TUIT"  
Northeastern?*

*2014 Guest Speaker*



**Reverend Reggie Tuggle**  
*Minister • Vice President • Inspirational  
Leader • Spokesman*

**SEPTEMBER 27•28**

*"Is it a time for you yourselves to live  
in your paneled houses,  
while this house lies in ruins?"*

*Haggai 1:4*

**Let's get 'round**

**Larger  
Sunday  
School**

**"tuit"  
More  
Members**

**Greater  
Mission  
Experiences**

**SATURDAY  
WORKSHOP**  
10am • 12noon



**SATURDAY  
PICNIC**  
1pm • 5pm



**SUNDAY  
WORSHIP SERVICE**  
10am



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