



**“WHERE EVERYBODY IS SOMEBODY,
AND JESUS IS LORD”**

BLACK HISTORY MONTH & HOLY COMMUNION

February 1, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

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Welcome to Northeastern Presbyterian Church

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE IN PRAISE AND PRAYER

+ *Please stand if able*

QUOTE OF THE DAY (James Baldwin)

"You think your pain and your heartbreak are unprecedented in the history of the world, but then you read. It was books that taught me that the things that tormented me most were the very things that connected me with all the people who were alive, who had ever been alive."

PRELUDE "Troubled Water"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IF_m4jc_Csg

+ INVOCATION

+ CALL TO WORSHIP (Africana Worship Book Galatians 1:11-24)

One Voice: Come, you have a story to tell.

Many Voices: Once we were lost & could not find our way. But Jesus, who came to seek & save the lost, found us!

One Voice: Come, you have a story to tell.

Many Voices: Of being in prison, held by someone or something that would not let go. Then, one day, the chains fell off and God set us free!

One Voice: Come, you have a story to tell. Of rescue, of provision, of healing, of a vision of the Living God.

**All Voices: We come to worship, to pray, to sing, to praise;
 We have a testimony!**

+ OPENING HYMN “God is Able”

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_E5Ub182wFw&list=RD_E5Ub182wFw&start_radio=1

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

PASSING THE PEACE

(Unmuted devices and turn on cameras to greet one another in love)

One: May the peace of Christ be with you!
Many: And also, with you! **Peace be with you!**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

THE OFFERING

Use your bank’s online bill-paying options
Mail your check to the church
2112 Varnum St., NE
Washington, DC 20018

Go to nepc-dc.org
Click on Donate or Cash App at the bottom of the page

+ THE DOXOLOGY

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bzFzPx9vXEg&list=PLmbjTLDIEpIJpHES5HrMKX03kkyY4RGa9&index=76>

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!**

✚ OFFERTORY PRAYER (unison, from the Waldensian Church of Italy)

O God, Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier, we thank you that we may be together to hear your word of life and hope. We are all equal before you. You know our life in its deepest recesses. You have not forgotten us; you love us, and again and again you fill the empty hands which we stretch out towards you. Through the suffering and death of your Son Jesus Christ, you took our shadows and fear upon yourself in order that we might know light and joy. Thanks be to God, Amen.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

SERMONIC SELECTION "Redemption Song" arranged and performed by the Kanneh-Mason family

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k_LmRcr8Mm4&list=RDk_LmRcr8Mm4&start_radio=1

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE GOSPEL READING Matthew 13:14-21

Now when Jesus heard this [the murder of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

SERMON "Christ's Kitchen" Pastor Mark Greiner

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in Unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.



The Lord's Table

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

All who seek Jesus are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

One The Lord be with you.
ALL And also with you.
One Lift up your hearts.
ALL We lift them to you, Lord.
One Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
ALL Joyfully, we praise you, Lord.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(From Hallelujah for the Day: An African Prayer Book)

We believe in God, the omnipotence of love:

**God is the creator of heaven and earth;
This whole universe, with all its mysteries
This earth on which we live,
and the stars to which we travel
God knows us from eternity; God never forgets
That we are made of the dust of the earth
And that one day we shall return again to it as dust.**

We believe in Jesus Christ:

**The only beloved Son of God.
For love of all of us,
God has willed to share our history, our existence with us.
We believe that God also wanted to be our God
in a human way.
God has dwelt as a human among us,
A light in the darkness.
But the darkness did not overcome him.
We nailed him to the cross
And he died and was buried.
But he trusted in God's final word.
And is risen, once for all;
Jesus said that he would prepare a place for us,
In his Father's house, where he now dwells.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit:

**Who is the Lord and gives life.
And for the prophets among us,
The Spirit is language, power and fire.
We believe that together we are all on a journey,
Pilgrims called gathered together,
To be God's holy people
For we confess freedom from evil
The task of bringing justice
And the courage to love.**

**We believe in eternal life, in the love that is stronger than
death, in a new heaven and a new earth.**

Spirit of All Life,
move among this bread and this cup
and make us mindful of our oneness with all creation
so this meal of simple substance
may become a true communion
with the one who makes every tomorrow possible.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Alleluia, Jesus.
Gladly we receive You, to abide in us always.
Transform us to be Your eyes and ears.
Transform us to be Your hands and feet
Transform us to be Your compassionate and bold
peaceful hearts in the world, Amen.

SEEKING A CHURCH HOME?

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

✚ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

One: To a hungry world,
All: We go with Bread!
One: To fearful minds,
All: We go with Jesus' Courage!
One: To despairing souls,
All: We go with God's Hope!
One: To a society bedevilled by deceit,
All: We go with Liberating Truth!
One: To persons in need of consolation,
All: We go with a sweet, sweet Spirit!
One: To a world weary of wars,
All: We go with the Prince of Peace!
One: To a world that is seldom fair,
All: We go with Jehovah's Justice!
One: To people cowering under judgement,
All: We go with Christ's' Mercy!
One: Because every heart yearns for it,
All: Go with Love!

POSTLUDE "The Storm is Passing Over"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d3jgPsGQSdQ&list=RDd3jgPsGQSdQ&start_radio=1

FELLOWSHIP

Lectionary: Micah 6:1-8 and Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthews 5:1-12 Liturgist: Elder Cynthia Gervais
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING has been rescheduled for February 8th immediately following worship service.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS – The Northeastern Church Adult Sunday School Class convenes Sundays at 9:00 a.m. via conference call. The focus for Winter 2025-2026 Lessons is "Enduring Beliefs of the Christian Faith." You are cordially invited to join us next Sunday, February 8th, discussion on "Baptism and the Lord's Supper," Matthew 3:13-17; 28: 19-20; Acts 2:38, 41; Romans 6:1-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-29. Please dial **(267) 807-9601** **Passcode 828-160-800** to participate in the lively conversations with church members.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH POTLUCK & HBCU CELEBRATION

February 15, 2026, following worship service the congregation is invited to a potluck luncheon celebrating Black History Month and the legacy of HBCUs. Please bring your favorite soul food dish to share as we enjoy food, fellowship, and a time of celebration together. All are welcome!

GET INVOLVED, PCUSA OFFICE OF PUBLIC WITNESS.

Sign up here for alerts to faithfully raise our voices in key state and national actions <https://www.votervoice.net/mobile/PCUSA/home>

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month, zoom@ 7 pm., February 11, 25, March 11, 25, April 8, 22, Based on the book " Plenty Good Room: A Lenten Bible Study Based on African American Spirituals "

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LITERARY CLUB **Book selections for 2025**

Literary Club - Please join us via Zoom at 1:30 pm for the following book discussions.

February 1st --- the Wilderness: a Novel, by Angela Flournoy

March 1st----- Overground Railroad: the Green Book and the Roots of Black Travel in America, by Candacy Taylor

REMEMBER THE SICK AND SHUT IN: The list printed in the bulletin will be updated each week to reflect additions and deletions. Reach out to our sick and shut in a safe way that lets them know they are in our hearts, minds, and prayers. Please contact the church office if you know the names of people who should be added to the sick-and-shut-in list or if you have updates on anyone listed.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Please join us via Zoom at 11:00AM Eastern Time for Tuesday Morning Bible Study. We will have in-depth and exciting discussions as we learn more about people in the Bible called by God. Call the church office for the Zoom meeting information.

ZOOM MEETING ID: The **ZOOM MEETING ID** for our worship services is: Meeting ID: **876 1357 9552**; Passcode: **295504**

NORTHEASTERN'S "TOP FOUR GOALS"

results of the 2024 Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT) Survey

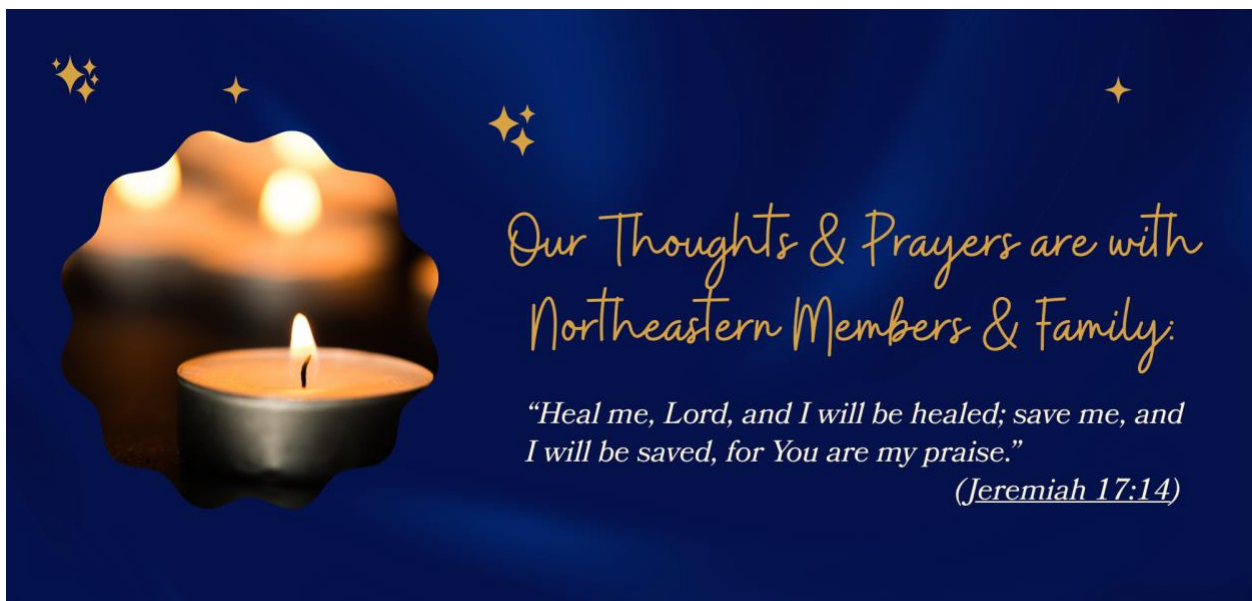
1. Make necessary changes to attract families with children and youth to our church.
2. Develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to reach new people and incorporate them into the life of the church.
3. Work to renew and revitalize the community around the church by building coalitions with partners that share this vision and commitment.
4. Develop ministries that work toward healing those broken by life circumstances.

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**



Staff

Ministers
Pastor (Stated Supply)
Director, Chancel Choir/Organist
Director, Pianist, Celestial Choir
Director, Pianist, Youth/Cherub Choir
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Sexton
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All the people of the Church
Pastor Mark Greiner
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Mr. Randall Timbers
Mr. Kyler Spencer

Ministries of Session

Budget & Fiscal
Buildings & Grounds

Christian Education
Interpretation & Stewardship
Personnel

Worship & Music
Technology Committee

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Charles Barber
William Hymes, Jr., Chair
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James Haggins

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Randall Timbers
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Priya Young