



**“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"

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**+ 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”**

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**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**

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2112 Varnum St., NE  
Washington, DC 20018

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Click on Donate or Cash App at the bottom of the page

**+ THE DOXOLOGY**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bzFzPx9vXEg&list=PLmbjTLDIEplJpHES5HrMKX03kkyY4RGa9&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**

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**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"

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#### FELLOWSHIP

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** has been rescheduled for February 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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***

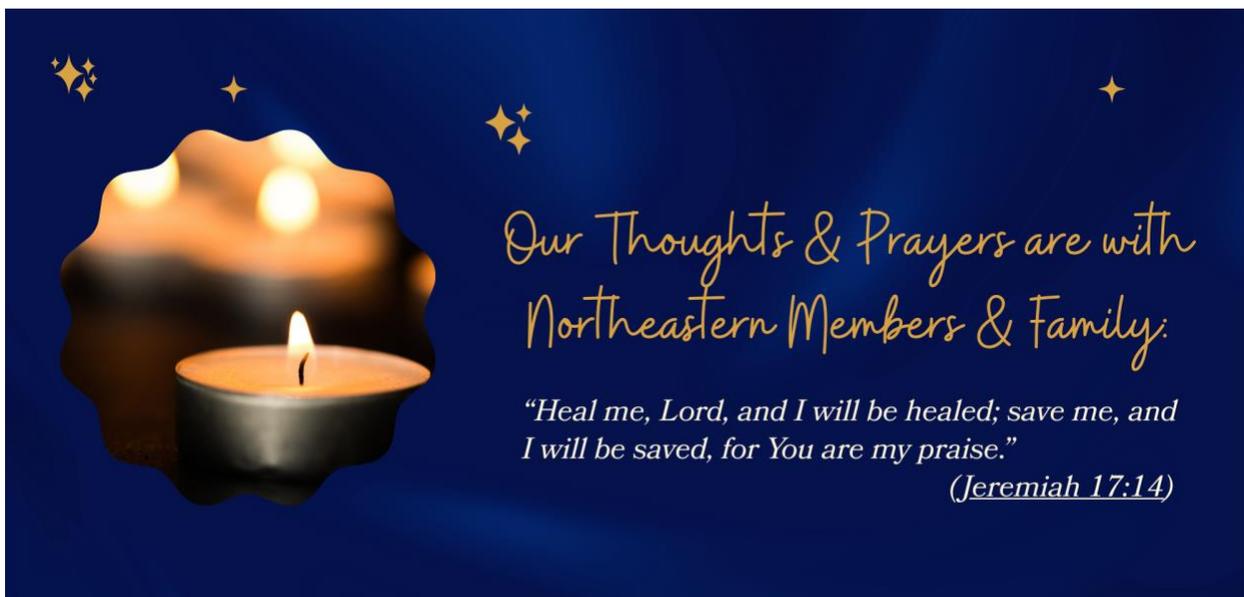
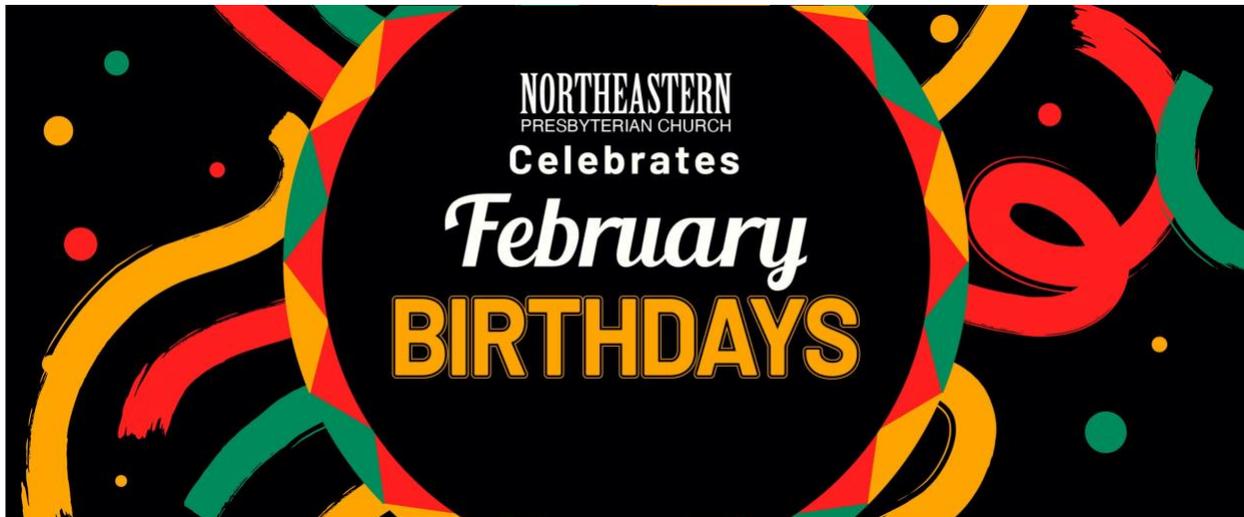
1. Make necessary changes to attract families with children and youth to our church.
2. Develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to reach new people and incorporate them into the life of the church.
3. Work to renew and revitalize the community around the church by building coalitions with partners 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  
Administrative Assistant  
Sexton  
Assistant Sexton

All the people of the Church  
Pastor Mark Greiner  
Dr. Laddie Bell  
Mr. Joshua Jenkins  
Ms. Jennifer Allen  
Ms. Kathy Cuff  
Mr. Randall Timbers  
Mr. Kyler Spencer

## **Ministries of Session**

Budget & Fiscal  
Buildings & Grounds  
  
Christian Education  
Interpretation & Stewardship  
Personnel

Worship & Music  
Technology Committee

Nominating

Clerk of Session  
President of Corporation  
Social Concerns & Outreach

Foundry Task Force

## **Elders**

Pamela Gessesse  
James Haggins, Chair,  
Nachee Miller, Co-chair  
Jennifer Allen  
William Hymes, Jr., Chair  
Charles Barber, Chair  
James Haggins, Co-chair  
Angela Hemphill  
Nachee Miller, Chair  
Deacon Katrin Jones, Co-chair  
Cherie Becton, Chair  
Angela Hemphill, Co-chair  
Valerie McCray (non-Session member)  
Charles Barber  
William Hymes, Jr., Chair  
Patricia Young, Co-chair  
James Haggins

## **DEACONS**

Karen Cooper, Vice Moderator  
Glen Grier, Moderator  
Valencia Hawkins  
Bishetta Merritt,  
Amanda Sargent  
Penny Thomas- Corresponding Secretary  
Randall Timbers  
Charles Webb-Treasurer

## **SENIOR USHERS**

1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Shirley Wilson – President, Wilhelmina Davis, Brenda, Kuznof, Mary Allen, Ruby Webb

3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Glynis Higgs, Pamela Gessesse, and Jordan Gessesse, Stephanie White

## **JUNIOR USHERS**

2<sup>nd</sup>, Pamela Gessesse, Jordan Gessesse, Ava Kennedy, Cecil Nixon, Chidera Uduma  
Priya Young