



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

40 Days of Prayer & Into Our Next 50 Years
June 1, 2025 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

PRELUDE

INTROIT

The Chancel Choir

+ INVOCATION

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

One This is the day that the Lord has made!
ALL **We will rejoice and be glad in it. Praise the Lord!**

+ OPENING HYMN #110 (SOZ) "Standing in the Need of Prayer"

PRAYER OF THE DAY (unison, by Howard Thurman 1900-1981)

O Holy God,
open unto me
light for my shadows,
courage for my fear,
hope for my despair. {...*silent prayer*...}
O loving God,
open unto me
wisdom for my confusion,
forgiveness for my sins,
love for my hate. {...*silent prayer*...}
O God of peace,
open unto me
peace for my turmoil,
joy for my sorrow,
strength for my weakness. {...*silent prayer*...}
O generous God,
open my heart
to receive all your gifts. {...*silent prayer*...}

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One God is good! All the time.

All All the time, God is good!

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!**

ANTHEM SELECTION

The Chancel Choir

TIME WITH CHILDREN

THE OFFERING

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2112 Varnum St., NE

Washington, DC 20018

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✚ THE DOXOLOGY

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!

✚ THANKSGIVING PRAYER (Unison, by St. Richard of Chichester)

Dearest Lord Jesus, savior and friend, three things I pray:

To see thee more clearly, to love thee more dearly, to follow thee more nearly, day by day, Amen.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

SERMONIC SELECTION

The Chancel Choir

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM READING

PSALM 127:1-2

Unless the Lord builds the house,
those who build it labour in vain.
Unless the Lord guards the city,
the guard keeps watch in vain.
It is in vain that you rise up early
and go late to rest,
eating the bread of anxious toil;
for God grants rest to God's own beloved.

SERMON

"Me & We Into Our Next 50 Years"

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.

COMMUNION HYMN #179 (SOZ)

"Precious Lord"



The Lord's Table

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

All who seek Jesus are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to you, Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to praise you, Lord.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
Always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Holy Triune God.
From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is praised among all peoples.
Therefore, we praise you,
joining our voices with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
who forever sing this hymn to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole
universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed
is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna
in the highest!**

Keeper of our days, we are grateful for the ways you have been
revealed to us in the past:

through the love of community – gathered here and beyond.

We lay hold of the promise you made through the prophet
Jeremiah:

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans
to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and
a future."*

Confident of your love,
we bring our whole selves into your presence:
our achievements and our failings,
our proud moments and our hidden shame,
our undying dreams and our faith-filled resolve.

At this gracious table we meet you
in bread made of common wheat,
broken and shared and made whole again
through a sacred communing with all of creation.

Together we declare the mystery of faith

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

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 (Unison, by Dag Hammarskjöld)

**"For all that has been, Thank you.
For all that is to come, Yes!" Amen.**

SEEKING A CHURCH HOME?

+ CLOSING HYMN #536 (Hymnal) "Lord, Make Us More Holy"

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

BENEDICTION (Ephesians 3:20-21)

 "Now to God
who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine,
 according to the Power that is at work within us,
 to God be glory in the church
 and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations,
 for ever and ever! Amen."

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP

Lectionary: Acts 16:16-34 and Psalm 97 or 2 Kings 2:1-15 and Psalm 2;
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26

Liturgist: **Elder Angela Hemphill**

Greeter: **Mrs. Gloria Harris**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS – The Northeastern Church Adult Sunday School Class convenes Sundays at 9:00 a.m. via conference call. The focus for Spring 2025 Lessons is "Costly Sacrifices." You are cordially invited to join in on May 25th discussion "A Covenant Renewal," Nehemiah 8:1-10:39. Please dial **(267) 807-9601 Passcode 828-160-800** to participate in the lively conversations with church members.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE is sponsoring a trip to **Renwick Gallery of the Smithsonian American Art Museum** to see the exhibit **We Gather at the Edge: Contemporary Quilts by Black Women Artists** on Sunday, June 8th. The exhibit is free. If you are interested in going, please let Jennifer Allen or Pastor Mark know. If we have a significant amount of people interested, we will carpool or take the church van. The exhibit is located at 1661 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Washington, DC. It runs through June 22nd. For more information about the exhibit, go to <https://www.si.edu/exhibitions/we-gather-edge-contemporary-quilts-black-women-artists%3Aevent-exhib-6766>

Christian Education Committee is also looking for volunteers to do the Children's Sermon. You can pick any Sunday. If you need a sermon or help, please see Jennifer, Cynthia, Glen or Pastor Mark. We want everyone to have an opportunity to participate and share with our children. Please see Jennifer if you are interested. The children will love it!!!

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>

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

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

June - **Good Dirt**, by Charmaine Wilkerson

July - **Lovely One: a Memoir**, by Ketanji Brown Jackson

August - **Dream Count: a Novel**, by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

PER CAPITA FOR 2025 is \$50.15.

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.

SOCIAL CONCERNS AND OUTREACH: Attention!! As part of our Social Concerns and Outreach objectives, we have begun our Annual Water and Diaper Drive for our Homeless! Please help us with supplies or donations! The deadline for donations is June 15th. Our community needs our help! For more information, please see Shawn Thomas, Jennifer Allen and Patricia Young. Thank you Northeastern!! ☩

MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Please join us via Zoom at 11:00AM Eastern Time for Tuesday Morning Bible Study. Join us for in- church office for the Zoom meeting information.

STATED CLERK AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOINS OTHER NATIONAL FAITH LEADERS IN PUBLIC SUPPORT OF SANCTUARY MOVEMENT

The Rev. Jihyun Oh says PC(USA) recommits to compassion, accompaniment, safety and full dignity for migrant and immigrant siblings.

Full statement here: <https://pcusa.org/news-storytelling/news/stated-clerk-and-executive-director-joins-other-national-faith-leaders-public-support-sanctuary>

ZOOM MEETING ID: The **ZOOM MEETING ID** for our worship services is: Meeting ID: **857 3194 9016**; Passcode: **140816**

Wear Red, June 8, for Pentecost Sunday.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY: It is with deepest sorrow that we announce the passing of Beryl Elaine Wade. Service information is currently not available at this time. Let's keep Dr. Clarence Wade and family in our prayers.

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**



REMEMBER OUR SICK & SHUT-IN

*"Heal me, Lord, and I will be healed; save me, and I will be saved, for You are my praise."
(Jeremiah 17:14)*

NORTHEASTERN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Celebrates

June Birthdays



2025

Conference Speakers and Leaders

Worship Leader

Rev. Jimmie Hawkins
Director of the Presbyterian Church
(USA) Office of Public Witness,
Washington, DC



Worship Leader

REV. BRIAN MCCOLLUM
Pastor at Sargent Memorial
PC, Washington, DC



Silent Communion Leader

REV. MARK HINCHCLIFF
Spiritual director for
the Mid-Atlantic Synod
Men's Conference



In Concert

SARGENT WINGS
Chamber Orchestra
Washington, DC



2025 Conference Leader
REGGIE FORTUNE



Music Leader

CLINT DANMUTH
Bayside PC, VA Beach, VA



REGISTRATION FORM

2025 Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Presbyterian Men's Conference July 18-20, 2025

Register on-line: www.midatlanticmen.org / PayPal Available

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____
Email _____
Emergency Contact Name _____
Relation _____ Phone _____
Roommate Request Name _____
Special Needs / Disability _____
Church _____ Presbytery _____
Number of prior conferences attended _____

Select Conference Package

- ☐ Hubler Lodge, Double, 2 nights, 6 meals, conference, \$405
☐ Hubler Lodge Single, 2 nights, 6 meals, conference, \$505
☐ Richardson Lodge, Double, 2 nights, 6 meals, conference, \$365
☐ Richardson Lodge, Single, 2 nights, 6 meals, conference, \$415
☐ Conference & Meals Only, 6 meals, conference, \$235
☐ Conference Only, conference, \$135 (No meals or lodging)
****Hubler Lodge - 2 Queen Beds, Private Bath**
****Richardson Lodge - 2 Single Beds, Shared Bath**

Select Saturday Afternoon Activity

- ☐ Local Winery Tour
☐ Bowling

Total Cost

\$ _____ Total Conference Package
 Make checks payable to "Presbyterian Men's Conference"

Mail Registration Form and Check to:

Mr. Paul Willbanks
P.O. Box 72
Port Penn, DE 19709

Questions? Call 410-829-9161 or Email pmwillbanks@gmail.com



**Summer worship:
10 am through July & August.**

July 6 - Zoom
July 13 - In Sanctuary (Communion)
July 20 - In Sanctuary - Guest preacher
July 27 - Zoom - Guest Preacher
August 3 - In Sanctuary (Communion)
August 10 - Zoom
August 17 - In Sanctuary
August 24 - Zoom
August 31 - Zoom

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
Charles Barber
Jennifer Allen
Cherie Becton
Charles Barber/Co-chair: James Haggins
Angela Hemphill
Shawn Thomas
Angela Hemphill
Valerie McCray
Charles Barber
Shawn Thomas/ Co-chair Patricia Young
James Haggins

DEACONS

Glen Grier
Valencia Hawkins
Katrin Jones, Moderator
Brenda Kuznof
Bishetta Merritt, Vice Moderator
Blossom Roach
Amanda Sargent
Penny Thomas
Randall Timbers
Charles Webb

SENIOR USHERS

1st, 4th Shirley Wilson – President, Wilhelmina Davis, Brenda, Kuznof, Mary Allen, Ruby Webb
3rd, 5th Glynis Higgs, Pamela Gessesse, and Jordan Gessesse, Stephanie White

JUNIOR USHERS

2nd, Pamela Gessesse, Jordan Gessesse, Ava Kennedy, Cecil Nixon, Chidera Uduma
Priya Young

Me / We Words of Calling
NEPC
May 25, 2025 worship

ME

Available -2
Being a Wife
Being in love
Being in nature
Being of Service
Care taking / Caring /
Caring for Others -3
Choir
Church
Compassion -4
Comraderie
Confident
Consistent
Creative
Curiosity about the world
Dance / dancing
Diligent
Doing
Driven
Energy -2
Ethical
Faith
Family
Follower
Forgiveness
Friends / Friendship - 4
Gardening

Generous
Giving
Giving Back
Happy/ Happiness -2
Having a Purpose
Hearing
Helper / Helping Others
Helpful / Helping Others - 3
Helping Others
Hope
Humor -2
Intuitive
Job Well Done
Joy -2
Kind / Kindness - 3
Knowing Jesus
Laughter -2
Learning
Learning New Things
Listener / Listening -3
Love / Loving -3
Love everyone
Loyal
Music /Musical / Making
Music -6
Organization
Parenting
Patience -2
Phone calls
Planning next steps
Positive / Positive Thinking -2
Prayer / Praying -2
Read / write
Reading

Reading Bible
 Reflecting
 Reliable
 Responsible
 Seeing
 Seeing Others Grow
 Seeking the Peace of God
 Sensitivity
 Service to Church
 Serving
 Sharing
 Sing / Singing - 4
 Sing God's Praise
 Smile / Smiling -3
 Song
 Spending time with God (singing,
 reading praising praying)
 Taking Care of my kids
 Talking
 Teaching Correctly
 Teaching Music
 Thanking God
 Thoughtful
 Travel
 Understanding
 Working out
 Worship

WE

Calls to members who cannot be
 here (A new group to send cards
 and make calls to sick and absent
 members) - 3
 Change
 Children / family youth outreach .
 4
 Community
 Community involvement -2
 Community outreach -7
 Community partnerships -2
 Community service
 Community: greater presence 2
 Connecting with community &
 Find a new direction involving
 the community -2
 Dedicated
 Evangelize
 Fellowship
 Forgiving
 Giving
 Hope: better world for all
 Increase giving / Sharing Wealth -
 2
 Invite
 Jesus is calling
 Jesus is our Savior
 Jesus is the Lord

Jesus protect us

Let go of past / move on with
confidence

Liturgist

Love

Open to others / possibilities - 2

Prayer / pray more -2

Publicize our church and its gifts

Reaching lost souls & bringing them to Christ

Respect

Service that will help us grow / survive? -3

Strength: numbers & conviction

We honor God

Welcoming / Welcoming New members -2

Worship



OUR NEXT 50 YEARS

The 40 Days of Prayer lead into these conversations:

