



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

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION &
LORD’S SUPPER / Second Sunday in Lent
March 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*

PRELUDE

INTROIT

The Chancel Choir

+ INVOCATION

+ CALL TO WORSHIP (God makes new all generations)

ONE "So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me,
until I proclaim your might to another generation,
your power to all those to come." *Psalm 71:18*

ALL **One generation shall laud your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.** *Psalm 145:4*

ONE Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds;
tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your
foreheads. Teach them to your children. *Deuteronomy 11:18-19*

ALL **Put on the new self, created to be like God in true
righteousness and holiness.** *Ephesians 4:24*

ONE "Encourage one another and build each other up,
just as in fact you are doing." *1 Thessalonians 5:11*

ALL **If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:
The old has gone, the new is here!"** *2 Corinthians 5:17*

ONE "Two are better than one, because they have a good return
for their labor: If either of them falls down,
one can help the other up." *Ecclesiastes 4:9-10*

ALL **One generation shall laud your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts. Thanks be to God!**

+ OPENING HYMN #487 (Hymnal) "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

RESPONSIVE PRAYER "Through the Coming Year"

adapted Reverend Howard Thurman: Meditations of the Heart

Grant that we may pass through the coming year with faithful hearts.

...Silent Prayer...

There will be much to test us and make weak our strength before the year ends. In our confusion, we shall often say the word that is not true and do the thing of which we are ashamed.

There will be errors in the mind and great inaccuracies of judgment...

...Silent Prayer...

In seeking the light, we shall again and again find ourselves walking in the darkness. We shall mistake our light for Your light; we shall drink from the responsibility of the choices we make.

Nevertheless, grant that we may pass through the coming year with faithful hearts. May we never give the approval of our hearts to error, to falseness, to vanity, to sin.

...Silent Prayer...

Though our days be marked with failures, stumbling, fallings, let our spirits be free so that You may take it and redeem our moments in all the ways our needs reveal.

Give us the quiet assurance of Your Love and Presence. Grant that we may pass through the coming year with faithful hearts. AMEN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Elder Angela Haggins

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

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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

FIRST READING **Exodus 20:12** (from the 10 commandments)

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

SERMONIC SELECTION

The Chancel Choir

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

SERMON

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 - #513 (Hymnal) "Let us Break Bread Together"



The Lord's Table **INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE** by Justo González

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.

We believe in God, the Father almighty,

**Creator of Heaven and Earth,
Creator of peoples and cultures,
Creator of languages and races.**

We believe in Jesus Christ, his Son, our Lord,

**God made flesh in a human being for all human beings,
God made flesh in a moment for all ages,
God made flesh in a culture for all cultures,
God made flesh in love and grace for all creation.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

**Through which God incarnated in Jesus Christ,
Is present in our people and in our culture,
For which God the Creator of all that exists,
Empowers us to be new creatures,
Who with infinite gifts makes us one people,
The body of Jesus Christ.**

We believe in the Church,

**Universal as a sign of the coming Kingdom,
More faithful as more colorful she appears,
Where all colors paint one landscape,
Where all languages sing one praise.**

We believe in the coming Kingdom, joyful day,

**Where all the colors of creation
Will be united in a rainbow of harmony,
When all the peoples on Earth
Will be united in a banquet of joy,
When all languages in the Universe
Will be united in a choir of praise.**

And because we believe, we commit ourselves,

**To believe for those who do not believe,
To love for those who do not love,
To dream for those who do not dream,**

Until what we expect becomes a reality.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving God, Jesus revealed your care for all You have made. Jesus shows us your way of reconciliation. Looking forward to the joy of new life, Jesus willingly suffered the pangs of the cross. In rising again, Jesus became the first-born of the renewed family of God. Again and again, you renew us by the Holy Spirit in this meal. Thanks be to you, O God, Amen.

SEEKING A CHURCH HOME?

+ CLOSING HYMN "To God Compose Songs of Joy" (Ruth Duck)

to the tune of "O for a thousand tongues to sing" #466

To God compose a song of joy; To God make melody,
Whose arm of strength does wondrous things,
Whose hand brings victory!

Before the nations God reveals A just and righteous will,
With steadfast love and faithfulness God loves all people still.

In every corner of the earth, God comes to save and free;
Break forth with shouts of holy joy; All lands, make melody.

The God of justice comes to save; Let earth make melody; For God will
judge with righteousness And rule with equity.

O Sing a new song to the Lord, Sing joy aud-a-cious-ly
Sing with cour-age and dare a-new
Bold paths of faith-ful-ness.

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

✦ BENEDICTION “DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?”

by Jorge Mario Bergoglio

Fast from hurting words and say kind words
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and have trust in God.
Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful
Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.
Fast from selfishness and be Compassionate.
Fast from grudges and be reconciled
Fast from words; be silent and listen

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP

Lectionary: Genesis 12:1-4a and Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17 or
Matthews 17:1-9

Liturgist: Elder Angela Hemphill

Greeter: Mrs. Gloria Harris

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ANNUAL CORPORATION MEETING immediately following worship service today.

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, March 8th, discussion on “Keeping Fit for The Sake of Others,” Daniel 1:8-20; 1 Corinthians 9:19-27; 1 Timothy 4:7-12; 2 Timothy 2:1-5 Corinthians 8:1-15; 9:1-15. Please dial **(267) 807-9601** **Passcode 828-160-800** to participate in the lively conversations with church members.

“EXPECTING RESURRECTION” theme to prepare for Easter. Please meditate on Matthew 28:1-15; on Easter Sunday, we’ll ask you, “What does Resurrection mean to you.”

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>

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

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

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

PER CAPITA for 2026 is \$51.28

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.

HARRIET TUBMAN TOUR (PLUS BIRDING!)

Cost: \$65

Date: April 23, 2026 Thursday, 2-6 pm

Place: Cambridge, MD

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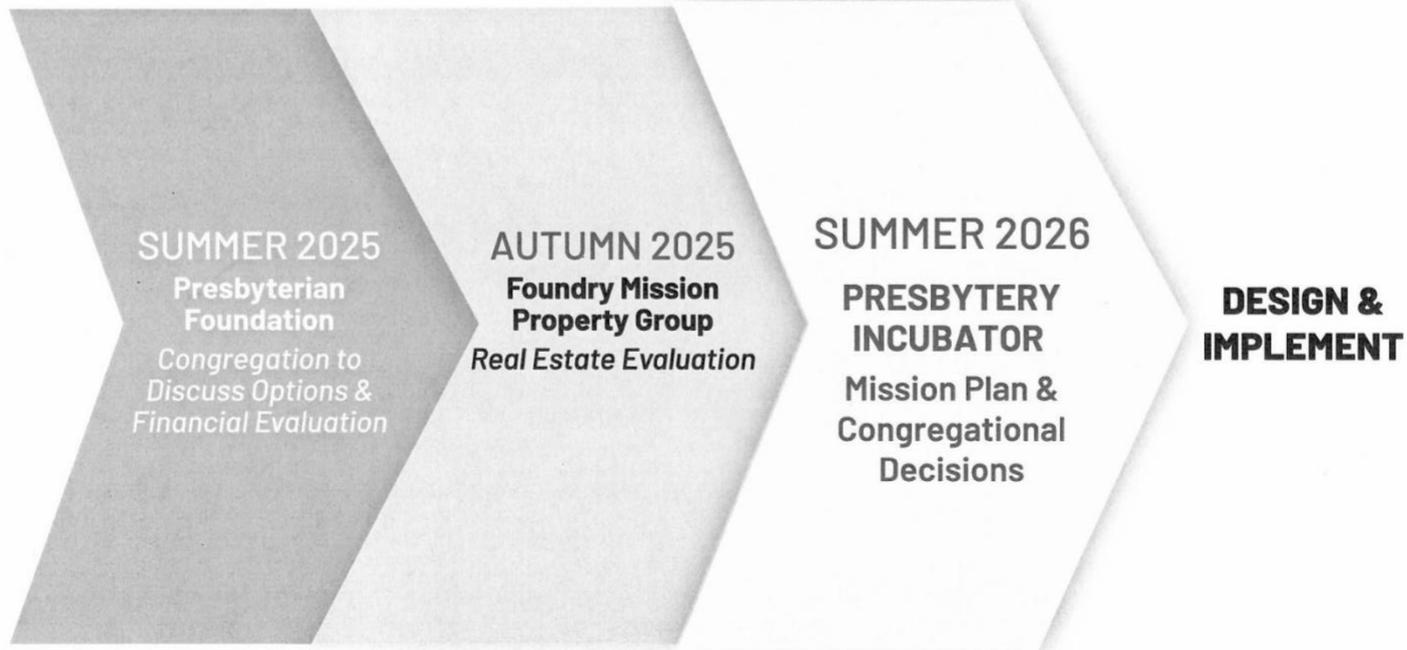
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OUR NEXT 50 YEARS

The 40 Days of Prayer lead into these conversations:





The Worship and Music Committee will be taking orders for Easter Lilies beginning March 8th through March 29th. The cost of the Lilies will be approximately \$8.00 to \$12.00 (The final price will be determined later). Lilies will be available for pick-up immediately following worship service on April 5th. Please fill-out the information below and return it to the church office mailbox located in the Breezeway or e-mail it to admin@nepc-dc.org.

----- **Easter Lilies**

In MEMORIAM/HONOR OF:

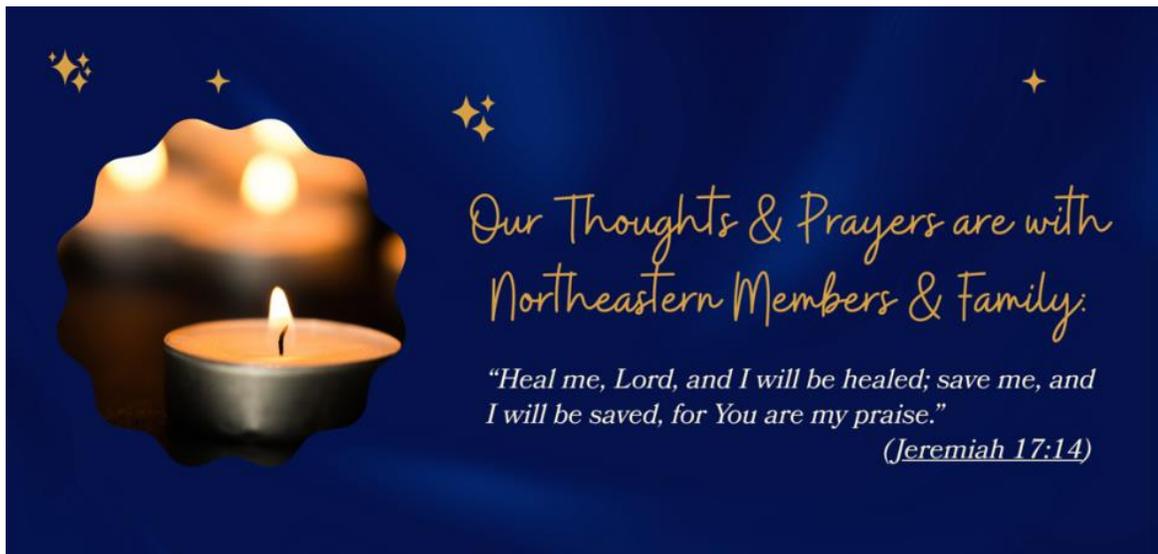


NORTHEASTERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

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**



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Pastor (Stated Supply)
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