



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

September 1, 2024 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

"Prayer from the heart
can achieve what nothing else can in the world." Gandhi

PRELUDE

INTROIT

The Chancel Choir

+ INVOCATION

+ CALL TO WORSHIP (from Isaiah 43)

ONE The Lord delights in us, declaring:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.

ALL **Our God makes a way out of no way!**

ONE When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

ALL **Praise God! Our God makes a way out of no way!**

ONE Do not fear, for I am with you.

ALL **Amen! Our God makes a way out of no way!**

ONE Everyone who is called by my name, I created for my glory!

ALL **Glory! Our God makes a way out of no way!**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

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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+ 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!**

+ OFFERTORY PRAYER (unison)

**Magnificent God of Glory, all we have we receive from you;
we rejoice in sharing!**

Jesus, from our little, make much.

Jesus, from our hope, forge courage.

Jesus, from our faith, manifest Shalom.

**Jesus, from our love, magnify your mercy all around,
Amen!**

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

SERMONIC SELECTION

The Chancel Choir

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 5:1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

SERMON

"Abundance"

Pastor Mark Greiner

THE APOSTLE'S CREED (unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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 in 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 GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give thanks and praise

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O God our creator and redeemer. In your wisdom, you made all things and sustain them by your grace.

You formed us in your image to love and serve you, but we forgot your promises and abandoned your commandments. In your mercy, you did not reject us but still claimed us as your own.

When we were slaves in Egypt you freed us and led us through the waters of the sea. In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, Immanuel, God with us, your Beloved, our Lord.

Jesus took upon himself the weight of our sin and carried the burden of our guilt. Jesus shared our life in every way, and though tempted, did not sin. Baptized as your own, Jesus willingly offered his life, even unto death, and by Your power was raised to new life.

In his dying and rising, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

In Jesus, You open the way to life eternal beginning even now.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ.

Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Praise to you, Lord Jesus.

All Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Unison)

Jesus, in your Body, you make us one body!
Inspire us to
Pray Boldly
Serve Joyously
Dare Extravagantly
To Love Exuberantly,
Our neighbors as ourselves.

Nourished by your Spirit of courage and compassion,
send us into the world boldly to build the reign of God.
Renewed and rejoicing we pray, Amen.

+ CLOSING HYMN #216(SOZ) "Jesus is All the World to Me"

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

CHARGE & BENEDICTION Philippians 4:6-7

Do not be anxious about anything,
but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving
let your requests be made known to God.
And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP

Lectionary: Semicontinuous: Songs of Solomon 2:8-13 and Psalm 45:1-2,
6-9; Complementary: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 and Psalm 15;
James 1: 17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 1-15, 21-23

Liturgist: Elder Jennifer Allen

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 Fall 2024 Lessons is “Worship in the Covenant Community.” You are cordially invited to join in on September 8th discussion “Solomon Dedicates The Temple,” 1 Kings 8:22-53. Please dial **(267) 807-9601 Passcode 828-160-800** to participate in the lively conversations with church members.

NORTHEASTERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LITERARY CLUB **Book selections for 2024**

Today, September 1st – *Thicker than Water: A Memoir*, by Kerry Washington

October 6th – *Swing Time*, by Zadie Smith

November 3rd – *Our Secret Society: Mollie Moon and the Glamour, Money, and Power Behind the Civil Rights Movement*, by Tanisha Ford

December 1st – *The Swans of Harlem: Five Black Ballerinas, Fifty Years of Sisterhood, and Their Reclamation of a Groundbreaking History*, by Karen Valby

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 names of persons who should be added to the sick-and-shut-in list or if you have updates on anyone listed.

RE-FORMATION OF BLACK PRESBYTERIANS UNITED (BPU)
CONGREGATIONS WORSHIP AND CONVERSATION. On **Sunday, September 8,** The Rev. John Molina-Moore, General Presbyter of National Capital Presbytery will preach and lead a conversation following worship. Please attend, bring your questions, and keep the vitality of our BPU congregations in prayer.

SAVE THE DATE: Come join us in Celebrating Dr. Bell's 30 years of Music Ministry at an afternoon reception on Sunday October 13th. Save the date!

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Please join us via Zoom at 11:00AM Eastern Time for Tuesday Morning Bible Study. Join us for in-depth and interesting discussions as we learn from the Bible. Call the church office for the Zoom meeting information.

ZOOM MEETING ID: The **ZOOM MEETING ID** for our worship services is: Meeting ID: **826 1188 5094**; Passcode: **728796**

50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!!! Are you good with fundraising, planning events, or getting the word out? The 50th Anniversary Committee invites you to join one of our subcommittees to help plan our events for next year. Fill out the attached card and return it to one of the committees leads or send an email to NEPC50thAnniversarySteeringCommittee@groups.outlook.com

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.

BLACK PRESBYTERIANS UNITED SUMMIT OF CONGREGATIONS

SEPTEMBER 20- SEPTEMBER 22

You are invited to attend an in-person summit from Friday, September 20-Sunday, September 22nd. Please see the details below and hope you can join us.

When: Friday September 20th 4pm- Sunday, September 22nd-- We will end with a short worship service by 9 am so you can return to your churches for Sunday worship. If you only want to come up for the day on Saturday, that is an option.

Where: Wellspring Conference Center at Dayspring
11411 Neelsville Church Rd.
Germantown, MD 20876

Purpose: Black Churches within National Capital Presbytery will not have pastors by the end of 2024. Together, we will discern where God is leading black congregations in particular and National Capital Presbytery in general, and to envision creative ways to "do church."

Fee: \$100 per person for the weekend, which includes meals and lodging, we ask that each church send at least five representatives. Each church is responsible for collecting the payment to pay BPU directly. Individuals can apply for an equipping leaders grant and you can find that application [here](#).

Facilitators: Rev. Keion Jackson, Associates for African American Congregations, Presbyterian Mission Agency
Rev. John Molina Moore, General Presbyter of National Capital Presbytery

More speakers are being added.....

We will share meals together, worship and pray together, and listen together as to what God is saying to us!

If you can attend, please RSVP to Pastor Greiner by midnight tonight, Sept. 1. pastormfg@gmail.com or 301.310.5600

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**

MYRTLE SIMPSON'S HOMEGOING @ NEPC

September 5 Thursday

Visitation 10:00 a.m. / IVY Beyond the Walls

Service 11:00 a.m.

Ft Lincoln Interment

Repast at church, around 2 pm



Please fill out the information below and send it to

NEPC50thAnniversarySteeringCommittee@groups.outlook.com

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Glynis Pegram-Higgs or Jennifer Allen. We look forward to hearing and working with you.

Northeastern Presbyterian Church
50th Anniversary
Volunteer Committee Card

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Select a committee to serve:

Publicity Fundraising Events



OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS ARE WITH NORTHEASTERN MEMBERS & FAMILY:



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

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