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

Zoom: Hungering for God Summer Series

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Welcome to Northeastern Presbyterian Church

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE IN PRAISE AND PRAYER

INTROIT All Creatures of our God and King (Cyrus Chestnut)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZEzpY0sh4a8&t=49s>

Quote of the Day (James Montgomery *What Is Prayer?*)

Prayer is the soul's sincere desire / Uttered or unexpressed;
The motion of a hidden fire / That trembles in the breast.

INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (A Psalm Litany on Blessings)

One Lord, God All-Powerful, you bless everyone who trusts you.

All **You bless all of those who follow your commands from deep in their hearts.**

One You bless those people who are honest and fair in everything they do.

All **Our Lord, you bless those who live whole-heartedly, and you shield them with your kindness.**

One May the Lord bless his people with peace and happiness and let them celebrate.

All **You, Lord God, bless everyone who cares for the poor, and you rescue those people in times of trouble.**

OPENING HYMN - "Lead Me, Guide Me"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PLpB-dE2DHM>

CALL TO PRAYER

God is mercy, so let us pray...

SAINT FRANCIS' INVOCATION (adapted, unison)

Eternal, just, and merciful God, grant us in our poverty the grace to do for You alone,
what we know You want us to do, and always to desire what pleases you. {...*silent prayer*...}
Thus, inwardly cleansed, interiorly enlightened, and inflamed by the fire of the Holy Spirit,
may we be able to walk with Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. {...*silent prayer*...}
And, by Your grace alone, may we make our way to You, Most High,
Who live and rule in perfect Trinity and simple Unity,
And are glorified God all-powerful forever and ever

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God is Mercy. Christ is mercy. The Holy Spirit dwells in us by mercy. Washed in mercy, walk in the mercy of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

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!**

THE OFFERING

Use your bank's online bill-paying options

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2112 Varnum St., NE

Washington, DC 20018

Go to nepc-dc.org

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OFFERTORY "The Kingdom Is Yours" (The Common Hymnal)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1VW1a1JyJ04>

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)

Living God, we offer you our thanks for because your grace is sufficient for us.

Redeeming God, we offer you our weaknesses because your power is made perfect in our vulnerability.

Sustaining God, we offer you our emptiness so your Spirit may fill us. Loving God, just as we are, we come; broken and healing, with our laughter and tears, to offer all that we are. Use all our offerings, our bodies, minds and souls to share your love in the world. Amen.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

THE PROPHETIC READING

Isaiah 55:1-2

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me,
eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Greiner

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:1-12

One Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain,
and when Jesus sat down, his disciples came to him.

All And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

One Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

All Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

One Blessed are the nonviolent, for they shall inherit the earth.

**All Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice,
for they shall be satisfied.**

One Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

All Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

One Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children

of God.

**All Blessed are those who are persecuted for justice's sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

One Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Silent Reflection on the Word

SERMON

**"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
*Hungering for God Summer Series***

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.

SEEKING A CHURCH HOME?

CLOSING MUSIC *Amazing Grace* (Victor Wooten)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PA-ZKDOoBnk>

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

BENEDICTION

FELLOWSHIP

Lectionary: Semicontinuous Isaiah 1:10-20 and Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23;
Complementary: Genesis 15:1-6 and Psalm 33:12-22; Hebrew
11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

Liturgist: Elder Shawn Thomas

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 Summer 2025 Lessons is "Sacred Altars and Holy Offerings." You are cordially invited to join in on August 17th discussion "Jews and Gentiles Form One Temple," Ephesians 2:11-22. Please dial **(267) 807-9601 Passcode 828-160-800** to participate in the lively conversations with church members.

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 book discussions.

September 7th -- Just As I Am, by Cicely Tyson

October 5th -- By Her Own Design: a Novel of Ann Lowe..., by Piper Huguley

November 2nd -- Purple Hibiscus, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

December 7th -- Happy Land, by Dolen Perkins-Valdez

January 4th, 2026 -- Truths We Hold: an American Journey, by Kamala Harris

February 1st, 2026 -- Worthy, by Jada Pinkett Smith

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.

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>

NEPC SOUVENIR BOOKLET – Summer is an appropriate time to request advertisements or patron listings from family, friends, and businesses for inclusion in the 50th anniversary booklet. Remittance sheets are available in the 50th anniversary box located in the breezeway. The submission deadline is October 15, 2025, but early submissions of paperwork and payment are accepted. Individuals with business contacts may provide their information to a committee member for outreach purposes. The aim is to compile a comprehensive and successful booklet. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Allen, Denise Hodges or Ruby Webb or send an email to souvenirjournalteam@groups.outlook.com

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: The Tuesday Morning Bible Study group will be in recess until October 2025. Thank you, Ruby Webb.

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**



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)*



**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