



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

August 11, 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*

PRELUDE

INTROIT

"Praise Him" - Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C1AYKRjoFxs>

+ INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus says, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Many: Savior God, we come to you hungry and thirsty, grateful for the sustenance you provide.

+ OPENING HYMN

"Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wT4n1hGjDDg>

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

One: Our sins and shortcomings are not permanent obstacles to God. Grace and forgiveness are freely given. Let us take this opportunity to humbly approach our God and confess our sins.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Christ calls us to stand with the least and the last, but we cling to power and privilege. We fear worldly consequences for faithful action. We fail to follow where Christ leads, making excuses for ourselves, for our silence in the face of oppression, for our lack of action. Forgive us, God, and help us risk following where Christ calls. Amen.

Silent Prayer

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: God's love is sure and steadfast. Receive the good news that you are forgiven and return to right relationship with God. Amen.

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!**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

THE OFFERING

Use your bank's online bill-paying options

Mail your check to the church

2112 Varnum St., NE

Washington, DC 20018

Go to nepc-dc.org

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

+ THE DOXOLOGY

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bzFzPx9vXEq>

**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)

The bounty of summer is upon us. God's table is filled with a feast beyond our wildest dreams. We are grateful to be God's welcome guest. May the gifts we give during this offering bless others as we have been blessed. Amen.

ANTHEM SELECTION *"My God Is Real"* - Lynda Randle

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wFnNNWdYUH4>

**There are some things I may not know
There are some places I cannot go
But I am sure of this one thing
My God is real for I can feel Him deep within
Don't you know God is real, He's real in my soul
My God is real for He has washed, and made me whole
His love for me is just like pure gold
My God is real for I can feel him in my soul
I cannot tell just how I felt
When Jesus washed my sins away
But since that day, yes, since that very hour
My God is real for I can feel his holy power
Don't you know God is real, He's so very real in my soul
My God is real for He has washed, and He made me whole
His love for me is just like pure gold
My God is real for I can feel him in my soul**

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 19:4-8

⁴But he himself (Elijah) went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."

⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." ⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and lay down again.

⁷The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." ⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

SERMONIC SELECTION

"God Is Keeping Me"

Crystal Smith Singing My Anthem "God Is Keeping Me" - YouTube

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Cynthia Gervais

New Testament Scripture

John 6:35, 41-51

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?"

⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father.

⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Elder Cynthia Gervais

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.

+ CLOSING HYMN

CeCe Winans: Goodness of God (Live)
[CeCe Winans: Goodness of God \(Live\)](#)
[\(youtube.com\)](#)

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

BENEDICTION

FELLOWSHIP

<p>Lectionary: Semicontinuous 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 and Psalm 130; Complementary: 1 Kings 19:4-8 and Psalm 34:1-8; Ephesian 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51</p> <p>Liturgist: Deacon Penny Thomas</p>

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 2024 Lessons is “Hope in the Lord.” You are cordially invited to join in on August 18th discussion “Upright and Godly,” Titus 1:1-13; 2:11-15. 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**

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.

SAIL AWAY WITH US RETIREMENT PARTY:

Rev. Bernice Parker-Jones
Saturday, September 7th at 10:45 a.m.
Odyssey Cruise
580 Water Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20024

<https://thepresbytery.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Sail-Away-with-us-Retirement-Party-1.pdf>

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: The Tuesday Morning Bible Study group will be in recess for the months of July and August."

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.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER SERVICE: Join us for our bi-weekly Wednesday Prayer Service via Zoom. We hope these virtual gatherings will be a special time for reflection, prayer, and community connection.

- ****When:**** Wednesday, August 21, 2024
- ****Time:**** 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- ****Where:**** Zoom (Link provided below)

We can't wait to come together in prayer and support one another. All are welcome to join. Please mark your calendars.

Northeastern Presbyterian Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: **Northeastern Presbyterian Church Prayer Service**

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Northeastern Presbyterian Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Wednesday Prayer Service

Time: Aug 7, 2024 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87069119185?pwd=yrN8U2VzP7g8P93uMII5P7cDHxLTNA.1>

Meeting ID: 870 6911 9185

Passcode: 976027

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Meeting ID: 870 6911 9185
Passcode: 976027

Find your local number: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/kZN8xP9kB>

WARD 5 BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE AND GIVEAWAY

Thank you for your interest in supporting the Ward 5 Back-to-School Supply Drive and Giveaway presented by the Ward 5 Education Equity Committee! This year's event will be August 24, time and location to be determined.

Over the past 4 years, we have been able to give high-quality backpacks to more than 1,300 students! This year, with your help, we hope to do even more!

Please indicate below how you would like to support the supply drive. After you submit the form, we will be in contact to get you connected so that you can participate in the way that you have indicated.

*Note, we collect money rather than supplies so that we can coordinate ordering and offer uniform supplies packages.

You can donate here: https://www.paypal.com/donate/?campaign_id=34CLGCGPMTHKQ

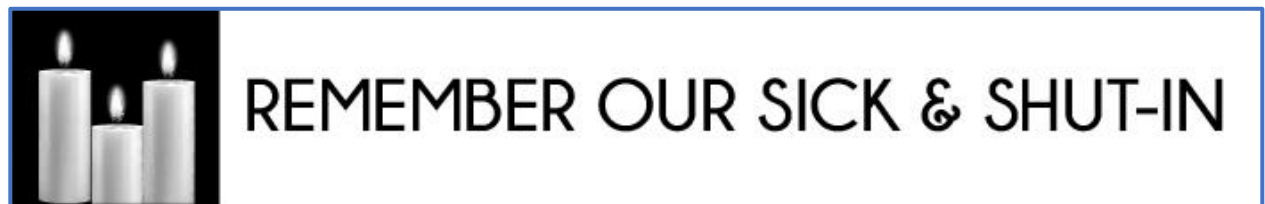
If you have any questions, please email us at contact@ward5eec.org

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**



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



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

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Select a committee to serve:

_____Publicity _____Fundraising _____Events

STAFF

Ministers

Pastor (Stated Supply)
Director, Chancel Choir/Organist
Director, Pianist, Celestial Choir
Director, Pianist, Youth/Cherub Choir
Administrative Assistant
Sexton

All the people of the church

Pastor Mark Greiner
Dr. Laddie Bell

Ms. Jennifer Allen
Kathy Cuff
Randall Timbers

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Budget & Finance

Buildings & Grounds

Christian Education

Clerk of Session

Evangelism and Outreach

Interpretation & Stewardship

Personnel

Social Concerns & Peace-Making

Technology Committee

Nominating

Worship & Music

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Shawn Thomas

Cherie Becton

Angela Hemphill

Jennifer Allen

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William Hymes, Jr.

Ernest Harris, President

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

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