



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

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

January 11, 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 (PSALM 148)**

ONE: The voice of the Lord is powerful and full of majesty.

**MANY: May the Lord bless us with God's Peace!**

ONE: The voice of the Lord proclaimed Jesus as God's beloved.

**MANY: In our own baptisms, we are claimed as God's beloved.**

**• OPENING HYMN #485 (Hymnal) "To God Be the Glory"**

**CALL TO CONFESION**

On this Baptism of the Lord Sunday, we remember our own baptisms, where we were claimed as children of the covenant and beloved of God. Yet we live as those who are alienated from God. We have turned away from God, one another and the earth. Let us confess our sins, trusting in God's mercy.

**PRAYER OF CONFESION**

**Merciful God, we confess that we are estranged from you and from one another. We treat others as strangers rather than as people created in your image and fellow children of God. Forgive**

**us our sins and transform us by your Spirit that we might live as people who have been baptized as your own children. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

ONE: Friends, hear the good news of the gospel — and of Jesus' solidarity in his own baptism with all who have been immersed in baptismal waters, repenting of their sin. In his name, God has forgiven us of our own sins and set us on new paths. Let us remember our baptisms and trust in God's mercy to restore our right standing as God's own.

**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!**

**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)**

**O God, in our baptisms we have been named and claimed as your covenant people, connected deeply with you, with one another, and with the earth. May these gifts be used as a witness to your love, peace and justice at work in the world, renewing the face of the earth.**

**WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD**

**THE FIRST READING      1 Peter 4:8-11**

Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

**SERMONIC SELECTION**

**The Chancel Choir**

**THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Elder Gervais**

**THE SECOND READING      Acts 10:34-43**

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate

and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON "From Baptism to Service" Elder Cynthia Gervais**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH -THE APOSTLES' 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.**

**ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

**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. 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 HYMN #428 (Hymnal) "We Give Thee but Thine Own"**

### **WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR**

### **+ BENEDICTION**

Go forth into the world in peace;  
be of good courage;  
hold fast that which is good;  
render to no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;  
help the afflicted; honor everyone;  
love and serve the Lord,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit

### **POSTLUDE**

### **PRAYER ELDER**

**Lectionary:** Isaiah 42:1-9 and Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 3:13-17

**Liturgist:** Deacon Glen Grier

**Greeter:**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026, after the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

**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, January 18<sup>th</sup> discussion on “Prayer,” Genesis 18:23-33; Exodus 32:31-32; Nehemiah 1:4-11; Daniel 6:10; Matthew 6:5-15; Luke 18:1-14; John 17:1-26; Thessalonians 5:17; 1 John 5:14-15. Please dial **(267) 807-9601 Passcode 828-160-800** to participate in the lively conversations with church members.

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!** All are welcome on **Sunday, January 11th**, to celebrate the 102nd birthday of **Elsada Peters** in the lower auditorium, immediately after service.

### **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>

### **HARRIET TUBMAN TOUR (PLUS BIRDING!)**

Cost: \$65

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

Place: Cambridge, MD

Info: <https://delmarvabirding.com/birding-tubman-2026/>

Register at [dmvbirds@gmail.com](mailto:dmvbirds@gmail.com) (put April 23 Tubman tour in subject line)

Register ASAP as the tour fills quickly.

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY:** 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month, zoom@ 7 pm., February 11, 25, March 11, 25, April 8, 22, Based on the book **"Plenty Good Room: A Lenten Bible Study Based on African American Spirituals "**

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

**LITERARY CLUB** - Please join us via Zoom at 1:30 pm for the following book discussions.

February 1st --- the Wilderness: a Novel, by Angela Flournoy

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 per member.

**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.

## **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**



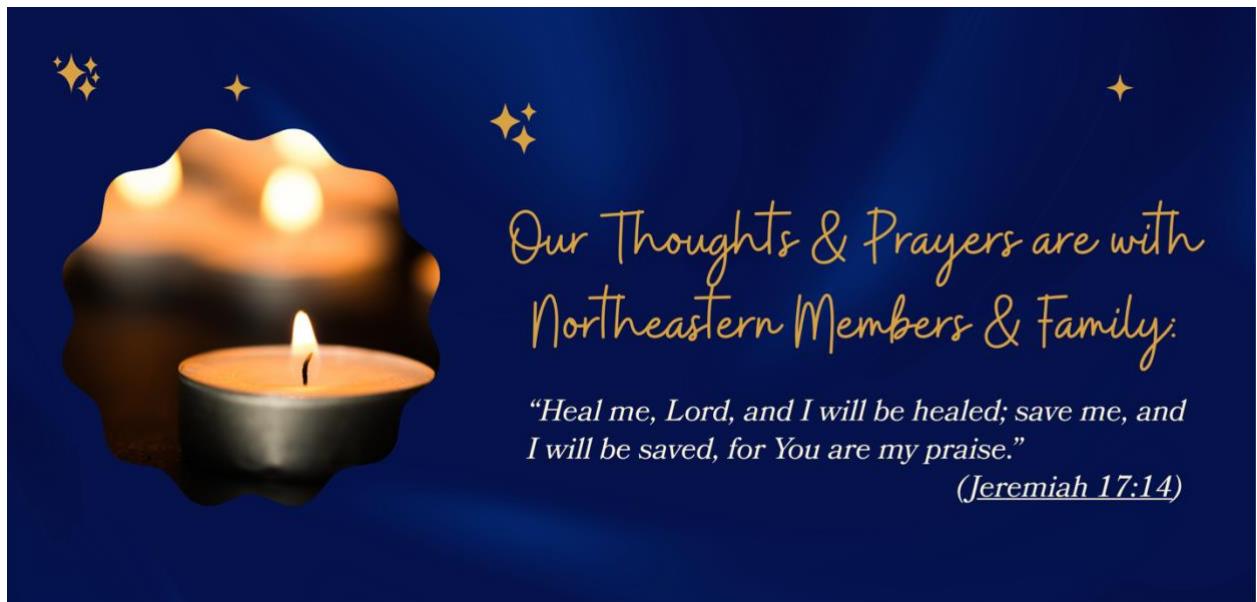
### **THANK YOU**

Happy New Year Pastor Greiner,

Thanks to you and the members of Northeastern Presbyterian Church for your generous donation of Christmas gifts to our students. Your kindness and thoughtfulness brought smiles, joy, and a true sense of holiday spirit to each student who received a gift.

Because of your generosity, our students were able to experience the joy of Christmas and feel supported and cared for during this special season. Your willingness to give has made a meaningful impact and reminded our students that they are valued by their community. We are deeply grateful for your continued support and compassion. Thank you for helping make this Christmas brighter and more memorable for our students.

With heartfelt appreciation  
Yoland M. Ugorji, LICSW



## **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  
Jennifer Allen  
Vacant  
Vacant  
Charles Barber  
Co-chair Patricia Young  
James Haggins  
Nachee Miller

## **DEACONS**

Karen Cooper Geathers  
Glen Grier  
Valencia Hawkins  
Brenda Kuznof  
Bishetta Merritt, Vice Moderator  
Thomas Midgette  
Blossom Roach  
Amanda Sargent  
Penny Thomas  
Randall Timbers  
Charles Webb

## **SENIOR USHERS**

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

3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Glynis Higgs, Pamela Gessesse, and Jordan Gessesse, Stephanie White

## **JUNIOR USHERS**

2<sup>nd</sup>, Pamela Gessesse, Jordan Gessesse, Ava Kennedy, Cecil Nixon, Chidera Uduma  
Priya Young