ALL SAINTS' DAY

"WHERE EVERYBODY IS SOMEBODY, AND JESUS IS LORD"

November 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

✚ OPENING PRAYER
Eternal God, you have knit your people of all times and places into one communion in the mystical body of our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant us your Holy Spirit of encouragement and strength so we may persevere in our leg of the relay race of faith until such time as we join the great cloud of witnesses who cheer us on the Way. Keep us one with all who proclaim your gospel until such time as we finish our race, collapsing into your arms where you wait for us at the finish of your new creation begun in Christ, the pacesetter and perfecter of the way, the truth, and life everlasting. Amen.

✚ CALL TO WORSHIP
ONE: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
ALL: Who made heaven and earth.
ONE: In life and in death
ALL We belong to God.
ONE: Baptized into Christ's death
ALL: We live unto Him.
ONE: Come, let us Worship God!

✚ OPENING HYMN - #113 (Hymnal) "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison):

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON From Romans 14:7-9, 6:2-4
Hear the good news: We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the living and the dead.

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of God, we too might walk in newness of life. Friends, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Let us give thanks unto the Lord; God's steadfast love endures forever.

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**

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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)

Gracious and generous God, every good and perfect gift comes from You, and today we return a portion of what You have so faithfully provided. Receive these tithes and offerings as an expression of our gratitude, our trust, and our love for You.

Bless these gifts and those who give them. Multiply them for the work of Your kingdom, that they may bring hope to the discouraged, comfort to the hurting, food to the hungry, and the good news of Jesus Christ to all who seek You. Amen.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 25: 6-9

6 On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast
of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow,
of well-aged wines strained clear.
7 And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all
peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up

death forever.
8 Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.
9 It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation

SERMONIC SELECTION **The Chancel Choir**

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING from Psalm 103

ONE: Bless the Lord, O my soul. Bless the Lord.
ALL: God's dominion is forever.
ONE: As for us our days are grass;
ALL: Like a flower of the field, we flourish and then we die.
ONE: But the steadfast love of God is from everlasting to everlasting,
ALL: And God's righteousness is to children's children.
ONE: The grass withers and the flower fades;
ALL: But the word of the Lord stands forever.
ONE: Bless the Lord, O my soul. Bless the Lord.
ALL: God's dominion is forever.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Revelations 21: 1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. [2] And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. [3] And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them as their God
they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also, he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

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

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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? INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE
All who seek Jesus are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! Folks will come from east and west, and from north and south. All the citizens of God's Rule in Christ Will feast forever in glory. This is the Lord's table, His dinner party spread across time. And all who are baptized in him Are invited to this foretaste of the Age to come.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
The Lord be with you
And also with you
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
It is indeed right to give our thanks and praise to you, the God of Abraham and Sarah, Miriam and Moses, Joshua, Deborah, Ruth, David, priests, and prophets, Mary, Joseph, Peter and Paul, apostles, and martyrs, and ordinary unknown saints.
You are the God of our mothers and fathers and our children to all generations.
You, Everlasting One, made us all. You fashion us into one people and continue to love us even when we deny our godly heritage.
Still, you call us home to you through saints dedicated to your will.
Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with all the people of faith of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory! Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed are you, most gracious God, for the gift of your child, our brother, Jesus Christ, who lived in accord with your will to the point of laying down his life for the good news he preached and passed on to us. On the night of his arrest, he taught us how to serve one another in love with a ritual of table fellowship enjoyed by Christians of all times and places.
And so in remembrance of our Lord Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves with thanksgiving as a living sacrifice.
InpunionpwithpChrist'spofferingpforpus,pweplivepoutpthepmysterypofpthep faith we proclaim:
Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.
Spirit of the living God, make us one as we partake of these your gifts to us so we might be in communion with you and one another.
As we break bread together, may our eyes be opened to see your glory. As we lift the cup of salvation, may we be strengthened to follow your Way.
Until Christ comes in final victory and we feast together with all the saintspatpGod'spgreatpfamilypreunion,pkeeppyourpchurchponepinpservicep to the world here and now, even as we pray for the world you so love:
Speak your peace in the world where wars rage and violence triumphs.
We lift before you our prayer for the health of all nations, that all people may flourish, for the upcoming elections in our country, for all people in positions of power over others' lives. May your will be done.& May your Kingdom come. We pray for those who grieve, for those who are sick for those struggling to live the fullness of your resurrection .

Send forth comfort as only you can give. Forgive our sin, O Lord, as we forgive others, and remember our making. Work with who we are, where we are, to form these clay pots into vessels of living praise, that our lives may participate in the same unending song of the universe raised by all the saints, Through Christ with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor and praise are yours almighty God, now and forevermore. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION from Revelation 7:9-17
After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, crying out with a loud voice: **"Salvation belongs to our "God who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb!"**
And all the angels stood round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne andpworshipedpGod,psaying,p"Blessingpandpglorypandpwisdompand thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God for ever andpever!pAmen!"

CLOSING HYMN #526 (Hymnal) "For All the Saints"

SEEKING A CHURCH HOME?

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

CHARGE: from Hebrews 12:1-2
Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders us and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us with our eyes fixed on Christ.

✚ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lectionary: Joshua 3:7-17 and Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; Complementary: Micah 3:5-12 and Psalm 43; 1 Thessalonian 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12
Liturgist: Elder Charles Barber
Greeter: Mrs. Gloria Harris

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

1 "Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia!
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

2 Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise; Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

3 Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

4 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to You by both be given; Alleluia!
Every knee to You shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

For All the Saints

1 For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness, drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LITERARY CLUB Please join us via Zoom at 1:30 pm every first Sunday for the book discussion of the month. Book Selection for today is:

"Let Us March On," by Shara Moon

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: The Tuesday Morning Bible Study group has begun. Come join us at 11:00 a.m. for group discussions on Bible stories, people in the Bible and how the Word of God applies to our lives.

ZOOM MEETING ID: The ZOOM MEETING ID for our worship services is Meeting ID: 876 1357 9552; Passcode: 295504

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

Happy NOVEMBER Birthdays

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