

"WHERE EVERYBODY IS SOMEBODY, AND JESUS IS LORD"

November 15, 2026 10:00 a.m.

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Welcome to Northeastern Presbyterian Church

<u>WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE IN PRAISE AND PRAYER</u>

✚ ***Please stand if able***

PRELUDE

✚ INTROIT **The Chancel Choir**

✚ INVOCATION

✚ CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: We lift up our eyes to the Lord!

MANY: **Knowing our creator meets us in this time of worship.**

ONE: We lift up our eyes to the Lord!

MANY: **Trusting our redeemer to meet us with forgiveness and renewal.**

ONE: We lift up our eyes to the Lord!

MANY: **Relying on our sustainer to build us up for lives of love and service.**

ALL: **Let us worship together this day!**

✚ OPENING HYMN - #391 (Hymnal) "Take My Life"

CALL TO CONFESSION

We are a people who wander from the ways of God. We have not loved, served, and given of ourselves as we should. We have sinned.

Let us now offer our prayer of confession, trusting in our Savior's infinite grace and mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Loving God, you are generous in the many ways you have gifted us. We have so many blessings be grateful for. Yet we are often motivated by fear, rather than our trust in you. We hold onto what we have, afraid we will never have enough. We become focused on protection rather than your call to welcome and love others. We see our blessings as our own, rather than seeing your care in each gift. Forgive us, God of grace. Forgive us and restore us to your vision for the world we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARTDON

Hear the Good News! Although we have sinned, in Jesus Christ we are graciously forgiven. Be at peace. **Amen**.

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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2112 Varnum St., NE
Washington, DC 20018

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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)

God of grace and God of glory, we dedicate these gifts given this day to your work in the world. May these gifts bring hope and light to all who need it. Amen.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 123:1-4

To you I lift up my eyes,
O you who are enthroned in the heavens!
As the eyes of servants
look to the hand of their master,
as the eyes of a maid
to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to the LORD our God,
until he has mercy upon us.

Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us,
for we have had more than enough of contempt.
Our soul has had more than its fill
of the scorn of those who are at ease,
of the contempt of the proud.

SERMONIC SELECTION The Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:14-19
"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

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

SERMON: "God's Gifts" Elder Cynthia Gervais

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Deuteronomy 6:4-5
Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God,
the Lord alone.
You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your might.

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.

CLOSING HYMN #198 (SOZ) "Soon and Very Soon"

SEEKING A CHURCH HOME?

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

✚ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lectionary:	Judges 4:1-7 and Psalm 123; Complementary: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 and Psalm 90: 1-8 (9-11) 12 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30
Liturgist:	**Elder Denise Hodges**

Take My Life

1 Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in endless praise,
let them flow in endless praise.

2 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

3 Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

4 Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

Soon and Very Soon

1 Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we are goin' to see the King!

2 No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we are goin' to see the King!

3 No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we are goin' to see the King!

4 Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're are goin' to see the King!
1 Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we are goin' to see the King!

2 No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we are goin' to see the King!

3 No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we are goin' to see the King!

4 Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we're are goin' to see the King!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

December 6th ---**Judge Stone**, by Viola Davis
January 3rd, 2027 ---**The Street,** by Ann Petry
February 7th, 2027 --- **Dey**, by Edwidge Danticat

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 is meeting Tuesday, November 17th at 11:00 a.m. Come join us 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

E-MAIL ADDRESS: admin@nepc-dc.org. is temporarily down, please use trusteenepc@outlook.com until further notice. Thank You!

SESSION NOTICES TO THE
CONGREGATION OF NORTHEASERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
November 1, 2026

Selection of New Stated Supply Pastor

The Session is pleased to announce that it has selected Elder Cynthia Gervais to serve as Temporary Stated Supply Pastor and has signed an employment contract with her for one year. Elder Gervais will serve in a similar capacity as former Pastor Mark Greiner and will work 30 hours a week. Final details are being worked out with the Presbytery, but Elder Gervais is expected to assume the new position in a few weeks. The Congregation will be notified of the official start date, as well as the date later scheduled for her ordination, to which the Congregation will be invited. We look forward to working with soon-to-be-Pastor Cynthia Gervais!

Status of Building Repairs

The Session has approved the repairs of three projects: (1) the air handler for the Sanctuary that would provide heating and cooling for that area, (2) the elevator in the Education Building, and (3) four radiators near the Sanctuary and Breezeway that recently malfunctioned and needed to be shut off. The repairs would include addressing asbestos that is located on or around certain parts of the projects. Proceeding with these repairs is conditioned upon securing a loan from the Presbytery Investment Loan Program (similar to a loan we secured during the Covid pandemic and subsequently paid off). An application is being prepared for submission to the PILP, and the Congregation will later be asked to vote on the loan once the terms have been negotiated.

These repairs mean that church services will continue to be held in the lower auditorium for the next 6 – 8 months. The Session will be looking at ways to make the space more inviting to worship and will be in discussion with members of the Congregation on ways you might help.

Peace and blessings to the Northeastern. To God be the Glory!

Session of Northeastern Presbyterian Church.

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

Funeral Arrangements for Tonya Novella Pegram

Graveside Service

Monday, November 16, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.
Fort Lincoln Cemetery

FAMILY AND FRIENDS SHOULD MEET INSIDE THE GATE,
AT THE ENTRANCE OF FORT LINCOLN,
TO LINE UP BY 10:45 A.M. TO BE GUIDED INTO THE CEMETERY



Happy NOVEMBER Birthdays

Staff

Ministers	All the people of the Church
Pastor	
Director, Chancel Choir/Organist	Dr. Laddie Bell
Director, Pianist, Celestial Choir	
Director, Pianist, Youth/Cherub Choir	Ms. Jennifer Allen
Administrative Assistant	Ms. Kathy Cuff
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Assistant Sexton	Mr. Kyler Spencer

Ministries of Session	**Elders**
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Christian Education	Jennifer Allen
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Personnel	Charles Barber, Chair James Haggins, Co-chair
Worship & Music	Angela Hemphill
Technology Committee	Nachee Miller, Chair Deacon Katrin Jones, Co-chair
Nominating	Cherie Becton, Chair Angela Hemphill, Co-chair
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President of Corporation	Charles Barber
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Foundry Task Force	James Haggins

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