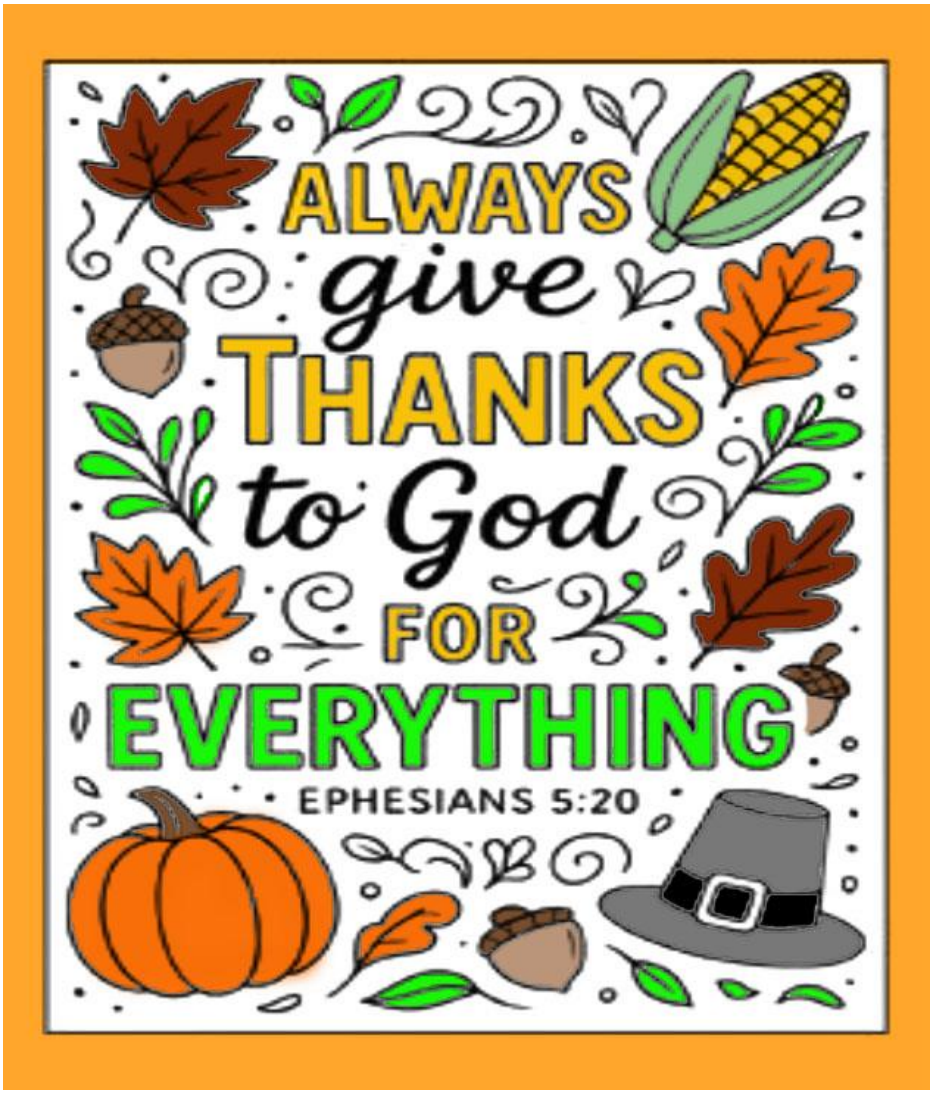


"WHERE EVERYBODY IS SOMEBODY, AND JESUS IS LORD"

November 22, 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

✚ INVOCATION

✚ CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 100)

ONE: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

MANY: Worship the Lord with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing! Know this! The Lord is God!

ONE: We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

MANY: So, enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and come into the sanctuary with praise.

ONE: Let us give thanks to God and bless God's holy name.

MANY: For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever! God's faithfulness is for all generations!

ONE: Come, let us worship God!

✚ OPENING HYMN - #442 (Hymnal) "The Church's One Foundation"

CALL TO CONFESSION
This is a holy time and a holy place set aside for holy people; yet what makes us holy is not our perfection, it is Christ's. Every sin that is found outside of the church is found inside of it. The only difference is that here we acknowledge our sin and lay it before the one who has the power and authority to redeem us. Trusting in the promise that God is for us, let us confess our sins together:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)
Almighty God, you are God of all creation, from beginning to end. All authority and power to direct the ways of the world are in your hands. Yet you saw fit to outfit humankind with the same freedom to choose and act that you have. We thank you for this power, but confess we often misuse it. We choose to do the things we know not to do. We take advantage, even as we sense our conscience pulling us away from what is wrong. We deny our own agency and claim "it is what it is" about the sufferings and injustices of the world when we should be working to make a change.

Forgive us, Merciful God, of our shallowness of heart and slowness of action. Fill us with the Spirit of Christ, the advocate for the least among us, that we be empowered to do justly, love kindness and walk humbly before you. Through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (adapted from Romans 8:33-34)
Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. So, believe the Good News:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! 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 Celestial 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)

Almighty God, all that we have comes from you, and we give thee but thine own. Bless now these gifts, that the reign of Christ may become manifest in the uplift of the poor, seeking out the lost and lonely, restoring dignity to those whom the world has dehumanized, so that the fulness of Christ's glory may be revealed in the life and ministry of your church. Through Christ, in Christ, and with Christ we pray: Amen.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Ezekiel 34:11–16

For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness.

I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land.

I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.

I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign Lord. I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.

SERMONIC SELECTION The Celestial Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet

and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

SERMON: "My Prayer for You, Love Paul" 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. 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 #555 (Hymnal) "Now Thank We All Our God"

<u>WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR</u>

✚ BENEDICTION

> Having heard the good news of the Gospel, go out to live the love and justice of Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit to serve the lost and the least. And as you go, may the Lord bless you and keep you. May God make God's face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord lift up the light of their countenance upon those whom you love, both this day and forevermore. **Amen!**

POSTLUDE

Lectionary:	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 and Psalm 100 or Psalm 95:1-7a; Ephesian 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46
Liturgist:	**Elder Shawn Thomas**
Greeter:	**Elder Blossom Roach**

The Church's One Foundation

1. The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation, By water and the word;
From Heav'n he came and sought her To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.

2. Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the Earth,
Her charter of salvation One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, With ev'ry grace endued.

3. 'Mid toil and tribulation And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation Of peace forever more;
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.

4. O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly, On high may dwell with thee;
There, past the border mountains, Where in sweet vales, the bride
With thee, by living fountains, Forever shall abide!

Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
to keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills of this world in the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IT'S ANGEL TREE SEASON! Once again, Northeastern is helping families from our schools during the holidays. Angels will be available for pickup this Sunday. Beginning Wednesday, November 25, any remaining angels will be shared through a Signup Genius link.

Please turn in all gifts by December 10 for delivery the week of December 13. Monetary donations are due by December 6; please write "Angel Tree" in the memo.

Help make a child's holiday memorable by choosing an angel or making a donation. If you have any questions, please see Jennifer Allen.

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



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
Sexton	Mr. Randall Timbers
Assistant Sexton	Mr. Kyler Spencer

Ministries of Session	**Elders**
Budget & Fiscal	Pamela Gessesse
Buildings & Grounds	James Haggins, Chair, Nachee Miller, Co-chair
Christian Education	Jennifer Allen
Interpretation & Stewardship	William Hymes, Jr., Chair
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
Clerk of Session	Valerie McCray (non-Session member)
President of Corporation	Charles Barber
Social Concerns & Outreach	William Hymes, Jr., Chair Patricia Young, Co-chair
Foundry Task Force	James Haggins

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Glen Grier, **Moderator**
Valencia Hawkins
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Penny Thomas, **Corresponding Secretary**
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3rd, 5th Glynis Higgs, Pamela Gessesse, and Jordan Gessesse, Stephanie White

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