

"WHERE EVERYBODY IS SOMEBODY, AND JESUS IS LORD"

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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

✚ INVOCATION

ADVENT 1 - THE LIGHTING OF THE HOPE CANDLE: Elder Pamela Gessesse and Deacon Jordan Gessesse

✚ CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 100)

ONE: Christ is coming!

MANY: We will keep awake!

ONE: Christ is coming!

MANY: We will be ready!

ONE: Christ is coming!

He will gather his people from the ends of the earth.

ALL: Praise be to God! We will worship and prepare.

✚ OPENING HYMN - #2 (Blue Hymnal) "Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

CALL TO CONFESSION
Preparing for Christ's coming requires honest examination of our lives and our hearts. Let us turn to God in prayer to confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)
Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have tuned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others.

We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our savior.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (2 Cor. 5:17; Book of Common Worship)
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

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 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)

Christ calls us to live generous and grateful lives. Take these gifts we offer today, O God, and use them to the fulfillment of Christ's ministry. May these gifts help to free the captives, heal the sick, comfort the lonely, feed the hungry, heal the wounded. As Christ's hands and feet, use us too, to build your beloved community. Amen.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth
before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.
Stir up your might,
and come to save us!

Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

O LORD God of hosts,
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?
You have fed them with the bread of tears,
and given them tears to drink in full measure.
You make us the scorn of our neighbors;
our enemies laugh among themselves.

Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one whom you made strong for yourself.
Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name.

Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

SERMONIC SELECTION

GOSPEL READING Mark 13:24-37

"But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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

SERMON: "Stay Alert!" 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 #8 (Blue Hymnal) "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

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

✚ BENEDICTION

We do not leave this sanctuary and leave God behind.

God's call is clear: We are to prepare our hearts, our minds, our communities and our world for the coming Christ.

May this call be ever before us; guiding us, inspiring us, enabling us to be Christ's body—his hands, his feet, his heart—in this, God's world.

May the grace, hope, peace, and love of God our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be with us all, now and forever. **Amen!**

POSTLUDE

Lectionary:	Isaiah 64:1-9 and Psalm 8:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37
Liturgist:	**Deacon Glynis Pegram-Higgs**
Greeter:	**Deacon Bishetta Merritt**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS PLAY: December 20th during worship service Northeastern will present a play written by our own Priya Young. Please come out and support our youth and enjoy a day of worship and fellowshipping.

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 meets every Tuesday 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

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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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JUNIOR USHERS

2nd Pamela Gessesse, Jordan Gessesse, Ava Kennedy, Cecil Nixon, Chidera Uduma, Priya Young

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

1. Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

2. Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold, the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here!

2 Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

3 Redeemer, come, with us abide;
our hearts to thee we open wide;
let us thy inner presence feel;
thy grace and love in us reveal.

4 Thy Holy Spirit lead us on
until our glorious goal is won;
eternal praise, eternal fame
be offered, Savior, to thy name!