Joshua 1:9 (NIV)

"Have I not commanded you?
Be strong and courageous.
Do not be afraid;
do not be discouraged,
for the Lord your God will
be with you wherever you go."

"WHERE EVERYBODY IS SOMEBODY, AND JESUS IS LORD"

November 8, 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

ONE: "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not Be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

MANY: Lord, when the path ahead is uncertain, remind us that we do not walk alone.

ONE: Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.

MANY: We put on the full armor of God to stand firm in faith.

ALL: Amen.

✚ OPENING HYMN - #388 (Hymnal) "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE: Gracious God, You have chosen us for a purpose – that we might bear lasting fruit for Your Kingdom. You call us to walk humbly

before You and to share in the struggle with the least of these, yet we have failed to live up to this call.

Silence for self-examination.

ONE: When the church becomes the center of our world and we fail to see beyond its walls.

MANY: Forgive us.
ONE: When our eyes become so fixed on priorities of our own making, that we fail to look for Jesus in the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick and the imprisoned.

MANY: Forgive us.
ONE: When we praise You with our lips yet fail to reach out to others with acts of loving and caring, justice and mercy.

MANY: Forgive us.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

ONE: Beloved ones, believe again the gospel, that in Christ we are accepted as we are. Believe that we are forgiven, loved with the delight of a nursing mother cherishing her child. Believe that we are the church, the body of Christ, called to love one another as gentle children of 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**

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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 John 14:5-14

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

SERMONIC SELECTION The Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Joshua 1:1-9

After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.

"Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

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

SERMON: "Be Strong and Very Courageous"
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 #485 (Hymnal) "To God Be the Glory"

SEEKING A CHURCH HOME?

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

✚ BENEDICTION

May God go before you to show you the way,
beside you to accompany you, behind you to encourage you,
below you to support you, above you to protect you,
and within you to grant you peace.
Go out into the world with courage, joy and hope,
standing firm through the power of our Almighty God—
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

POSTLUDE

Lectionary: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 and Psalm 78:1-7; Complementary: Amos 5:18-24 and Psalm 70; 1 Thessalonian 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13
Liturgist: **Deacon Glen Grier**
Greeter **Elder Valerie McCray**

"O Jesus, I have Promised"

1 O Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me,
My Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If Thou wilt be my guide.

2 O let me feel Thee near me!
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
The tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me,
Around me and within;
But Jesus, draw Thou nearer,
And shield my soul from sin.

3 O let me hear Thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self will;
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
Thou guardian of my soul.

4 O Jesus, Thou hast promised
To all who follow Thee
That where Thou art in glory
There shall Thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
My Master and my friend.

"To God Be The Glory"

1 To God be the glory, great things He hath done,
so loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to ev'ry believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Refrain:
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

3 Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain:
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

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 Selections are being updated.**

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 will not meet this Tuesday, November 10th but will resume 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

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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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